SAINT JOHN'S

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

Established 1874 Cullman, Alabama

August 18, 2019 **Liturgical Color: Green** **8:00, 9:30, 10:30 am**

COAT DRIVE AND CHILDREN'S BOOK DRIVE

This year we will be collecting new or gently used coats for adults and children for Cullman Caring for Kids. In addition to coats, we will also be collecting new or gently used children's books. Please drop your coats and books off by the boxes in Christ Hall, Atrium and by the Church office.

Last day for collecting coats and books is October 7th.

CHURCH KITCHEN ITEMS

As summer is winding down, the kitchen is gearing up for the fall. Please check your areas for any bus pans, coffee carafes, pans, utility carts, etc, that may need to be returned to the main kitchen.

MUSIC NEWS AND NOTES

SJ's CHILDREN'S MUSIC—Last week our new season of Children's Music kicked off. It's not to late! Join us this week! (See schedule in the Wednesday night Section)

ADULT CHOIR

AUGUST 21 …7:00 pm…..Come and SEE!! Join us in the choir suite for a fellowship time for all people interested in being involved in music.

WORSHIP AS ONE SEPTEMBER 1 10:30 am Christ Hall

BBQ Sandwich lunch following the service.

Call the office to let us know you will be eating with us.

55ALive August Roadtrip

August 22--Dayspring Dairy Sheep Farm, Gallant Alabama & Bama Buck's Steakhouse and Wild Game Restaurant Exotic Animal Park, Sardis Alabama

Eat breakfast before you come or bring with you. Leave time: 8:15 am. Return aprox. 3:00pm

SANCTUARY ORDER OF WORSHIP—-August 18

PRESERVICE MUSIC — Revelations Quartet
+ PRELUDE AND RINGING OF THE BELL

+ INTROIT No. 234 (vs1) — Crown Him with Many Crowns — Tiffany Richter

Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne: Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, and hail Him
as thy matchless King thru all eternity.

CALL TO WORSHIP — Psalm 9:1-2 page 849 — Rev. John Richter, Sr. Pastor
+INVOCATION — Rev. Richter
+HYMN No. 543 — When the Roll is Called Up Yonder — Tiffany Richter
+HYMN No. 354 — Leaning on the Everlasting Arms
(Lighting of the Altar Candles)
SPECIAL MUSIC — Revelations Quartet

+ WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS — Rev. Nate Randall, Associate
+ FELLOWSHIP CHORUS — On Jordan's Stormy Banks — Tiffany Richter

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***) — Pastor Nate
FALL PROMO — Pastor Nate
PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH
SCRIPTURE READING — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 page 1840 — Trent Dodson
Gloria Patri
Apostles' Creed and + Prayer of Affirmation

****** GIVING OF GOD'S TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS — Trent Dodson
*(**9:30 offering received after The Lords Supper)*
Offertory (8:00 and 9:30)
+ Doxology
+ Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

THE MORNING MESSAGE — 2 Kings 17: 1-23 page 600 — Rev. Richter

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** — Rev. Richter
Prayer of Devotion to Christ / The Lord's Prayer
+CLOSING PRAYER
+THE LORD'S PRAYER ***(8:00 only)***
+BENEDICTION — Rev. Richter
+POSTLUDE

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

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. Please take a second to fill out a connect card and let us know you were here! **We just want to say "HI!!" **(********we promise not to harass you!!☺)***

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, and it's your first time here, please swing through the Atrium between 9-10am for a free cup and a chance to catch up or meet new 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!

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FLOWERS- Flowers are placed on the altar table today in Christ Hall to the Glory of God and in honor and celebration of our 50th wedding anniversary by Max and Kay Townson.

THANK YOU'S- Dear St. John's, We greatly appreciate the love, kindness and sympathy you extended to us. Since daddy was a gardener, he would have loved the Peace plant. Your love and support will always be remembered. In appreciation, Jean, Paulette, Donna

To the Good Folks at St. John's, Thank you so much for allowing 1st Presbyterian to use your annex as we hosted the summer meeting of North Alabama Presbytery. The accommodations were exactly what we needed and a good time was had by all! If we can ever be of any assistance to you, please let us know. Yours in Christ's Service- David

MONTHLY MISSIONS SPOTLIGHT

Meet Dylan & Milly Bateman and family. The Batemans will be leaving in mid-September to begin their ministry to the unreached people groups of the Amazon region of Columbia. Please join us in praying for a good transition, for new friendships for the entire family, for health, and for the Lord's favor as they acclimate to a new culture and language(s).

PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS

Sunday, September 15 at 11:45am.

New to St. John's? This is a great time to get connected, ask questions, learn about the mission and vision of the church, and enjoy a free meal. Sign up at one of our visitor stations or online (www.sjepc.com)!

CONNECT CARDS--Have you filled out a new connect card?? If not, take a second and fill one out today and place in the basket either in the vestibule of the sanctuary or at the ends of Christ Hall. See any greeter or usher this morning for your card!

OFFICE CLOSED- The church office will be closed on Monday September 2 in observance of Labor Day.

SCHEDULE

Music Makers (K5-1st gr)
Young Musicians (2nd -5th gr)
3:00-3:30 Refreshment time
3:30-4:30 music time
4:30-5:10 Handbells

Meal 5:00-5:50pm Taco night for all
6:00pm Small Groups
6:00pm Youth (YC)
6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (CH)
7:00pm Choir

Please call the church office by Tuesday to make your reservations for the meal each week.

