



ST. JOHN'S  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
A STEPHEN MINISTRY CHURCH

*August 15, 2021*

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## SEED Preschool

Our SEED Preschool program is getting ready to kick back into gear for the 2021-2022 school year! Classes begin on August 24th, and there are still spaces open for more students. If you have been considering enrolling your child in our program, or if you know someone who has, now is the time to do it! Contact Michelle Pearson at [mpearson@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:mpearson@stjohns-umc.org) or call (803)684-4745 if you have questions or if you would like more information.

## Adult Sunday School Open House

Parents!! After you drop off your students in Sunday School, come upstairs in the Education Building and join us for an Adult Sunday School Open House during the Sunday School hour at 10:00! We will hang out together in a relaxed atmosphere and there will be information on new and existing class opportunities for you to join! Invite your friends...it's more fun that way! See you this SUNDAY!

## Clothing Racks for AppleFest

We are beginning preparations for this year's AppleFest, and in doing so, have discovered that some of the clothing racks used for Secondhand Rose are missing. If you borrowed one or more racks, please return them to the church as soon as possible. Additionally, if you have clothing racks you would like to donate, please contact Catherine Nance at [cnance@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:cnance@stjohns-umc.org). Thank you!

## New GriefShare Session

Rev. Butch Blackwell will be starting a new session of GriefShare beginning Wednesday, September 8 at 3:45 in the conference room across from the Columbarium. All who are experiencing grief over the loss of a loved one are invited to attend. If you would like more information on our program, please contact Rev. Butch at (803)648-6891 ext. 214 or [gblackwell@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:gblackwell@stjohns-umc.org). If you plan to participate, please contact the church office. We would like to ensure we have enough books ordered for all interested.

## Bible Study on the Gospel of John

Reverend Douglas and Reverend Butch will be teaming up to offer an 8-week study of the Gospel of John. Beginning August 18<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Douglas will be leading a 4-week study of the 7 "I Am" statements in the Gospel of John and beginning September 15<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Butch will begin a four-week study that will focus on the Seven Signs (Miracles) of Christ in the Gospel of John. Each session will be on Wednesday in the Sanctuary from 9:30-11:00. We invite everyone to this special time of study.

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## SERVING THIS WEEK

**Worship Services**—Dr. Tim McClendon; Rev. Butch Blackwell; Rev. Douglas Herlong; Music Director, Dr. Catherine Nance; Music Associate & Organist—Christopher Nash; 9:02 Band Leader, Jane Timmerman; 9:02 Band

**Crucifer**—Amelia Overstreet **Acolytes**—Olivia Overstreet & Sophia Overstreet

**August 11:00 Ushers:** Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Jeff Wallace, Charles Taylor, Art Smith & Susie Graven-Smith, Sinclair Short, Paula Blackmore, and Roger & Alison Carpenter

**August Worship Support**—Gayle Couch, Mary Ann Findley, & Peg Robinson

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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# August 15, 2021

## Children's Ministries

We are praying for your new school year! Grab your backpack tags from the baskets as you leave your church service this morning.

You won't want to miss Sunday School this morning! Meet us down the hall in the Education Building to be directed to your NEW class! We have classes for ages 3k-6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Mark your calendars for the GROVE starting back on September 12<sup>th</sup> with an Ice Cream Social and a Bounce House from 5:00-7:00pm.

## Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Meet us tonight at O'Dell Week's Carolina Bay on Price Avenue from 5:00-6:00! We'll celebrate the start back to school, eat a picnic, play games, hang out, and pray for the new school year! BRING A FRIEND!

## Youth Bible Studies:

We had a great summer fellowship series with our Bible Studies! We will resume our middle and high school Bible Studies on September 15 at 7:00 p.m. Enjoy the end of your summer and the beginning of the school year! We will see you in September!

## St. John's Missions News

For the month of August, the Christian Union Sports Club staff will be dedicated to building a CUSC headquarters in the neighborhood of Manantiales, Colombia, a displaced community. Due to the hard work of the CUSC staff, the community will soon have a soccer field and center! Pray for the staff and for the boys, girls, and young people who will soon have the opportunity to play soccer and to know Jesus!

