



# ST. JOHN'S

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*September 13, 2020*

104 NEWBERRY ST. NW

AIKEN, SC 29801

803-648-6891 [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org)

## Third Grade Bible Recipients

*Evan Daniel Bentley*

*Elizabeth Grace Reynolds*

*Teagan Leigh Blair*

*Robert Jennings Sexton*

*Parker Jackson Burke*

*Parks Edward Stewart*

*Harper Grace Duren*

*Shyla Moore Whitesell*

*Elizabeth May Mussetter*

*Ethan Mason Wood*

*Amelia Marchman Orr*

### Order for the Presentation of Bibles to Children

#### **Pastor:**

Receive the Word of God.

Learn its stories and study its words.

Its stories belong to us all,

and these words speak to us all.

They tell us who we are.

They tell us that we belong to one another,

for we are the people of God.

#### **Children:**

We receive these Bibles with our hands, our hearts, and our minds.

Thank you.

We will read and study the Bible together.

#### **Congregation:**

**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.**

**We pray God will guide you, your family, and us, as you use this Holy Bible in your home, in your church school classes, and in our worship.**

**We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

#### **Children:**

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.

Thanks be to God.

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#### **SERVING THIS WEEK**

**Worship Services**—Dr. Tim McClendon, Rev. Butch Blackwell, Rev. Douglas Herlong; Music Director (11:00 Traditional) Dr. Catherine Nance; Music Director (8:30) & Organist—Christopher Nash; (9:02 and 11:00 Contemporary) Music—Jane Timmerman & The 9:02 Band

**Crucifer**— Jessica Smith **Acolytes**— Katie Wright & Madison Zeigler

**Sunday Evening Vespers Service Host**— Don Hayes

**September Worship Support**—Anita Allen, Camille Bailey, Pam Beckum, Kay Shirley, and Judy Turner

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

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**\*Please stand, as able.**

## September 13, 2020

### Children's Ministries

Join us on Sunday, September 27 for Family Bingo Night. Check out our Facebook page for more details.

*Love, Mrs. Heather*

### Foundation Student Ministries

*(7th-12th grades)*

**Join us for Messy Night TONIGHT, September 13, from 5:00-6:00 pm in the back parking lot!**

Brotherhood and Dwell resume Wednesday, September 16, from 6:00-7:00 pm. Brotherhood will meet in the St. John's back parking lot, and Dwell will meet at Amy's house. Contact Amy Jernigan at [ajernigan@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:ajernigan@stjohns-umc.org) for more info.

### St. John's Missions News

Area Churches Together Serving at 340 Park Ave. is in need of peanut butter, jelly, bath soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste and shampoo.

Please continue to pray for the work visa to be approved before September 26 for Allison and David Houle of Thailand Now, our mission partner.

### "How To" At St. John's

We thank each and every one of you for adapting and adjusting with us during phase one of reopening. We want to clarify a few ways to plug in and enjoy worship with us here at St. John's. How to enjoy in-person worship: Join us in-person here at our 8:30 traditional, 9:02 contemporary, 11:00 contemporary, 11:00 traditional or our 6:00 Evening Vespers service. You can pick which service works best for you and your family. How to enjoy online services: We stream our 9:02 contemporary and 11:00 traditional service live to Facebook [facebook.com/stjohnsaiken/](https://www.facebook.com/stjohnsaiken/) and on our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org). On our website you can view the services live or play them at your convenience anytime during the week. How to view archived services? You can view our archived services on YouTube by typing StJohnsUMCAiken2012 in the search bar at the top of the YouTube home page.

### Epworth Children's Home Offering

Today, September 13, is our combined Mother's Day and Work Day offering for Epworth Children's Home. For 130 years churches and individuals have been the Home's only source of income. This is YOUR Children's Home for families and youngsters in need. You are able to give through text, online by choosing "Epworth" from the dropdown menu, by mailing a check to PO Box 809, Aiken, SC 29802, or by dropping your gift in the donation basket at the end of the service. Please give generously!

### Applefest 2020 Cancellation

After much prayer and input from those who are involved in planning, UMW regrets to announce that Applefest 2020 has been canceled. Even in abbreviated form, Applefest involves hundreds of people and volunteers, and months of planning. We feel the cancellation is best for the health and well being of all. We look forward to an outstanding Applefest 2021.

