



St. John's Parish Church

A Light to the Sea Islands since 1734

October 9, 2024

Dear Saints of St. John's Parish Church,

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

What an exciting time it is to be a part of St. John's Parish Church! Our Sunday attendance is on the rise, our children's ministry is thriving, and we are blessed to own a beautiful property that will serve the Lord and our community for generations to come.

As we engage in the Great Commission, we must all be willing to give more of our time, talents, and tithes. While this may sound straightforward, we all know it can be challenging. The world often pulls us in various directions away from the Lord. I encourage everyone to resist these distractions and become more involved. By doing so, I promise that the Lord will bless you and those you serve. Elizabeth and I have personally experienced this blessing through our commitment to tithing, participating in small groups, serving on the vestry and building committee, singing in the choir, ushering alongside our mentors in faith, assisting with children's church, organizing the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper, feeding the cadets at The Citadel, and volunteering with the Blessing Baskets, the Department of Juvenile Justice, and Haut Gap. Each of these activities represents an opportunity to submit to the Lord and dedicate our resources or energy to serving others.

It is important to recognize that without adequate financial support, the church cannot function as intended. We have rent, payroll, and local and global ministries to sustain, and soon we will be raising funds to construct a new church campus. One of the special attributes of St. John's Parish Church is our longstanding commitment to generously supporting our ministry partners year after year. We have always been a mission-driven church, and I pray that this spirit of generosity continues for generations to come.

In closing, whether you are 18 or 85 and above, I hope everyone will become more engaged—physically, emotionally, and financially—as one body in Christ. Please take the time to prayerfully consider pledging to St. John's Parish Church for 2025.

God bless,

Heath Gunther

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**St. John's Parish Church
Financial Commitment 2025**

We, the Vestry of St. John's Parish Church, wish to share our thoughts about Christian Stewardship, so essential to the faithful practice of Christianity. We endorse stewardship to mean the giving of one's time, talent, and money to the glory of God. We endorse the tithe as the normative standard of giving, although generosity is the ultimate standard. As your elected vestry, we urge your prayerful consideration of joining us in the commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ, through His vision, as well as receiving the bountiful rewards that giving from the heart provides.

St. John's Parish Church – Operating Budget 2025

In gratitude for all that God has given us, we pledge to support the ministry and vision of St. John's Parish Church in the following amount for **2025**:

\$ _____
(Total **annual** pledge)

PLEASE PRINT BELOW

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____

****** Please CHECK this box IF YOU WANT pledge envelopes ******

Vision of St. John's Parish Church

St. John's Parish Church -- A Christian Family that:

- * DECLARES our love for God through Anglican worship
- * PREPARES Disciples of Jesus Christ for Global Ministry
- * SHARES the Healing Power of the Holy Spirit
- * CARES for the Community

PLEASE CHECK THE AREAS OF MINISTRY WHICH INTEREST YOU:

_____ Acolyte/Lay Reader

_____ Music

_____ Bible Studies

_____ Outreach

_____ Hospitality

_____ Women's Ministry

_____ Men's Ministry

_____ Youth Ministry

_____ Missions

_____ Other _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

You may return it by:

- * Placing it in the offering plate
- * Mailing it to: St John's Parish Church, PO Box 125, Johns Island, SC 29457
- or * Giving it to Sally Dixon at the office or church