



ST. JOHN'S
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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A Stephen Ministry Church

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August 27, 2017



The 2017-18 session of our SEED program (Infants - Kindergarten) will begin on Tuesday, August 29. It's going to be a great year! We have 158 children currently enrolled and some new faces on staff as well as some new policies. Approximately 50% of the children on the St. John's church roll attend SEED.

We have a new aide, DeeDee Ware and a new Preschool Prep teacher, Angela Vandegrift. We welcome them and know they will be great additions to our program.


We also have new safety doors which are very welcome. Keeping our children secure is a high priority here at St. John's. Parents have the option of purchasing a key card to use with these doors or continuing to use the car line as in past years.

SEED also has new hours this year. The school day will start at 8:30 and end at 2:30 Monday through Thursday. On Friday, the day will end at 12:30 for the Kindergarten-ers and noon for the rest of the school. We will continue to take early arrivals at 7:30 and we will also continue to accept drop ins as space allows.

The children of SEED participate in many different learning activities such as music, art, chapel and daily Bible lessons which are the same ones used by our Sunday School classes. They also plant, tend and grow a garden each year. They plant flowers (so watch what's blooming) as well as vegetables. Last year they harvested carrots, radishes, green beans, and other veggies.


Their afternoons are filled with club activities. They have the Lego Club on Monday, Fitness on Tuesday, Science experiments on Wednesday, and on Thursday they participate in the Book Club/Kind Kids Club. There is also a monthly mission project to help the children learn the importance of giving.

Their days are busy, full of learning opportunities, and so much fun. There are still openings in several of the classes. You may contact our director, Michelle Pearson, for more information at 803-648-4745.



August 27, 2017
God Creates the World
Genesis 1:1-2:3

God made the world.
GROVE RESUMES
August 27—6 pm
Potluck Supper & Parents' Meeting
September 10




August 27, 2017
SNY: Parent Meeting - 6 pm
Snacks provided

Youth Choir resumes Aug. 27 - 5 pm in the Choir Room
Bible Breakfast Babes-Aug. 29—7:15 am at Atlantic Bread Company
HS Boys-Aug. 30 - 7 am at Bojangles
HS Girls Bible Study resumes Sep. 19 - 4 pm

St. John's Missions News

The St. John's Ramp Ministry builds wheelchair ramps free of charge for anyone in the local area needing one.
Volunteers serving Christ to help others.

Call Steve Lathrop to volunteer: 649-4508

Do you have a friend, neighbor, or family member who would benefit from children's choir at St. John's? Children's choirs provide music and singing instruction for ages 3 through 6th grade. Participants will praise God and learn about his character, learn about music, and have lots of fun! Choirs will begin on September 6. Contact the directors about participating. All are welcome!

Alleluia Choir: 2 nd – 6 th grade Room #210 - 4-5 pm Director: Catherine Nance cnance@stjaiken.org	Joy Choir: 3K-1st grade (must be potty trained & 3 by Sep. 1) Room #237 - 4:15-5 pm Director: Elizabeth Barfoot elizabethbarfoot@gmail.com
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LOOKING AHEAD

Saturdays - Grace Kitchen opens at 8 am
Aug. 27 - New Member Sunday
Aug. 27 - SNY Parent Meeting
Aug. 27 - Grove resumes
Aug. 27 or 30-Living Our Baptism Study #1
Aug. 30 - GriefShare - 4 pm
Sep. 4 - Church offices closed
Sep. 6 or 10 - Living Our Baptism Study #2
Sep. 6 & 7 - Church-wide Bible Study begins
Sep. 10 - Presentation of 3rd grade Bibles
Sep. 10 - Grove Parent Meeting & Potluck
Sep. 12 - New Men's Bible Study begins
Sep. 13 - Bible Basics for 3rd graders
Sep. 13 or 17- Living Our Baptism Study #3
Sep. 18 - Estate Planning Seminar
Sep. 20 - Baptism Reaffirmation at 6 pm

WELCOME VISITORS!

The members of St. John's 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. We are grateful for your presence and invite you to return often.

Announcements

The flowers within the chancel are given to the glory of God by **Keith & Julie Polk** in honor of their daughter **Jennifer's** marriage to **Tyler Clem** on Saturday, August 26 and in honor of **Robert & Elaine Hibbard's** 63rd wedding anniversary by their **children and grandchildren**.

