SAINT JOHN'S

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

www.sjepc.com Established 1874 Cullman, Alabama

March 31, 2019 **Liturgical Color: Purple** **8:00, 9:30, 10:30 am**

Lent 2019
Storyline: The Family of God
12p noontime Communion Meditation
6p Evening Service

This Lenten season we celebrate with our family from the Evangelical Association.

Commit to joining us Wednesday evenings at 6 in the sanctuary for a time of self-examination and worship.

Children and youth will continue with their own activities.

April 3 – Jason Ford, St. Paul Evangelical Church, Cibolo, Texas

April 10 – Dan Hetherington, St. Paul's Reformed Church, Clear Spring, Maryland

Holy Week

April 6 – 9:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal
11:00am Baptism
April 7-2:00 pm Easter Eggstravangaza @ SJ's
3:45pm 2019 Sr's Out to Eat
April 10th—Last regular Wednesday night meal
April 18 – Maundy Thursday
12p and 6p
April 14--Palm Sunday
Examination of the 2019 Confirmation Class
April 19 – Good Friday
April 21--Easter Sunday
(with Sunday School)
Regular Worship Times
Confirmation Class 1st Communion

Easter Eggstravangaza
Sunday April 7th
2-4pm @ SJ's

Needed:

Bags of individually wrapped candy. Please drop by the church office by April 3rd.

Games
Bouncies
Balloon Animals
Easter Bunny

Bring your camera!

ATTENTION SR CLASS OF 2019

April 7th --out to eat with the Rev's
Meet at the church at 3:45 pm and return aprox. 9:30 pm.

Please call the church office (256-734-0344) or email: karen.hassell@sjepc.com to let us know you will be going with us by **March 28th.**

EASTER LILIE'S-- Orders are now being taken for Easter lilies to be placed in the Sanctuary and Christ Hall for Easter Sunday. You may place them in honor or memory of someone. Please fill out one (1) form per lily and return to the church office along with your payment of $15.

Only 40 available for purchase, so order today to reserve yours!

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!

SANCTUARY ORDER OF WORSHIP—-March 31

+ PRELUDE / RINGING OF THE BELL

+INTROIT No.262 — Holy, Holy, Holy — Duke Cleghorn

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

+ CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 84:1-2; 10-12 page 922 — Rev. John Richter, Sr. Pastor

+ HYMN No. 353 — A Shelter in the Time of Storm — Duke Cleghorn

(Lighting of the Altar Candles)

+HYMN No. 354 — Leaning on the Everlasting Arms — Duke Cleghorn

+ INVOCATION — Rev. Richter

MINISTRY IN SONG — Duke Cleghorn

+ WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS — Nathan Williams

+ 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)*** — Nathan Williams

HYMN No. 428 — I Need Thee Every Hour — Duke Cleghorn

PRAYERS CONCERNS FOR THE CHURCH — Rev. Nate Randall

SCRIPTURE READING — John 11:1-16 page 1668 — Pastor Nate

Gloria Patri, + Apostles' Creed, + Prayer of Affirmation

****** GIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS — Pastor Nate

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

Offertory (8:00 and 9:30) — Sawyer Trimble

+ Doxology

+ Prayer of Dedication — Pastor Nate

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Morning Message — Numbers 22:21-41 page 245 — Rev. Richter

People of the Old Testament
Donkey Language

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** — Rev. Richter

Prayer of Devotion to Christ / the Lord's Prayer

CLOSING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER **(8:00 only)** — Rev. Richter

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE — Rev. Richter

+ Please Stand ***9:30 Service Only* *Acolytes: Vella Richter, Paige Bradfield*

FLOWERS- Flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God by Jerry and Denise Schuman.

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

- The family of Mrs. Nellie Ruth Richter, wife of Louis, and mother of Greg (Laura) Richter. Funeral services were held last week at Cullman Heritage Funeral Home.
- The family of Mrs. Jean Alexander, mother of Connie (Kelley) Baker. Funeral services were held last week.

THANK YOU—Rev. John and Pastor Bob for your visits and prayers during such a difficult time for our family. St. John's Church family thank you for the calls, cards, food and the beautiful plant. ~Much love, Jeanette and Adam Gunn

Don't mind the cameras... For the next couple weeks you might see a camera or two capturing images and moments in our worship services. We certainly don't want to distract from our worship, but we are working to update our website so that potential guests can get a glimpse of what worship with St. John's is like when they check us out online. Thanks for your patience!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP APRIL MEETING—April 1 at 6:00pm in Heritage Hall. The program for this month is putting together the Easter baskets for foster care children. Hostesses for this month are Blakely, Ellen, Linda and Joyce.

Our Lenten Challenge?
We Can't Afford That!

