SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874 Cullman, Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

August 9, 2020 **Liturgical Color: Green** **9:00 am and 11:00am (Christ Hall)**

WORSHIP
thru August 16th

We will continue to broadcast the 9:00 a.m. service via Facebook from Christ Hall.

SJ's FALL SCHEDULE

Sunday

Beginning August 23rd

- Worship–Christ Hall 9 & 11am
  Online and in person
- Sunday School 10:10-10:50am
  for Children and Adults

** many children's class locations have changed. See the SJ's Children's Ministry Page to see latest information.

Wednesday's

Begin August 26th

*No Meals will be offered this fall.

Small Groups, Confirmation and Youth : 6:00-7:00pm

***NOTE:**

Adjustments will be made as necessary. Watch your email and text messages from your group leaders.

Download the **Church Center App** today!! Connect and receive important- up to the minute messages from your small groups!

GATHERING POINTS FOR GROUPS AND WORSHIP

Keep in mind, we are in a fluid situation and our facilities and services can possibly change at any given time.

- If a positive test of an individual that has been onsite, an outbreak of the virus occurs, or unavoidable situation arise, we will do our best to keep you up to date and informed of the next step.
- ***Face coverings: With the new updated state mask ordinance, face coverings are highly recommended but not required to wear in worship services.***
- ***Been around someone who has tested positive?*** If so, we kindly ask that you please remain at home until your test comes back negative and you are cleared by your Doctor before rejoining us in person.
- ***Feel Sick? Have a fever?*** Again, we ask that you please remain and home and join us online until you are fever free. We are trying our best to share clean, safe spaces, while being mindful of many health needs of individuals.
- At this time, we will continue with no children's Sunday School or nursery care during worship services.
- Continue to wash your hands frequently. You will find several hand sanitizing stations around Christ Hall.
- ***OFFERING / TITHES***—baskets are available by each entry door in Christ Hall.
- ***WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN***—At this current time, we will not be handing out church bulletins. Bulletins are found weekly on the church web site (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.

Parents, for the 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 during this COVID19 Virus time

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 basket as you exit today or fill out an online prayer card*. Thank you for joining us today either virtually or in person!

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

- **Mrs. Gail Mauldin,** wife of Ted. Celebration of life service will be held on August 14th at 11:00am at St. John's Church, Rev. John Richter, officiating.
- **Mr. Ed Henke,** husband of Dottie. A graveside service was held last week at Cullman City Cemetery by Rev. John Richter.

FALL SMALL GROUPS KICKOFF—Please make sure we have your correct email address in the church office. Please email: karen.hassell@sjepc.com with your updated email.

PLASTIC BAGS—we are not currently accepting plastic bags. Hold til further notice.

Online Connect Card—We would love the opportunity to connect with you! Visit www.sjepc.com and fill out a new card so we can introduce ourselves to you and answer any questions you might have!

EMAIL INFORMATION –Is your email address up to date? Email your new information to: karen.hassell@sjepc.com or by calling the church office.

DO YOU HAVE A NEED??--If you are homebound during this time, and there is something we can do for you, please call the office (256-734-0344) and let us know your need. We will try to help you out!

STAY CONNECTED WITH US!!

- **Sign up for notifications** from the *SJ Facebook page* **(**turn on notifications for SJ's)
- Worship Service available on **(www.sjepc.com) either or watch with us on FB live!**
- **Email:** make sure we have your current email in the office

Ways to Give Tithes and Offerings and Special Gifts:-- W***ays you can give:* * church website** (www.sjepc.com) and click the giving tab ***Mail your check to the church**: St. John's Church, 512 2nd Ave SE, Cullman Al 35055 ***"Text to Give"*** text **84321** follow the prompt ***complete an authorization** form for Visa, MasterCard, Discover or debit card ***call the office before you come** and we can come out to your car.

