



SAINT JOHN'S

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

Established 1874

Cullman, Alabama

May 19, 2019

Liturgical Color: White

8:00, 9:30, 10:30 am

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

May 26th

WORSHIP TOGETHER AS ONE BODY

10:30am

We will not have Sunday School, but we will have regular Godly Worship for the children.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST SUNDAY MAY 26TH Prior to the Service

8:30-9:45am

Pancakes and sausage, juice or coffee

All Proceeds go towards Youth Summer Local Outreach Projects

Come and support our Youth!!

Motorcyclist

SJ's is starting a riding group. We will meet at the church on the first Saturday of each month (time TBA) to enjoy the open road together and be a blessing as we go. If you're interested contact Ronnie Knight 256-339-5551 or Tammy Knight 205-999-0570 and bring your riding partner or friends.

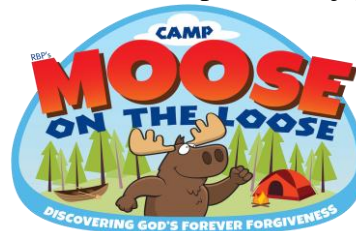


VBS

CAMP MOOSE ON THE LOOSE – JUNE 2-5

Contact: Stephanie Jowers @ stephjowers@bellsouth.net
Or 256-962-0211

Registration is now open for kids 3 years - 5th grade! Register on Sunday mornings at the Little Lambs desk or online at <http://www.sjepc.com>





Welcome to St. John's. If this is your first time with us, know that we are so glad you're here! Wherever you're at on your spiritual journey, we hope you are able to leave today having experienced the grace and truth of Jesus. Hopefully you've already met some of our welcome team and ushers, but know that we are here to help you however we can.

If you like coffee, please swing through the Atrium between 9-10am for a free cup and a chance to catch up with friends. And if you have kids, our nursery and kids leaders will be excited to meet you (see the bulletin for details regarding nursery, SJ Kids, Godly Worship, and SJ Students).

Finally, if there's any way we can pray for you or help you connect to our church family, *please drop a welcome card in the offering* or leave it with an usher on your way out the door. Thank you for joining us today!

SANCTUARY ORDER OF WORSHIP—May 19

+ PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

+ INTROIT No. 171

Come and Praise the Lord our King
Come and praise the Lord our King, Allelu, alleluia!
Lift your voice and with us sing, Allelu, alleluia!
Psalm 24:7-10 page 862

Duke Cleghorn

CALL TO WORSHIP

+INVOCATION

+ HYMN No. 542

When We All Get to Heaven

Duke Cleghorn

(Lighting of the Altar Candles

+HYMN No. 306

Jesus Saves

Duke Cleghorn

+ WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Trent Dodson

+ FELLOWSHIP CHORUS

On Jordan's Stormy Banks

Duke Cleghorn

I am bound for the promised land, I am bound for the promised land;
O who will come and go with me? I am bound for the promised land.

CHILDREN'S TIME (8:00 only)

Trent Dodson

PASTOR BOB'S BIRTHDAY GOLF ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastor Bob Kurtz, Pastor Emeritus

HYMN No. 201

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Duke Cleghorn

SPECIAL MUSIC (8:00 only)

Welcome Home

Chancel Choir

MISSIONS MOMENT

Mona Ivey

SCRIPTURE READING

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Trent Dodson

Gloria Patri,+ Apostles' Creed

+ Prayer of Affirmation

** GIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

Nathan Williams

(**9:30 offering received after The Lords Supper)

Offertory (8:00 and 9:30)

+ Doxology, + Prayer of Dedication

Nathan Williams

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE MORNING MESSAGE

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Pastor Nate Randall, Associate

"Give Us A King!"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Prayer of Devotion to Christ / The Lord's Prayer

+CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (8:00 only)

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

+ Please Stand

**9:30 Service Only

Acolytes:

SYMPATHY'S- The ministers and congregation express their love and sympathy to the following families who experienced loss this past week:

- The Family of Mr. Jim Witte, husband of Jan and father of Andy (Stephanie). Funeral services were held last week at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church by Rev. Bob Kurtz and Rev. Nate Randall with internment at Cullman City Cemetery.
- The Family of Mr. William Hansel Drake, father of Randy (Cherri) Drake. Funeral services were held last week.