TIME FOR NOMINATION CONSIDERATION for LAY LEADERSHIP POSITIONS
If you are interested in being considered for nomination to one of the church committees or teams, please contact Midge Rothrock at mrothrock@stjaiken.org or 803-648-6891 ext. 216 prior to October 1.

GriefShare will meet Wednesday, August 30 at 4 pm in Room 10.
 Call Rev. Nancy for more information.

A one-hour **Estate Planning Seminar**, led by attorney Ray Massey, will be held in Ward Hall on **Monday, September 18 at 6:30 pm**.
Please register with the church office if you plan to attend.

Would you like to pray for our church? A group will be meeting to pray together for our church, its leaders, ministries, and purpose. Please join us in the adult choir room (near the sanctuary) on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:00, beginning on August 27 and continuing through October 8. Nursery provided. Everyone is welcome!

News of the Family

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 8:30 service is **Molly Emerson Brown** daughter of **Sara-Beth & Albert (Bucky) Brown**.

Receiving the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in the 11:00 service is **Robert Davis Miniard, Jr.** son of **Davis & Megan Miniard** and grandson of **Tom & Diane Miniard**.

Our congratulations to:

Travis & Becky Pearson on the birth of their son, **Asher James Pearson** who was born August 17 in Charleston, SC. Proud grandparents are **Michelle & Barry Pearson** and great-grandmother, **Jean Irwin**.

Our sincere sympathy to:

Amanda & James Stefanakos on the loss of Amanda's mother, **Brenda Aiken Oulsnam**, on August 17 in Atlanta, GA. She was grandmother to **Maia, Zander**, and **Phebe Stefanakos**.

Mary & Bob Kosky on the loss of Mary's brother, **Lt. Col. M. Keith Walker (USAF Ret.)**, on August 22 in Jackson, TN.

CHURCH HOSTS

Hosts the week of Aug. 27, 2017

Sunday AM	Luke Mabry
EVENING	
Sunday	Mark Mahoney
Monday	Marc Nadeau
Tuesday	Jeff Ray
Wednesday	John Geiger
Thursday	Rick Endler
Friday (Sep. 1)	Jeff Crenshaw
Saturday	Don Hayes



August
 Pasta
 Sauce

September—Soup

Collection bins located in the narthex and The Faith Center.

Attendance

8/20/17	
8:30	121
9:02	261
11:00	376
Total	758

ANNUAL CLASS OF '55 ANYWHERE, USA REUNION

September 17, 2017 - 1:00 pm
507 Edengale Way

Please RSVP to Donna Walker 643-9282.
It's time to celebrate what was a GREAT year!



Prayers and Cookies

are needed for the upcoming Kairos Weekend at McCormick Correctional Institute on September 13-17. Cookie information is located on the reception desk just outside the office. The cookies may be brought to the freezer in the church kitchen and marked "Kairos Cookies".

They will be picked up prior to 2 pm on Tuesday, September 12.
 Please call Pam McCollum (642-9414) for additional information.

Year to date tithes and offerings for what God is asking us to do: \$ 1,308,204.56
 Year to date ministry expenditures: \$ 1,165,850.91
 Year to date variance: \$ **142,353.65**
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: \$ 111,960.10
 Year to date mission disbursements: \$ **99,855.00**
We thank you for your generous support to the missions of St. John's!

Loan Balance \$ **614,000.00**
 8/24/17 Payment to Principal \$ 1,000.00
 Current Loan Balance \$ **613,000.00**

Order of Worship – 8:30 AM

GREETING AND WELCOME

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. Max Reger

Please silence all cell phones and quiet your voices, giving our attention to the presence of God in our midst.

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 555

Forward Through the Ages

St. Gertrude

OPENING PRAYER (prayed together)

Gracious God, in love You created us, and in love You sustain us, day after day. So it is with confidence that we come to you in worship today, asking that your Spirit lead the way during this hour and beyond. In Jesus' name. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM p. 39

*The congregation will be led in the singing of **God Claims You** #2249 (Faith We Sing) using the name Molly*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS p. 38

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

SERMON

Facebook Quizzes

Dr. Tim McClendon

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 881)

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

*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.*

CONGREGATIONAL INTERESTS AND CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

Lead Us, Heavenly Father

Roff

*Please enter your name in the Friendship Pad, located near the center aisle.
If you are new to St. John's, please add your contact information. Pass the pad down the row to others.
When the pad reaches the end of the row, please pass it back so we may learn each other's names.*

*DEDICATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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.*

Old Hundredth

PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 175

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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Please silence all electronic devices during the service. This service is broadcast over WKSX 92.7 at 12 pm. One week delay.

