



ST. JOHN'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
A Stephen Ministry Church
104 Newberry Street, NW
Aiken, SC 29801
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Loves, serves and worships with PASSION

May 21, 2017

2017 High School Graduates

Lucille Amber Brinegar	Christina Lee DeMinck
Austin Mikell Fishburne	Grace Olivia Gunter
Andrew Scott Heaton	Samuel Crampton Helms
Elizabeth Ellis Keeter	Jacob Hitchcock Kelley
Emory Joseph Lewis	Edward Luke Mabry Jr.
Morgan Laura Mayes	David Alan McKeel
Addison Marie Reed	Clayton McCall Smith
Elizabeth Lee Tucker	Natalie Rose Uhle

Hannah Van Scyoc

*Prayers and blessings on your graduation and
for your futures.*

Stewardship Reflection Message

A well-worn one-dollar bill and a similarly distressed twenty-dollar bill arrived at a Federal Reserve Bank to be retired.

As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The twenty-dollar bill reminisced about its travels all over the country.

"I've had a pretty good life," the twenty proclaimed.

"Why I've been to Las Vegas and Atlantic City, the finest restaurants in New York, performances on Broadway, and even a cruise to the Caribbean ."

"Wow!" said the one-dollar bill. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So, tell me," says the twenty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The one dollar bill replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church."

The twenty-dollar bill interrupts, "What's a church?"

Stewardship should be a mindset, so set your mind to Stewardship



May 21, 2017

Paul Teaches in Athens

Acts 17:16-31

God created heaven and earth.

The Grove meets at 6 pm tonight for the last time prior to summer recess. 4K-6th



May 21, 2017

Senior Celebration begins at 6 pm

May 23—BBB-Atlantic Bread Co. at 7:15 am

May 24—HS Boys-Bojangles at 7 am

St. John's Missions News

STAND AT THE CROSSROADS

Ministry requests prayers that the women they serve will accomplish the goals they have set for themselves, will move on to healthy relationships, and will be a blessing to those around them.



LOOKING AHEAD

- May 21** - Senior (Graduation) Sunday
- May 28** - New Member Sunday
- May 29** - Offices closed for Memorial Day
- Jun. 12-16** - Vacation Bible School
- Jun. 17-24** - Sand River Salkehatchie
- Jun. 24-Jul. 2** - Lake Junaluska Music Week
- Jul. 1-8** - Pee Dee Salkehatchie
- Jul. 2** - Healing Service - 9 am
- Jul. 2** - Patriotic Service - 10 am
- Jul. 4** - Offices Closed
- Jul. 8-15** - Santee Salkehatchie
- Sep. 12** - New Men's Bible Study begins

WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S!

We're glad you're here! Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad and pass it down the row. If you are new to St. John's, please add your contact information. We want to know about YOU, and we hope you want to know more about US.

Announcements

The flowers within the chancel are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. Anderson Faudel** by the **Boyette Family** and by **Leland & Kathy Reynolds** in honor of their **grandchildren**.

Next Sunday (May 28) is New Member Sunday. If you are interested in joining St. John's or would like some more information on what is involved, please call either Midge or Pam in the church office at (803-648-6891).

Do you have a new college graduate in your family?

We would like to celebrate this occasion with you and with your family.

Please let the church office know the graduate's name, college, date of graduation, and degree.

You may email this information to Susan McDonald (smcdonald@stjaiken.org) or call her at the church.

News of the Family

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism today in the 8:30 Service:

Ethan Mason Wood son of **Michael & Amy Wood**, grandson of **Larry & Leslie Burdette**, and great-grandson of **Alice Burdette**.

Our congratulations to:

Corey & Juli Kalbaugh on the birth of their daughter, **Evia Irene Ohms Kalbaugh** on May 9 in Durham, NC. Proud grandparents are **Kevin & Judy Kalbaugh**.

Congratulations to our college graduates:

Timothy Ryan Carpenter who graduated cum laude with a BS in Business Administration from Coastal Carolina University on May 5. His parents are **Tim & Sandy Carpenter** and his grandparents are **Jim & Anne Carpenter**.

The June book for the MY BOOKSHELF book club is ***The Time Between*** by Karen White. They will meet at 7 pm in room 204 on June 5 to discuss. Contact Sharon West for more information at 803-270-1330 or bishwest@bellsouth.net.

Please pick up your church directory. They are labeled and on the tables outside Ward Hall.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS
ARE IN RECESS
UNTIL THE FALL.**

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of May 21, 2017

Sunday AM	Michael Rollins
EVENING	
Sunday	Barry Pearson
Monday	Rocky Lord
Tuesday	Dave Felak
Wednesday	Matt Beckum
Thursday	Jim Wert
Friday	Tom Brown
Saturday	Mark Mahoney

Attendance

5/14/17

8:30 110

9:02 358

11:00 475

Total 943

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 861,033.91
Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 678,770.13
Year to date variance: \$ **182,263.78**
We thank you for your generous support of the ministries of St. John's!

2016/17 Faith Promise Carryover \$ 10,357.64
Year to date offerings for what God is asking us to do in missions: \$ 81,996.61
Year to date mission disbursements: \$ **59,545.00**
We thank you for your generous support to the missions of St. John's!

Loan Balance \$ **641,700.00**
05/18/17 Payment to Principal \$ **1300.00**
Current Loan Balance \$ **640,400.00**



May
Rice

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center.