PRAYERS—Please remember to lift up Rev. John, Tiffany, and the Wallace State Group traveling in Germany and France this week, with their “Stars Fell on Alabama” musical show.

THANK YOU--To my family, my wonderful church family and friends, thank you most of all for lifting me up in your prayers and for your kind thoughts and beautiful cards. I ask that you continue praying for me. I truly feel your prayers. Love you all, Patsy Richter

VISITING WITH US TODAY? Look for Ushers, Greeters and Staff wearing Yellow Lanyards to assist you with any questions or help direct you to where you need to go.

FOR THE CHILDREN—Next week...On his 78th birthday, May 23, our Pastor Emeritus and reigning “Ironman of Golf,” Pastor Bob is going to play all three golf courses in Cullman County on his birthday and also attempt to shoot his age or better. This “Ministries To Children” sponsored event is to raise monies for our community children's charities, including St. John's Little Lamb's School, and donations are encouraged. Pledge cards and addressed envelopes may be picked up in the church office. Or simply, mail to: MTC, P.O. Box 100, Cullman, 35056.

MTC is a 501c3 and all donations are 100 per cent tax deductible.

CHURCH OFFICE—The Church office will be closed on Monday May 27th in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen the next morning at 8:00am.

Congratulations Class of 2019!



St. John's Members presenting the check to the Lion's Kitchen at WSCC Left to right:
Christine Wiggins, SF Lovell, Babs Herfurth, Linda Wesley, Suzanne Harbin, Jennifer Hill, Mary Barnes, Dr. Vicki Karolewics

THANK YOU- Dear St. John's, Thank you so much for the generous gift of \$5,635.28 for the Lions Kitchen Fund. We truly appreciate it .~Suzanne Harbin, Ex. Director

Created for a Purpose Girls Summer Camp—July 8-12 from 9am -1:30pm.

Week long creative arts camp that teaches 3rd thru the 8th grade girls that they are a unique master piece created by God. Girls spend the week doing projects in paper, sewing, cooking, painting, and sculpture. Cost: \$165 / camper and includes lunch, daily, project materials, t-shirt, cookbook and devotional. Scholarships available. Limited space. Sign up early.

55 ALIVE JUNE ROADTRIP—**June 27** we will head up the highway to Tupelo Ms, where we will visit Elvis Birthplace, the Queen’s Meadery, Relics Antique Market Place, and the Tupelo Hardware Co. Costs: \$15 tour of museum and house. Additional options available at Queens Meadery for \$10 payable there. **SIGN UP BY JUNE 10TH** .

ATTENTION YOUTH---MOTION—**Sign up Conference Packets** (July 25-27) are now available. Limited spots available. You must turn in your info packet **AND** your \$20 deposit in order to secure your spot! Please contact Trent or Abby if you have any questions.

55 ALIVE CHRISTMAS ROADTRIP—Dec. 5-8, Dahlonega Ga / Helen Ga. \$75.00 non refundable deposit holds your room. **Sign up by June 3rd**. Costs and details for trip available in the church office.

PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS--- **YES!** We are collecting clean plastic grocery bags again to make our PLARN mats for the homeless. Drop off points are by the church office and Little Lambs entrance.

St. John’s is a Church of Grace and Truth

At St. John’s we seek to be grace-filled, graceful, and a people of truth. Believing Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, we understand our need for the grace he offers. We believe in responding in gratitude for the grace we have received by extending grace to others. We do this by loving God, one another, and our community, and reorienting our lives around the truths handed to us through the Holy Scriptures. Join us in the journey!