**The flowers within the chancel** are given to the glory of God and in memory of **Bob Clyburn** for his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday by his wife, **Mary Anne Clyburn**, and children, **Louanne Craft, Robbie Clyburn, & Melanie Jefferies**. Flowers are also given by **The Boyette Family** in memory of **Mr. & Mrs. John F. Boyette**.

### **The Return: A Revival of Our Nation**

**A call to all people and their leaders to repentance:** The Return is a national event being recognized here in Aiken with a gathering in and around the Pavilion on the back side of Smith Hazel Recreation Center, 400 Kershaw St., on September 26 from 10:00am-1:00pm. We are encouraging all in Aiken who are concerned about our nation to join us in prayer. We are also encouraging people to make special intercession for the event during the ten days preceding the event. *Social distancing and the wearing of masks is encouraged. All in attendance are encouraged to stay as long as they can. No seating will be provided; bring as needed.*

### **Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go**

**Menu: Pork Loin, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Casserole, Cornbread, & Cake.** Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, September 14 at 5:00pm. You can make reservations by contacting Carolyn Wall via email at [cwall@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:cwall@stjohns-umc.org) or by calling 803-648-6891 ext 9201. Cost is \$7.50 for 10 years old and older, \$3.00 for children over the age of 3. Pick-up will be on Wednesday, September 16 from 5:00pm-5:30pm under the Faith Center portico. You can pay online by visiting our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org). Then go to "Give Now," next press the drop down button, then click on WNS. You may also pay in person. Checks are preferred. Make checks out to St. John's. For more information, please contact [Juli Davis](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org) at [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org) with any questions.

### **News of the Family**

#### **Our Sympathies to:**

**Steve & Glenna Lathrop** on the death of Steve's sister, **Nelda Trease**, who died on September 5, 2020 in Edmond, OK.

### **Attendance—9/6/2020**

8:30 | 42      9:02 | 85      11:00 (Both) | 146      6:00 | 50  
Total in Person | 323  
9:02 Online Live | 410    11:00 Online Live | 1,411

### **Our Giving Growth**

#### **Operations Budget as of 9/9/2020**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,384,920.81
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,226,327.51</u>
	\$ 158,593.30

#### **Missions Budget: Year 2020/2021**

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$143,233.77
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$123,250.00

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



# SUNDAY NIGHT VESPERS 6PM

Join us at our new Sunday Evening Vespers Service. We gather every Sunday evening around the fountain for a time of worship, fellowship and fun. Our service starts at 6:00 and is led by Rev. Douglas Herlong. We require proper social distance but if you prefer the comfort of your own car, feel free to park around the fountain area and tune in to F.M. 90.1 to hear it broadcast from our F.M. transmitter. Come as you are and bring a lawn chair!



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**YOUTH MESSY NIGHT**

FOUNDATION Student Ministries

— Mark your calendars —

**JOIN US**

*All activities will be in the back parking lot from 5-6pm*

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**FAMILY BINGO**

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**FAMILY PUMPKIN CARVING**

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**TRUNK TREAT**

**JACK MEEKS MEMORIAL RAMP MINISTRY**  
Serving Aiken County, SC

## 2020 GOLF TOURNAMENT

# CANCELED

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING THE TOURNAMENT IN MAY 2021

PLEASE CALL STEVE LATHROP WITH ANY QUESTIONS  
(803)-649-4508

SUNDAY

# WE'RE GOING LIVE!

**9:02 & 11:00**

CONTEMPORARY TRADITIONAL

ST. JOHN'S IS NOW

ON INSTAGRAM!

**FOLLOW US:**

[@STJOHNSUMC\\_AIKEN](https://www.instagram.com/stjohnsumc_aiken)

## Order of Worship— Traditional 8:30 AM

*Welcome to all who are worshiping with us. In this time of uncertainty, we pray you will find comfort through worship. You can view this service and more throughout the week on our website [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org).*

### PRELUDE

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**OPENING HYMN NO. 396**      **O Jesus, I Have Promised**      *Angel's Story*

**\*SCRIPTURE READING**      **Matthew 18:21-35**

**SERMON**      **When Patience Wears Thin**      **Dr. Tim McClendon**

**\*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**      *Meineke*

*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.*

**ANTHEM**      **One Day**      *Cochran and Company*  
*Tim Bennett, Soloist*

### 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.*

### BRIEF INSTRUCTIONS FOR END OF SERVICE

**\*BENEDICTION**      **Dr. Tim McClendon**

**\*DOXOLOGY**

### POSTLUDE

*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 [stjaiken.org](http://stjaiken.org).*







