



ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

March 22, 2020

A Message from Dr. Tim

John 10:10 says that the thief (Satan) comes to kill, steal, and destroy, but Jesus has come to give us life to the full. Evil corrupts, but God saves. That's our basis for hope. In Genesis 1 it says God brought order out of chaos when He spoke the universe into being, and made everything perfect! Ever since Adam and Eve's ill-fated choice to disobey God in Eden, things have been falling apart. Times like these dare us to ask, "Where's God?" The answer is that Jesus left the throne room of heaven to come to earth and become human. He wants to restore us to Eden, better yet, to lead us to the New Jerusalem. Therefore, focus on these words from I Peter 5:6-11 and claim their hope:

"⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.⁷Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. ⁸Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. ¹⁰And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. ¹¹To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen."

Church Office Closure

The church offices will be closed until further notice. Our hope is to resume regular operations on Easter Sunday, April 12. Our pastors and staff are still working from home in order to best serve you. We can be reached via phone or email. All emails and phone extensions are listed under the "About" menu on our website (www.stjaiken.org). To call us, please simply call the church main number (803-648-6891) and follow the prompts to be redirected.

Kairos Update

Kairos Spring 2020 Weekends have been cancelled. No additional cookies are needed at this time. Thank you for your support!

Children's Ministries

Tune in to our Facebook, *St. John's UMC Children's Ministry*, to stay up to date on the happenings of Grove. I'll be posting fun ideas to do with the kids, weekly online kid's church service, ways to encourage our Homebound/Nursing Home Residents, etc. Parents, I know we are in a time of uncertainty; today someone shared with me this verse, 'Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.' Matthew 6:34. This is a great time to slow down and enjoy our kiddos. I miss you all! Feel free to call/text or post to check-in and say HELLO.

Love, Heather

Foundation Student Ministries

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the cancellation of all youth group and Foundation events until further notice. We WILL be in contact and I hope to hear from all of you during the "shut down." Love you all and will miss you during this hiatus. Bible Study leaders are communicating to figure out a way for us to "meet" in other creative ways. Be on the lookout for more info. In the meantime, follow us on Instagram and Facebook @foundationstj where most of our communication will come from. Do not hesitate to call or text with any questions or just to say, "hey!"

Love, Bekah & Amy

St. John's Missions News

The Grace Kitchen Open Houses scheduled for March 21, March 28, and April 4 are cancelled at this time. Stay tuned for more information. Please contact Renee Reid at 803-215-8940 if you have any questions

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 3/18/2020

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 616,079.53
Year to date ministry expenditures:	\$ 424,504.22
	\$ 191,575.31

Missions Budget: Year 2020/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions	\$ 73,336.67
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$ 36,050.00

We thank you for your continued support of St. John's Ministries!

LOOKING AHEAD

Apr. 5: Palm Sunday (via website)
 Apr. 9: Last Supper Play (via website)
 Apr. 10: Tenebrae Service (via website)
 Apr. 12: Easter Sunday
 (**Tentative:** Service at St. John's)
 Apr. 28: **Tentative:** UMW Spring Luncheon
All events are subject to change due to COVID-19.

News of the Family

Our congratulations to:

Kara Faith Pascarella, daughter of **Andy & Trisha Pascarella**, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 service on March 15.

Joseph Scott Vaughn, son of **Jamie & Kristi Vaughn**, who received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism at the 11:00 service on March 15.

Order of Worship– Online Service

March 22, 2020

Welcome to all who are worshipping with us. In this time of uncertainty, we pray you will find comfort through worship. To view this service, please visit www.stjaiken.org beginning Sunday morning at 8:30. This service will be available throughout the week.

WELCOME

Dr. Tim McClendon

PRELUDE

Beautiful Savior

Raney

CALL TO WORSHIP

Majesty

OPENING HYMN

O Worship the King

Lyons

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We Believe

Newsboys

We believe in God the Father. We believe in Jesus Christ. We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's given us new life. We believe in the crucifixion. We believe that He conquered death. We believe in the resurrection and He's comin' back again. We believe.

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. Amen.

ANTHEM

All Night, All Day

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

Vote for Jesus

Dr. Tim McClendon

CLOSING WORSHIP SONG

Faith

J. Feliz

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Dr. Tim McClendon

Walk By Faith

J. Camp

This is a time of great need, and our missions and church operations require our continued generous giving. Please consider giving online, through text, through the mail, or over the phone to help us ensure that our ministries here and around the world are not adversely affected. More details can be found at www.stjaiken.org by clicking the COVID-19 button on the main page.

SERVING THIS WEEK

Worship Services—Dr. Tim McClendon; Music Director— Dr. Catherine Stapleton Nance; Organist—Christopher Nash; the Chancel Choir; 9:02 Music—Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

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

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