In Hospital:

Home: Greg Sears

YOuth: follow: sjyouthlive



Middle School & High School

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>
SS: 9:30	
High School:	Elevate-- Middle & High School this week
Small Group this week 5:30 dinner --7:15pm	School Groups 6-7:15pm
Small Group:	
Girls Group-- led by Kelsey Wren, Stacie Wren, & Michelle Ray, Abby Dodson	
Guys Group-- led by Trent Dodson & Brannon Ray.	
Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth: trent.dodson@sjepc.com	

BREAKFAST ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

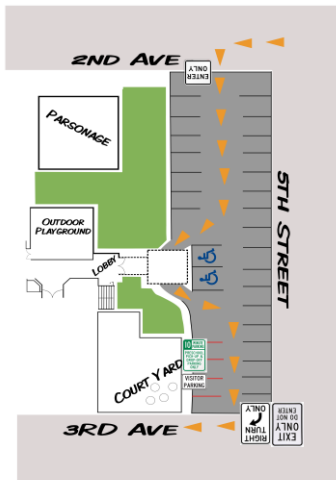
Join us each Sunday morning immediately following the conclusion of the 8:00 service (and right before Sunday School in the Atrium for a pastry or cup of coffee.

Serving Time: 8:30-9:15am
(on your own honor system)

Suggested prices: Coffee / juice \$.50 per cup

Pastries: assorted prices \$.50 to \$1.50 each

ONE WAY TRAFFICE FOR NORTH PARKING LOT



To help us ensure the safety of our children, visitors and adults, everyday, **beginning August 1, 2017** the traffic flow in the north parking lot will become **ONE WAY TRAFFIC**.

Enter (ONLY) from 2nd Ave. (street that runs in front of the church) and **exit onto 3rd Ave. (facing St. Paul's) with a RIGHT Turn only.**

We now have 4 designated Visitor parking spots for our guests on Sundays.

~ Safe Sanctuaries

VISITORS

Thanks for visiting with us today! Feel free to call the pastor, Rev. John Richter @ 256-734-0344 if you have questions and would like to set up a time to discuss them. You may also check out our website www.sjepc.com to learn more about St. John's.

NURSERY

Nursery is available for newborns up to 3 yrs. of age at all worship services and Sunday School. Please see any usher or greeter this morning and they will direct you to the nursery.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

8:00-9:00 Worship- Sanctuary

8:40-9:10-Pastires, coffee, juice (atrium)

9:15-10:15 Sunday School

***9:30-10:25** Communion Service-Sanctuary

(*Note: this time does conflict with the Sunday school hour. Please understand if you intend to bring your children to this service they will miss this important time of Christian education.)

10:30-11:30 Worship-Christ Hall

EMAIL ADDRESSES

Have you changed your email address? Or deleted on and started a new one? Please notify us when your email address changes by emailing karen.hassell@sjepc.com so you can receive the church wide email message.

PHONE NUMBERS—Please help us update our church files. If you have recently disconnected your home land line, and have changed to a cell phone only, please remember to email (karen.hassell@sjepc.com) or call the church office (256-734-0344) with your new contact information.

SJ's SECURITY TEAMS – HUMMMM.. I might be interested in that! How can I find out more information? We would love to tell you more about it and would love to have more men and women be a part of our teams. If you like to become involved in our Security Teams, contact Stan Sandlin, Kenny Culpepper or Karen Hassell.

READ THRU THE OLD TESTAMENT IN A YEAR--Pick up your Storyline “The People of God” weekly readings today so you won’t get behind! They are located on the welcome centers in Christ Hall or in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or the hallway by the church office.