Order of Worship – 11:00 AM

GREETING

PRELUDE

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

arr. Max Reger

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Majesty

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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM p. 39

*The congregation will be led in the singing of **Child of Blessing** #611 in the hymnal.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS p. 38

ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

Fettke

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (p. 881)

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PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER and CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

arr.

Diane Miniard, Soloist

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 175

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

*Children K3-2nd grade will depart for Children's Church in the chapel.
Thank you to the choir members who also participate in the 8:30 Sonrise Choir and are now leaving.*

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

SERMON

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HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 58

The Church of Christ Through Every Age

Duke Street

BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
 You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.
 O, when I am alone, give me Jesus.
 From depths of sin I cry, give me Jesus.
 O, when I come to die, give me Jesus.
 Give me Jesus, you can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

The church has an opening for the position of Church Secretary. This is a full time, lay staff position that provides administrative support to the ministers, lay staff, and the 1800-member congregation. To see the job description go to www.stjaiken.org, go to the **About** tab, click on **Our Staff**, and scroll down to the **Church Secretary** position description, then click on the link for the Job Description. To apply, submit your application letter and resume' to Harry Sampson, Director Staff and Planning at hsampson@stjaiken.org

The **Living in Our Baptism** study will take place in three 45-minute sessions: **Session 1** - August 27 **OR** August 30—6 pm; **Session 2** - September 6 **OR** September 10—6 pm; **Session 3** - September 13 **OR** September 17—6 pm. All sessions will meet in the Chapel.

To register or for more information please email Catherine at cnance@stjaiken.org or call 803-270-1313.

Into the Word – Into the World: Disciple II Bible Study

Spend 32 weeks studying Genesis and Exodus, Luke and Acts. Join discussion leaders **Rob Braithwaite and Cliff Binion on Wednesdays, beginning September 6 for 32 weeks—7:00-8:30 pm**. Study manuals are \$34/ea. Please contact the church office to add your name to the list. **Note: The Disciple I Study is NOT a prerequisite for this study.**

Our Fall **Church-wide Bible Study** will focus on First and Second Corinthians. We will study verse by verse while looking at the historical and theological background of these two epistles. The ancient city of Corinth is eerily similar to contemporary society. If ever we needed God's guidance in how to live, we do now.

Join us on Wednesday mornings 10-11:30 or Thursday nights 6 to 7:30 beginning Sep. 6 & 7 respectively.

The Fall Bible Study for St. John's Men will be on the **Korean War**. They will meet for 6 weeks on **Tuesday nights from Sep. 12 to Oct. 17 6:30-8 pm** in The Faith Center. Take time to read up on the history of the war and remember to bring your Bibles to the study. We will seek to apply this to both current events and our own personal lives.

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SERVING THIS WEEK

8:30 – Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Nancy Reed; Music Director & Organist-Christopher Nash

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Crucifer-Rhett Taylor; Acolytes-Colt Ingram and Porter Ingram

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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.*

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Gathering

Hold My Heart

Tenth Avenue North

Greeting and Announcements

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Song of Praise

God is Awesome in This Place

Hillsong

Affirmation of Faith

We Believe

Newsboys

Children's Sermon

Juli Davis

Offering

I Am

M. Schultz

Reception of New Members

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.*

Scripture

Matthew 16: 13-20

Sermon

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Closing Song

Holy is the Lord

C. Tomlin

Benediction

Sending Forth

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I am the maker of the heavens, I am the bright and morning star, I am the breath of all creation who always was and is to come. I am the One who walked on water, I am the One who calmed the seas.

I am the miracles and wonders so come and see and follow me. You will know I am the fount of living water, the risen Son of Man, the healer of the broken.

Chorus: *And when you cry, I am your Savior and Redeemer who bore the sins of man.*

The author and perfecter, beginning and the end. I am.

I am the Spirit deep inside you, I am the Word upon your heart. I am the One who even knew you before your birth, before you were. Before the Earth (I am). The universe (I am). In every heart (I am). Oh, where you are (I am). The Lord of love (I am). The King of Kings (I am). The Holy Lamb (I am). Above all things. Yes, I am almighty God your Father, the risen Son of Man, the healer of the broken.

Chorus

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