Our Faithful Giving: August 2, 2020:
Offering: $13,834.00 (plate and mail)
$ 8,642.71 (online)

Reducing our Debt in 2020
BTN YTD 2020 $46,965.99

Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

KIDS AND SJ STUDENTS STAY CONNECTED DURING COVID19!!

SJ Kids: SJs Children's Ministry Website

Stay connected with activities, lessons, Bible Verses and Stephanie's great recipes to make!

SJ Tweens: connect weekly Wednesday ZOOM Meetings!

SJ Students: student Instagram page (@sjyouthlive)

Trent will be live every Wednesday night at 6 pm for a devotion , time of worship and encouragement.

ZOOM with HIGH SCHOOL BOYS - Monday @ 6pm
HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS - Tuesday @ 6pm
MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS - Thursday @ 5:30pm
MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS - Thursday @ 6pm

Summer Office Hours
Monday –Thursday 8:00-4:00pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

ST. JOHN'S RAPID RESPONSE TEAM . . . .*now forming***.** If you are interested in joining St. Johns Rapid Response Team please notify Chad Knop or Karen Hassell in the church office. The team will provide assistance in the event of a medical problem/emergency that occurs at St. Johns. Medical background preferred but not required. We will need Members from all 3 services.

Cullman NAR-ANON Group Meetings--The NAR-ANON family group meetings are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's Addiction. We offer Help by sharing our experiences, strength, and hope.
We carry the message of Hope by letting others know that they are not alone by practicing the 12 Steps of NAR-ANON and changing our own Attitudes. We Respect Your Anonymity. Our program is not a Religious one but a Spiritual way of Life. Meetings are held at Grace Episcopal Church on Tuesday evenings @ 6:30 pm.
Contact Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 256-736-3470 for more Information.

Cullman AA Group Meetings –If you or someone you know might need to attend, group meetings are held at: 1519 St. Joseph St. NW, Cullman. Additional meetings are held at Grace Episcopal Church on Monday and Thursday at 7:00pm; and also at Sacred Heart Church on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Contact: Nancy Clemmons Moore 256-347-8543 or 256-735-1717 for more information.

55ALIVE UPCOMING DESTINATION TRIPS

**** As of right now, The Ark Trip and Savannah Trip are still planned as scheduled.**
Stay tuned, in the event trips are cancelled due to COVID 19.

- **The Ark Encounter, Williamstown Ky—September 24-26**. If you're interested in this trip, call the office to sign up. 15 rooms are on hold for this trip. Trip details available in the church office.
- **EA Convocation, Torrington, Ct**.—Postponed until 2021
- **Christmas in Savannah, Ga—Dec. 4-8th.** Join us for a wonderful journey to Savannah and surrounding sites to experience the season! See full itinerary and brochure in the church. $100 non-refundable deposit due by October 1 with final full payment for trip due by November 10th.

Questions? *See Karen Hassell or call the church office.*

A CARING CHURCH ? At St. John's we long to be a caring church. Most churches share this desire, but to actually be a caring church requires all of our participation in member-to-member care. First and foremost, it begins in the friendships and relationships you establish with your brothers and sisters in Christ. A great way—in fact *the primary* way—to connect to caring, Christ-centered friendships at SJs is to get involved with one of our many groups. Each of our groups are encouraged to nurture biblical member-to-member care for one another.

And, secondly, caring churches are intentional churches. Care doesn't just happen. It takes purposeful effort! Thus, our hope is that our groups will be intentional in listening to, looking out for, and praying with one another. Take time in your groups to develop a process to care for one another.

We also want to offer good pastoral care during the more trying seasons of life. By God's grace, our church has the privilege of shepherding several hundred people who look to SJs as their church "home." Even though each of our services may feel relatively small or medium-sized, the sum total of our congregation is quite large. This simply means that we have to think wisely, biblically, and creatively on how to care for the spiritual well-being of a congregation this size. This, too, takes intentionality both on your part and the part of our staff.