STAFF EMAIL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

Rev. John Richter, Sr. Pastor	john.richter@sjepc.com
Rev. Nate (Pastor Nate) Randall, Associate Pastor	nate.randall@sjepc.com
Stephanie Jowers, Director Children’s Ministries	stephjowers@sjepc.com
Tiffany Richter, Director of Music Ministries	tiffany.richter@sjepc.com
Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth	trent.dodson@sjepc.com
Lisa Buchanan, Director Little Lambs Preschool:	lisa.buchanan@sjepc.com
Nathan Williams, Pastoral Intern (20+ group)	nathan.williams@sjepc.com
Jane Brannon, Office / Little Lambs Assistant	jane.brannon@sjepc.com
Regina Baker, Financial Secretary	regina.baker@sjepc.com
Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant, Facility Coordinator, Sr. Adult Travel	karen.hassell@sjepc.com

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Reflections of our Faithfulness

“Text to Give” text **84321** follow the prompts message or complete an authorization form for Visa, MasterCard, Discover or debit card

Attendance:

May 12, 2019 Mother’s Day

8:00 123

9:30 96

10:30 215

Total: 434

Offering: \$14,961.00 (Plate offering)

\$ 2,520 .00 (online offering)

Cheerful Giving Reducing our Debt in 2019

BTN YTD 2019 \$19,821.00

Gifts given:

Glory of God

..memory of Sherron Trimble by Janice Loyd

..memory of Jim Witte by Gary and Richie Teichmiller; Dave and Karen Hassell, Ronald and Virginia Pattillo

..memory of Betty Blair by Ronald and Virginia Pattillo

BTN

Memory of Jim Witte by Regina Baker

Women’s Guild / Whit’s Place

..memory of Jim Witte by Jo Webb

WAYS TO GIVE IN 2016 INTO 2017

Never forget your offering again!

2 ways you can now give your gifts, tithes and offerings to the church. You may give with your credit or debit card simply by completing an authorization form for Visa, MasterCard, Discover. You have the option of weekly, bi-monthly or monthly contributions. Forms are available in the church office during regular business hours.

Secondly you can now give online thru the church website (www.sjepc.com) “Text to Give” and text your amount to the following number **84321** then follow the prompts through the replied message.

OOPS! Missed a Sunday?--Catch up easily! Would you like to hear the message from a particular day? Or you would just like to hear the message again? Perhaps share a sermon with someone? It’s simple. Visit the church website: www.sjepc.com ; select the small arrow on the right hand side on the of the different categories for SJ’s ; select weekly sermons; scroll down the page for the archived sermons; then select the date you would like to hear, and click the arrow in the center of the display.

GRACE PLACE- "Grace Place is a program for adults with mild to moderate memory loss, who can still feed themselves and take care of their own bathroom needs. The program consists of 4 hours of mental and physical stimulus, 10am to 2pm, every Tuesday and Thursday at Grace Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 305 Arnold St NE, Cullman, AL. Grace Place is a community program open to all qualified people regardless of church affiliation, or no church. Email at info@graceplacecullman.org. Facebook: Grace Place Cullman; or contact Wes Harding, 256-200-2434 for information."

As a church of grace and truth, St. John's is...

Rooted in the doctrines of the Protestant Reformation. We believe we are saved by grace through faith in Jesus, that the Bible is the rule for Christian life and faith, and that the Good News of Jesus should be proclaimed in word and deed.

Sacrament Celebrating. We believe God ministers to the community of believers in unique and special ways through the gifts of Baptism and Holy Communion.

Liturgically Oriented. We believe remembering the whole life of Christ is important for spiritual maturity. We follow the church calendar, celebrating seasons like Advent and Lent.

Ecumenically Minded. In the context of our heritage, we believe all those who call upon Jesus as Lord and affirm the creeds of the church (eg the Apostles' Creed) will share in his eternal blessings and so we welcome all believers who join us to participate fully in worship and community life.