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM—Graduation Sunday

PRELUDE

Fantasy in a minor
David McKeel

Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Elizabeth Tucker

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 731

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

THE OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Heavenly Father, you create life from the earth and breathe into it new life and meaning. You empower us with knowledge and skills to aid one another as we live out our lives. Bless our gathering this day as we recall your grace and kindness and celebrate endings and new beginnings. May we strengthen one another as we walk together with you through this life. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM...p. 39

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 4:6-9

David McKeel

SENIOR REFLECTIONS

Clayton Smith, Elizabeth Tucker, and Addie Reed

SERMON

21 Life Lessons

Dr. Tim McClendon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 881)

The Apostles' Creed

Ellie Keeter

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

*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*

My Alleluia

Sorenson

Foundation Singers

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*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Old Hundredth

*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

*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.*

CONGREGATIONAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

VIDEO PRESENTATION—OUR SENIORS

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 593

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* You may text your gift to St. John's by texting **stjaiken** to 73256 and following the instructions.

***Please stand, as able.**

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Order of Worship – 11:00 AM—Graduation Sunday

PRELUDE	Fantasy in a minor David McKeel	<i>Bach</i>
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 731	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	<i>Austria</i>
PROCESSION OF 2017 GRADUATES	Pomp and Circumstance	
OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)		
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ANTHEM	I Believe (Ada Carpenter, solo) <i>Foundation Singers</i>	<i>Miller</i>
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<i>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.</i>		
*GLORIA PATRI	<i>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; s it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.</i>	
PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER		Natalie Uhle
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<i>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.</i>		
*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 393	Spirit of the Living God	<i>Living God</i>
<i>Children K3-2nd grade will depart for Children's Church in the Chapel.</i>		
SCRIPTURE READING	Proverbs 4:6-9	Emory Lewis
SENIOR REFLECTIONS	Clayton Smith, Elizabeth Tucker, and Addie Reed	
SERMON	21 Life Lessons	Dr. Tim McClendon
PRESENTATION OF BIBLES and VIDEO PRESENTATION—OUR SENIORS		
CHORAL RESPONSE	Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me	<i>K. Lee Scott</i>
<i>(all past members of the Foundation Singers are invited to join the Foundations to sing this anthem)</i>		
*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 593	Here I Am, Lord	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>
*BENEDICTION		Clayton Smith
POSTLUDE		

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ANTHEM

I Believe

Miller

I believe in the sun,
even when it is not shining
And I believe in love,
even when I don't feel it.
And I believe in God,
even when he is silent. (Anon.)

The text of this song was written during WW2, on the wall of a cellar, by a Jew in the Cologne concentration camp.



The children in the SEED program, under the direction of Michelle Pearson, participate in a mission project each month of the school year. Some of the past projects have been collecting toothbrushes and toothpaste for Christ Central, helping with the Williston UMC Backpack Food Ministry, and collecting pet food and accessories for the SPCA.

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Come travel and explore with us.

Join the PrimeTimers on July 29, as they travel to the Smoky Mountains of NC. They will stop by ***A Day in the Country*** for lunch and a little shopping. They will then travel on to Flat Rock for the highlight of their trip. They have reserved seats at the Flat Rock Playhouse to see ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat***.

The cost of the trip is **\$129** per person, which includes transportation, lunch and tickets to the play. Reservations must be made by **June 1** in order to confirm this trip.

If you are interested in a fun trip with a bunch of fun people, call **Mattie King** at **803-641-2802** and make your reservations!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 12-16, 9 am-noon.

If you haven't already taken the time to register, please do so by going to stjaiken.org and clicking on the VBS slide. If you would like to help, you may volunteer by contacting Stephanie Lord and/or donating supplies posted on the supply tree in the office lobby.

MISSION SUPPORT—LAST CALL

This coming week is your last chance to help support the Yehs by donating the following over the counter medicines to take with them on their Honduras Medical Mission:

acetaminophen 500 mg tablets, ibuprofen tablets (no soft gels), infant multi-vitamin drops, clotrimazole 1% antifungal cream, and artificial tears.

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Psalm 9:02

I will be glad and rejoice in You;
I will sing praises to Your name,
O Most High.

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Gathering

Awesome God

R. Mullins

Greeting and Announcements

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Song of Praise

Fields of Grace

Big Daddy Weave

Affirmation of Faith

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Children's Sermon

Harry Sampson

Pastoral and Lord's Prayer

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.

Offering*

Find Your Wings

Mark Harris

Scripture

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Closing Song

Give Me Jesus

J. Camp

Benediction

Sending Forth

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Offering Song

Find Your Wings

Mark Harris

It's only for a moment you are mine to hold. The plans that heaven has for you will all too soon unfold. So many different prayers I'll pray for all that you might do. But most of all I'll want to know you're walking in the truth, and if I never told you, I want you to know as I watch you grow:

<Chorus> I pray that God would fill your heart with dreams, and that faith gives you the courage to dare to do great things. I'm here for you whatever this life brings. So let my love give you roots, and help you find your wings.

May passion be the wind that leads you through your days and may conviction keep you strong, guide you on your way. May there be many moments that make your life so sweet. Oh, but more than memories: <Chorus>

It's not living if you don't reach for the sky. I'll have tears as you take off, but I'll cheer as you fly. <Chorus>



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