Meal tickets are available for purchase.

Platform Ministries at the Old Little Lambs Preschool--We are excited to share with you that St. John's has entered into a Lease with Option to Purchase arrangement for the old LLPS with Platform Ministries. Jarred Skinner and his team intend to create an after school and summer program for children that engages the heart, mind, and body. More can be learned at platformministries.net. An incremental monthly payment has been established as a part of the agreement. Pray for Jarred and Platform ministries as they seek to provide a positive and encouraging atmosphere for children in our community. For more information contact Jarred at: 256-735-6060. A special thanks goes to Brannon Ray who worked diligently with St. John's, Jarred, and the city of Cullman to come to this arrangement. Take time to express your appreciation to him for his efforts.

NEDED a few elite leaders for Sunday School !
.Don't spend another year wishing you had stepped off the sidelines - Contact Stephanie at: stephjowers@bellsouth.net or 256-962-0211

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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!

<u>In Hospital</u>: Maxine Whisenhunt, Juanita Schuman, David Neal
Home :

SJStudents

Middle School & High School

YOUTH CENTRAL

<u>Sunday</u>

Sunday School: 9:30

<u>Wednesday</u>

ELEVATE-- Middle & High School
6-7:15pm

High School Small Groups
Connect with Trent for more info

STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Get info and updates on all things student ministry sent to you in a text message!
Text "@sjstudent" to 81010 to begin receiving updates!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!
Instagram and Facebook - @sjyouthlive
Snapchat - sjstudents

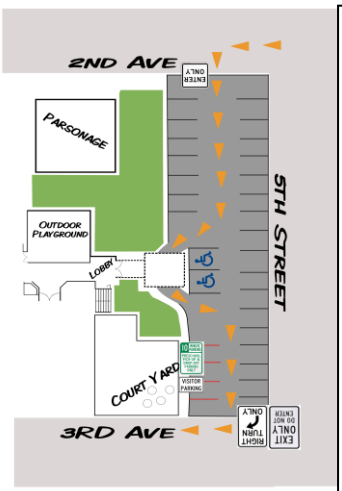
Trent Dodson, Youth Pastor: trent.dodson@sjepc.com cell: 205-910-2741

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.

YOUNG ADULTS BIBLE STUDY—Sr. in high school or 18yrs. to late 20's? Connect with us every Monday from 4-5:00pm in the Youth Center. Contact Nathan Williams if you have questions or for more information: 443-903-9249 or email: nathan.williams@sjepc.com. Come and bring a friend!

STAFF EMAIL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Tiffany Richter, Director of Music Ministries	tiffany.richter@sjepc.com
Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth	trent.dodson@sjepc.com
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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:

August 11, 2019
Attendance:
8:00 124
9:30 102
10:30 182
Total: 408
Offering: $16,717.36 (Plate offering)
$2,865.00 (online offering)

Cheerful Giving
Reducing our Debt in 2019
BTN YTD 2019 $28,036.00

Gifts Given:

A rug was purchased for the youth center in loving memory of Doug for our 60th wedding anniversary by Jo Webb.

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS—Monday-Thursday 8-4:00pm; Friday 8-12pm

WAYS TO GIVE

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

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS 8am-4pm Monday ---Thursday; 8am-12pm Friday

Sunday — August 18
12:00p Sr. 2020 lunch with the Pastors (Heritage Hall)
6:00p Youth (YC)

Monday – August 19
12:00pm Kiwanis Meeting and Lunch (CH)
4:00pm Young Adults Bible Study (YC)
6:00pm Cullman Lions Club (CH)

Tuesday- August 20
7:00amMen's Fellowship Breakfast (CH)
9-12pm PLARN- (HH)
1:30pm Knit and Stitch-(RB)
6:00pm Church Council Meeting (CR)
6:30pm Cullman Women Sing (choir suite)

Wednesday-August 21
10:00am Knit n Stitch (RB)
3:00p-5:10p Music Makers / Young Musicians
5:00pm Meal (Taco Night for everyone)
6:00pm Small Groups
6:00pm Youth (YC)
6:00pm Praise Band Rehearsal (CH)
7:00pm Choir (Choir Suite)

Thursday –August 22
8:15a 55 Alive Road trip
9:00 am Ladies Bible Study (Confirmation Room)
12:00pm Rotary Luncheon and Meeting (CH)
2:00 pm Victim Services (RB)

CONNECT

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

SAFE SANCTUARIES
Reducing the Risk of Abuse in the Church for Children and Youth

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, Anna McGriff (rehab)
Morningside: Doris Keathley
Hanceville Nursing Home: Miriam Jones, Virginia Nail
Woodland Village: Bea Mack; Dot York
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, Frances Murphy; Jackson Ray; Cliff Kirkwood; Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle; Maxine Whisenhunt; Virginia Nail; Greg Sears; Jack Stevens; Debbie Shear, Etna Rigsby; Steve Hinkle

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Jean Lackey; Paula Bolzle; Jennifer Brown; Dixie Davis Bailey; Ricky Lee; Phil Parris; Wyatt Nelson; Lillie Handley

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