



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

September 12, 2021

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Church Leadership Nominations

All current chairpersons of ministry groups, committees, boards, and councils are asked to guide their group in self-selecting either replacements or re-enlisting current persons to serve in their ministry areas. Staff-Parish and Nominations are limited in their years of service. Other groups may re-up their personnel. Please inform the church office and Jennifer Windham no later than October 11. Any persons who wish to volunteer for a leadership position for one of our groups, please contact the church office at (803)648-6891 to let us know between now and September 30, so we can forward your names to respective committees, etc.

Frozen Features for AppleFest

Applefest is known for its excellent casseroles, soups, and other frozen delights. It is not too early to start thinking about what you could prepare for the **Frozen Features booth**. All that is required is a list of ingredients for the benefit of those with allergies. More details regarding drop-off will be released soon. If you are interested in preparing an item or items for donation, please contact Camille Bailey, 803-295-2057 or cbbailey@atlanticbb.net.

Second Hand Rose Clothing Donations

Labor Day is over, and it's the start of Fall (even if the weather does not feel like it!). Now is the time many people go through their wardrobe to evaluate it. Second Hand Rose of Applefest would like you to consider saving items you don't need for our November 6 sale. We will sell men's, women's and children's clothing, shoes, purses and accessories. Please make sure all items are clean and in good condition, preferably on hangers. Any donated items that are dirty, stained, overly worn or needing repairs will be sent to the landfill, so please be considerate and do not bring them. If you need hangers, please call Ginger Hudock at (803)640-4381 to arrange to get hangers or for any questions you might have.

ACTS Donation Needs

Clothing donations are the lifeblood of the ACTS Resale Stores, as well as providing over 95% of the clothing given away to our clients. Recently we have seen a decrease in clothing being donated. If you clean out your closets and have clean "saleable" clothes, please drop them off at 340 Park Ave. SW weekdays between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Thank you for your support of the ACTS mission.

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— Clare Carpenter **Acolytes**— Hannah Boetsch & Emma Riede

September 11:00 Ushers: Mitch Rivers, Mary Ann Findley, Donald Leader, Paula Blackmore, Larry & Karen Travis, John Bradley, Joe & Leah Lewis, John Schmidt, Deb Persons, Missy Poe, Allen & Nola Radcliffe

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

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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Children's Ministries

The GROVE starts back tonight, September 12th with an Ice Cream Social and a Bounce House from 5:00-7:00 p.m. You don't want to miss it!

If you are in third grade and would like to participate in the Third Grade Bible presentation service on Sept 19th and Third Grade Bible Basics, please contact Bekah or Amy at GROVE@stjaiken.org.

Foundation Student Ministries

(7th-12th Grades)

Tonight is the Foundation Fall Kick-off from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. in the Faith Center. All youth and parents are invited to attend! There will be a picnic outdoors and a meeting inside to learn about all that our student ministry has planned for the year!

Looking ahead: MESSY NIGHT is Sept. 19th from 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.! We can't wait!

Youth Bible Studies:

CORE (Middle School girls), Dwell (High School girls) and Brotherhood (Middle and High School boys) start back THIS WEDNESDAY September 15 at 7:00 p.m. CORE and Dwell will meet in the upstairs Faith Center and Brotherhood will meet in the gym. Make plans to join us and invite a friend!

St. John's Missions News

A note from Sherri and Mike Morrissey: "Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your generous giving and powerful prayers for us and all of the missionaries and Thai leaders of the Thailand NOW mission. You are a vital part in this mission to make an eternal difference in the lives of Thai people by sharing the love of Jesus. This past month, the Lord has blessed our mission with a new church plant in Chonburi province by Pastor Pranee. This is our 42nd Pioneer Pastor church plant. Every Pioneer Pastor church was the first Christian church in an unreached county. It is our prayer that every county in Thailand will have at least one church, so that the Thai people can know the Lord Jesus. Blessings and Grace to you."

We are in need of plastic grocery bags for our church kitchen again! These are used for both Grace Kitchen and Wednesday Night Suppers. Please drop donations in the front office for Juli Davis.

*For the month of September, we are collecting **tuna or salmon (pop-tops or pouches ONLY)**. Please place any donated items in the box marked "Grace Kitchen" in the Narthex of each worship service. **Please place only the requested donation items in the Grace Kitchen boxes as these are the current items needed.***

Sisters Bible Study: POSTPONED

We have been planning to start up again on Thursday, September 16, 2021. However, in considering the uptick of Covid cases, we feel it best to postpone our starting date. We want to be able to safely get together to study and fellowship, so we hopefully will be starting on Thursday, October 7 at St. John's UMC. We hope that by the end of September we will know more about the Covid situation. Questions? Contact Millie Winston at (770)815-7223 or mildew8@tds.net.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by **Paul & Jeanette Isaacson** to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Lamar & Vera Keisler**.

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by **Mary Anne Clyburn, Children, & Grandchildren** to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Bob Clyburn**.

Wednesday Night Supper: To-Go

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, & Cheesecake

Reservations are required and should be made by Monday, September 13, 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. 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 15 from 5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m. under the Faith Center portico. You can pay online at 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

Congratulations to:

Steven George Kisner II, son of **Kevin & Brittany Kisner**, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary. Siblings are **Kate & Henry** and grandparents are **Steve & Christy Kisner**.

Our Sympathies to:

Maxine & Kent Falb on the death of Maxine’s sister, **Alma Esther Caloud**, who passed away April 27, 2020, and the death of Maxine’s brother, **Russell W. Vlasak**, who passed away on November 28, 2020. Both were remembered in services this past weekend in Iowa.

In Memoriam

Mr. William Edward Busser

September 8, 2021

ACTS Monthly Collection Item

September— **Rice**

Collection bins are located in the Narthex and the Faith Center

Attendance—9/5/2021

8:30 | 79 9:02 | 102 11:00 | 188 6:00 | 13

Total in Person | 382

9:02 Online Live | 513 11:00 Online Live | 503

Our Giving Growth

Operations Budget as of 09/07/2021

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do:	\$ 1,461,513.71
Year to date ministry expenditures:	<u>\$ 1,305,616.98</u>
	\$ 155,896.73

Missions Budget: Year 2021/2022

Year to date offerings given for what God is asking us to do in Missions:	\$125,052.24
Year to date Missions Disbursements:	\$114,500.00



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

Be Glorified

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Tim McClendon

***OPENING HYMN NO. 421 Make Me a Captive, Lord**

Diademata

*SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

SERMON

Losing Our Identity to Find It Rev. Butch Blackwell

*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

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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

Would I Have Answered When You Called?

*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. 415 Take Up Thy Cross**

Germany

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

***Please stand, as able.**

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PRAISE SONG

There Was Jesus

Parton/Williams

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Douglas Herlong

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One Thing Remains

Bethel Live

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Give Me Words to Speak

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SERMON

Losing Our Identity to Find It **Rev. Butch Blackwell**

PRAISE SONG

Who You Say I Am

Hillsong

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SENDING FORTH SONG

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*DOXOLOGY

ANTHEM

Before the Throne of God Above

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