WEEK AT A GLANCE @ SJ's

OFFICE HOURS

8am-5pm Monday ---Thursday;

8am-12pm Friday

Sunday — May 19

2p Nancy Moore- Ruehl Building

4:30p CHS Baccalaureate Reception (Atrium)

6p Youth this week (High School Dinner followed by Small Group)

Monday – May 20

12:00pm Kiwanis Meeting and Lunch (CH)

Tuesday- May 21

1:30pm Knit and Stitch-(RB)

7:00am Men's Fellowship (CH)

9-12pm PLARN- (HH)

6:00pm Church Council Meeting (CR)

Wednesday-May 22

10:00a Knit n Stitch (Ruehl Building)

6:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (choir suite)

Thursday –May 23

9:00am CHS Sr. Breakfast (CH)

9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Confirmation Room)

12:00pm Rotary Luncheon and Meeting (CH)

2:00 pm Victim Services (RB)

Friday—May 24

7:30am East Elementary Faculty Breakfast (CH)

Sunday- May 26

10:30am Worship as One (CH)

FIND YOURS

A place to be real. A place to grow. A place to belong.

Copy this address into your browser to see all the groups that are in place at SJ's and find **YOUR** place to be.
(<https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/groups>)

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Lindsey Dossey, Austin Hall, Fred Hankey, Michelle Ray, Wescoat Free, Will Harding, Willy Hendrix, Babs Herfurth, Matthew Laney, Don McKenzie, Ronnie Scott, Christine Wiggins

Safe SANCTUARIES

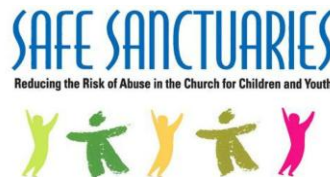
Always keep your eyes open to something that looks unusual to you and report it to an usher or staff member immediately.

Safe Sanctuary and Emergency Preparedness 411

- ❖ **Always keep your eyes open to something or someone that looks unusual to you and report it to an usher or staff member immediately. Be alert!**

What is Safe Sanctuaries?

Our Number 1 Priority:
Keeping Basic Procedures for a Safe Ministry with Children, Youth and Vulnerable Adults



Look for Ushers, Greeters and Staff wearing Yellow Lanyards to assist you with any questions.

ALL VOLUNTEERS AND STAFF ARE BACKGROUND CHECKED PRIOR TO BEING INVOLVED WITH OUR CHILDREN, YOUTH OR VULNERABLE ADULTS.

Safe Sanctuary Steering Committee:

Stan Sandlin, Tricia Fuller, Billy Jackson, Kenny Culpepper, Karen Hassell

We are a Safe Sanctuary Campus

**local 24 /7 crisis line if you believe you are a victim:
256-734-6100 and need help or information.**

CHURCHWIDE EMAILS

Be in the know

Meeting, where? Going where? Latest news, about?

If you are not receiving church emails and would like to be included, or if your email has changed, please notify Karen at: karen.hassell@sjepc.com so you will not miss information about upcoming events or possible changes in schedules at St. John's.

Face book

If you have a Smartphone, ipad, laptop, tablet or home computer, search “St. John’s, Cullman” and “like” our page to add us to your newsfeed. Articles of interest to read, announcements and prayer requests are posted regularly on our St. John’s Face book page. Remember prayer requests posted here, are for your church family to see. *(Remember FB is a public forum so please word prayer requests carefully)*

CONTRIBUTIONS

When making contributions to any fund other than the general fund (Burn the Note, Music Fund, or Youth Fund, Women’s Guild / Whit’s Place) please write a separate check made specifically to that fund.

PRAYER REQUESTS

All prayer requests we receive are very important to us. To make sure that we can give them proper attention, please be sure to write them on a Prayer Request card found in the pews or on the welcome stations in Christ Hall. Requests can be placed in the offering plate or leave them in the church office. You may also email prayer requests to: karen.hassell@sjepc.com. Sunday Mornings and Wednesday evenings are busy times for everyone and prayer requests can be accidentally lost in conversations. Thank you for helping us with this important matter.