*For the month of August, we are collecting **granola bars**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service.*

## AppleFest Book Collection

The Red Book Bin is out and waiting for your donations. The Bookworm Corner is a favorite every year, and it's all due to your willingness to donate books (hardback, paperback, & audio)! Children's books are always very popular as are best selling novels and travel books. So bring them in, and put them in the collection bin located outside of Ward Hall 3. **We are only accepting books this year.** Please do not bring movies, cd's, or magazines. Contact Mary Ward (803)439-1245 or [upsmmary7@yahoo.com](mailto:upsmmary7@yahoo.com).

## WE NEED YOU!

As St. John's comes back from our COVID shutdown, we really need volunteers! We need help with Coffee House, Grace Kitchen, and Wednesday Night Suppers. The only way we are able to provide these wonderful services is with the help of volunteers; without you, we won't be able to bring them back! Please contact Juli Davis at (803)648-6891 or [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org).

There are still several open spots on the 2021 Flower Calendar for those who would like to donate flowers in the Sanctuary. If you are interested in donating a vase of flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one, please contact the church office at (803)648-6891.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Tater Tot Casserole, Salad, Dinner Roll, & Dump Cake

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, August 16, at 5:00 p.m. Make reservations by calling the church office at (803)648-6891 or contacting Juli Davis at: [jdavis@stjohns-umc.org](mailto:jdavis@stjohns-umc.org). 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, August 18 from 5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. under the Faith Center portico. You can pay online at [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. Please make checks out to St. John’s.

News of the Family

Welcome to our Newest Members

Bonnie Culbertson

Demetria Atkins

Congratulations to:

Sharon & Michael Kahl who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 19.

Jim & Mae Beth Thompson who will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on August 21.

Ruth Marsh who turned 100 on August9, 2021.

Our Sympathies to:

Gary, Ashley, Davis, Walker, & John Wesley Smith on the death of Gary’s father and the children’s grandfather, Dr. Frank Massey Davis, who passed away on August 7, 2021, in Savannah, GA.

*In Memoriam*

Mr. Walter P. Croft

August 3, 2021

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

August— Pasta Sauce

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—8/08/2021

8:30 | 85      9:02 | 129      11:00 | 262      6:00 | 14  
Total in Person | 490  
9:02 Online Live | 427      11:00 Online Live | 476

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 08/11/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,335,069.47
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,194,308.63</u>
	\$ 140,760.84

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$116,177.17
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$102,700.00



SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

## PICNIC @ CAROLINA BAY

ACROSS FROM O'DELL WEEKS ON PRICE AVE.

5:00-6:00PM



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE  
AUGUST 15



## FAMILY

# BINGO

*night*

Sunday, August 29

5:00-6:00pm Faith Center

Register on Realm



# GROVE IS BACK - SEPT 12

## Fall semester schedule

SEPTEMBER 12  
SEPTEMBER 19  
SEPTEMBER 26  
OCTOBER 3  
OCTOBER 10  
OCTOBER 17  
OCTOBER 24 NO GROVE  
NOVEMBER 7  
NOVEMBER 14  
NOVEMBER 21  
NOVEMBER 28 NO GROVE  
DECEMBER 5 FAMILY NIGHT  
DECEMBER 12

Contact us to get on the  
schedule for your night to  
volunteer with Grove!

email [GROVE@stjaiken.org](mailto:GROVE@stjaiken.org) for more info!



## Book Club is resuming on August 16!

Join us at 7:00 p.m. in  
Ward Hall 2-3.



## 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

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Take Time to Be Holy

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Butch Blackwell

### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 89 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*Hymn to Joy*

### SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 5:15-21

### SERMON

Filled with God

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.*

### OFFERTORY

It is Well with My Soul

*Crouse*

*Diane Miniard, Soloist*

### \*DOXOLOGY

### 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. 500 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart *Morecambe*

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand, as able.*

*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).*



## Order of Worship

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### PRELUDE

**PRAISE SONG**      **There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit in This Place**      *Akers*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**      **Rev. Douglas Herlong**

**PRAISE SONG**      **O, For 1,000 Tongues**      *Wesley*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**      **The Apostles' Creed**

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**OFFERTORY**      **Indescribable**      *Story*

**SCRIPTURE READING**      **Ephesians 5:15-21**

**SERMON**      **Filled with God**      **Dr. Tim McClendon**

**PRAISE SONG**      **Love Will Hold Us Together**      *Maher*

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### SENDING FORTH SONG

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### OFFERTORY

*There will not be Children's Church today. We invite all of our children to participate in the Blessing of the Backpacks.*

#### \*DOXOLOGY

### ANTHEM

Keep Your Lamps

*Thomas*

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