In support of the Lion's Kitchen at WSCC (think food pantry here), your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is to make an over and above financial gift of a total weekly or monthly food bill, groceries and eating out and snacks and all.

Payments can be made to St. John's but be sure to designate in the memo section your gift to WSCC Lion's Kitchen! Donations to date are: **$2,820.28**

BAGS FOR PLARN—YES!! We are now accepting bags again for our mats for the homeless. Drop off barrels are by the main office entrance and LLS entrance

Lenten Challenge 2019

Social Media Sabbath - You know you need a break. Choose one day a week to rest from all social media sites. When you pick up your phone for your oxycotocin fix, pray, read a psalm, or call a friend.

VBS Summer 2019---June 2nd- 5th VBS "Moose on the Loose" – More details coming *soon!!*

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.

Kids Lenten Series:

Resurrection Eggs
6-7pm in Christ Hall
Bible Races are back! Bring your bibles!!

Limited Class Size!

Register EARLY!

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.

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.

In Hospital:
Home: **Jennifer Laney**

Youth follow: sjyouthlive

Middle School & High School

Sunday	**Wednesday**
SS: 9:30	
High School:	**Elevate-- Middle & High School this week**
Small Group this week	School Groups
5:30 dinner --7:15pm	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

CROSSES OF COMMITMENT- If your family has not brought a cross or if you have brought one and would like to bring another cross during this Lenten Season, we invite you to do so. Crosses can be up to 9" x 14" to hang in the designated space in the Atrium. Nails and hammer are provided in the Welcome Desk area for your convenience for your family to hang up together if you would like to. If not, leave your cross on the desk and we will hang up for you.

BREAKFAST ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

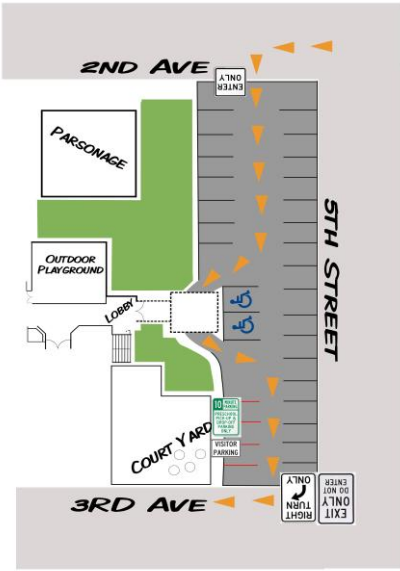
Join us each Sunday morning immediately following the conclusion of the 8:00 service (and right before Sunday School in the Atrium for a pastry or cup of coffee.

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.
Thank you in advance.
~ 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.

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 Buchannan, Director Little Lambs Preschool:	lisa.buchanan@sjepc.com
Nathan Williams, Pastoral Intern (20+ group)	nathan.williams@sjepc.com
Jane Brannon, Office 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:
Wednesday Lenten
Noon: 19
Evening: 117

March 17, 2019
8:00 117
9:30 66
10:30 160
Total: 343
Offering: $17,224 .00 (Plate offering)
$ **3,755.00** (online offering)

Cheerful Giving
Reducing our Debt in 2019
BTN YTD 2019 $16,556.00

Gifts given:

Glory of God
..honor of the Richter Family by Terry and Debbie Stone;

Music Fund
…memory of Betty Blair by Mike and Linda Isbell
....memory of Jim Walker by Mike and Linda Isbell

Women's Guild / Whit's Place
…. Honor of Kay Powell for her birthday by Jo Webb; Glenda Butler
….Honor of Inez Ruehl for her birthday by Maxine Whisenhunt

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS—Monday-Thursday 8-5:00pm; Friday 8-12pm

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 — March 31
6pm Youth this week (High School Dinner followed by Small Group)

Monday – April 1
12:00pm Kiwanis Meeting and Lunch (CH)
6:00pm Women's Fellowship

Tuesday- April 2
1:30pm Knit and Stitch-(RB)
7:00am Men's Fellowship (CH)
9-12pm PLARN- (HH)
6:30pm Cullman Women Sing (CR)

Wednesday-April 3
10:00am Knit n Stitch (RB)
12:00pm Lenten Noon Service (Communion / Meditation)
3:00pm Young Musicians, Music Makers
4:00pm Children's Handbells
5:00pm Meal: Hamburger **OR** Hot Dog for EVERYONE, French fries, baked beans
WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS WILL CONCLUDE ON APRIL 10TH UNTIL THE FALL!!
6:00pm Lenten Service- Jason Ford
7:00pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (choir suite)

Thursday –April 4
9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
11:30am Women's Guild (Heritage Hall)
12:00pm Rotary Luncheon and Meeting (CH)
2:00 pm Victim Services (RB)

Saturday- April 6
9:00am Confirmation Rehearsal
11:00am Baptism of Confirmands

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; Jim Witte

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

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