We have recognized that we are best at remembering specifics when prayer requests are written down. So we want to make sure you have easy channels to ask for prayer and care. You'll find prayer cards in the sanctuary and Christ Hall and, of course, calls, emails, and texts are best to set up appointments. We'd love to see our care and prayer ministry grow and even explore new avenues. If that's a part of your heartbeat, we'd like to hear how God is prompting you to join in this ministry.~~Grace and Truth, Reverend John and Pastor Nate

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!

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.

Download the Church Center App today!!
Connect with Groups, Give & Register for events in one spot!!

SJStudents

Middle School & High School

YOUTH CENTRAL

During Covid19 Keep your students connected by:

SJ Students: student Instagram page (@sjyouthlive)
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Sunday

Sunday School: 9:30

High School Small Groups
Connect with Trent for more info

Wednesday

High School 6-7:15pm
Youth Center

Middle School

Basement of the Ruehl Building from 6-7pm each Wednesday! Shorter, more interactive service tailor-made for our 6-8th grade students! You can follow along with the curriculum on youtube! Go to the highlands student's youtube and find the "highlands students city group curriculum!

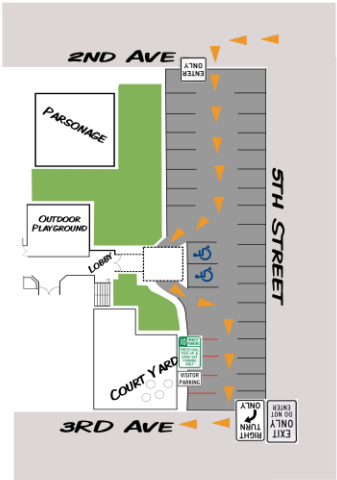
STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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

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

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 ea

55 ALIVE 2020 ROADTRIPS :

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Several of our 2020 Roadtrips have been cancelled or rescheduled. Watch for more information to come.

For more information or details, come by the church office to pick up a brochure of the planned trips. Sign up deadlines for each trip, deposits and trip costs are found in the brochure. Questions? Contact Karen Hassell by email: karen.hassell@sjepc.com **or text: 256-708-3557.**

July: trip cancelled

August: Jewel in the Crown Tour: St. John's Episcopal Church, Hamilton Place Plantation Home, Rattle and Snap Plantation Home: Mt Pleasant Grille, Columbia Tn;

September: The Ark Encounter, Williamstown, Ky

October 22 --Chihuly Hand blown Glass Exhibit/ Cheekwood Gardens, Nashville Tn.

November: All day shopping trip to Opry Mills; Nashville Tn

December: Christmas in Savannah, Ga.

SJ's SECURITY TEAMS – 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:

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Rev. Nate (Pastor Nate) Randall, Associate Pastor	nate.randall@sjepc.com
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Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant, Facility Coordinator, Sr. Adult Travel	karen.hassell@sjepc.com

St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church
512 2nd Ave SE Cullman Al 35055 256-734-0344 website: www.sjepc.com

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.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mary Barnes, Fred Bussey, Wescoat Free, Will Harding, Willy Hendrix, Babs Herfurth, Billy Jackson, Matthew Laney, Don McKenzie, Matt Schlosser, 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.

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.

Assisted Living:
Folsom Center: Dee Jordan
Morningside: Doris Keathley
Hanceville Nursing Home: Virginia Nail, Juanita Schuman
Woodland Village: Bea Mack; Dot York, Jim Jones
Westminster- Inez Ruehl

ST. JOHN'S 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: Frances Murphy; Jackson Ray; Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle; Maxine Whisenhunt; Virginia Nail; Jack Stevens; Debbie Shear, Etna Rigsby; Tommy Durden

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Jean Lackey; Paula Bolzle; Jennifer Brown; Ricky Lee; Phil Parris; Lillie Handley; Mike Lee; Chuck Kurtz; Blake Cleveland; Karrie Dyson; Sarah Laney

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 .

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."