CONTACT INFORMATION

To make sure you can receive the latest announcements about events at our church, please take a second and email your new information to: karen.hassell@sjepc.com or by calling the church office.

CHURCH CALLING INFORMATION CARDS

Have you filled out yours? Notification choices are: text message; email, or by calling your home phone. **PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE METHOD FOR THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU.** Cards available in the information rack in the education building. Turn in at the office.

Assisted Living:

Folsom Center: Dee Jordan, Bobbie Cleghorn
Morningside: Jim Jones, Doris Keathley
Hanceville Nursing Home: Miriam Jones, Virginia Nail
Woodland Village: Bea Mack; Dot York
USA Healthcare Falkville: Faye Marty
Brookdale Assisted Living- Juanita Schuman, Cindy Walker
Westminster- Inez Ruehl

ST. JOHN’S UPDATED PRAYER LIST

St. John’s prayer list is renewed the first of each month. Please fill out a new prayer card with your individual requests each month and indicate clearly if you would like it published in the bulletin—*otherwise it will remain on the Pastor’s Prayer list only.* Likewise as your prayer request needs to be removed from the list, please let us know that too. The Prayer lists are published in the bulletin as space allows each week.

CHURCH MEMBERS:

Bobbie Cleghorn, Aliya Schaffers; Frances Murphy; Jackson Ray; Cliff Kirkwood; Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle; Maxine Whisenhunt; Virginia Nail; Greg Sears; Susan Johnson Nichols; Jack Stevens; Debbie Shear.

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Myrl Dobbins, Jean Lackey; Paula Bolzle; Jennifer Brown; Dixie Davis Bailey; Ricky Lee; John Powell; Jennifer Henderson; Wells Turner, Chris McDaniel; Diane Hembree; Ja Hembree; Frankie Smith; Laura Jones; Murray Sawyer; Phil Parris; Wyatt Nelson; Claudette Hatchett

Military Prayer List:

Help us update our Military Prayer list. Please look over the list and see if your family member or friend has changed locations or has now arrived back at home.

MILITARY ADDRESSES

If you have friends or family currently serving in the US Military, our card ministry would like the opportunity to send cards to them throughout the year. Please submit (clearly print) complete mailing addresses to Geraldine Hendrix or bring them by the church office during regular business hours.

Cmdr. Chris Hester, Chaplain—Okinawa Japan; CW4 James Williams—Fort Lee, Virginia; Major Kellie Scott Hyatt—Cullman, Al ; Lt. Cmdr. Scott and Lt. Cmdr. Roz Love, Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; US Navy; A1C Will Sapp US Air Force, Key West, Fl; Sgt. Tony Parker, Air Force, Kandahar; John Lancaster, US Navy; Jason Beck, US Army, Afghanistan; Adam Ramos, Naval Air Station, San Diego, Ca ; US Navy; Derek Ramos – Naval Hospital Yokosuka, Japan, CA; Major John Forbes, Pentagon; NC; Jack Baker, Afghanistan; CPL Casper Shafer- Jump Platoon, Camp Pendleton, Ca; Landry Hall, Specialist 1st Class, Iraq.

PLEASE EXCUSE OUR ACTIVITY!

When you notice any of the staff slipping out of 8:00 worship on Sundays, please know we are preparing for Sunday School, or conducting rehearsals for the upcoming service, etc. If you see us on the move, please pray for us and for all of our worship services!

CHECKS TO DIFFERENT FUNDS

Please remember when writing a check to the church for your gifts, tithes or offerings, if you are giving to a different fund (Burn the Note, Music Fund, or Youth Fund) other than general fund, please be sure to write a separate check. Women's Guild / Whit's Place donations go to The Women's Guild. Most of the time we do not have enough cash on hand to transfer monies in house. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Breakfast On the Lighter Side 8:30am to 9:15 am

Pastries \$ assorted prices

Coffee / Juice \$.50

