



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874 Cullman, Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

November 8, 2020

Liturgical Color: Green

9:00 am and 11:00am (Christ Hall)

Created For A Purpose

Christmas Workshop
Saturday December 12th
9:00am -1:30pm
For girls 3rd – 8th grades



Camper Registration:

<https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/570086>

Counselor Registration:

<https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/570098>

\$65 per camper

**Cost covers: 4 Holiday Projects
Materials Lunch T-Shirt**

For additional information or scholarship information, please contact Stephanie at 256-734-0344

November 23 MEMBERSHIP RECOGNITION SUNDAY



If you are interested in formally joining SJ's at this time, contact the church office or email: karen.hassell@sjepc.com to schedule a meeting with Rev. John prior to membership Sunday.

Q & A WITH THE PASTORS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
AFTER THE EARLY SERVICE

Sign up on the Church Center Ap!
Registration now open

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



The church office will be closed on Wednesday Nov. 11 in observance of Veteran's Day

ST. JOHN'S MONDAY PRAYER COLLECTIVE

Are you receiving *SJ's Monday Prayer Collective* email?

If not, and you would like to be included on the list, please email : karen.hassell@sjepc.com or call the church office with your email address.



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!

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**) **watch on FB live or livestream**
- **Email:** make sure we have your current email in the office

LAST WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR FALL QUARTER --Wednesday Nov. 4 was our last night for fall small groups and SJ Kids. Watch SJ's Kids Ministry page for exciting weekly lessons and special things to make and do!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST— meets each Tuesday morning- 7:00 am. in Christ Hall.

THANK YOU—Dear St. John's Family, Thank you for your prayers and concern during the illness and loss of my brother, Dennis Dobbins. We were blessed by these and your memorial for him. ~ Regina Baker and Family

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

HOSPITAL – Conner Laney, Jerry Schuman, Bobby Shannon

Home: Beck Peinhardt , Betty Gibbs

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 in worship and community life.

CHURCHWIDE EMAILS—Are you receiving emails from the church? If not, please call the church office or email: (karen.hassell@sjepc.com) to give us your updated address so you will not miss out on important information from the church.

Up Dating Email Addresses and Phone Numbers--We are currently in the process of moving our church wide email to a new system. While doing so, we are also in the process of updating all of our email addresses and phone number contacts for the congregation. If you have not been receiving church wide emails, please take a minute to go online and fill out a connect card with your current email address and phone number, so you will not miss important information from the church. (www.sjepc.com)

New to SJ's? *HAVE YOU CONNECTED?* 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!

P.L.A.R.N--Mat making group for the homeless has resumed. Meetings are each week on Tuesday at 9:00am Heritage Hall.

PLASTIC BAGS--We are not currently accepting plastic bags. Hold til further notice.

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 will be held at The Ruehl Building (family life center of St John's Church) Tuesday evenings @ 6:30 pm. Contact Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

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.

SJ's CURRENT WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday's –Christ Hall Only

9a Early Service – in person and online

10:10-10:50a- Sunday School (*Children's class locations have changed*)

11a Late Service- in person only

***NOTE: Adjustments will be made as necessary. Watch Face book, email and text messages for information.**

GATHERING POINTS FOR GROUPS AND WORSHIP

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

- *Face coverings: With the updated state mask ordinance, face coverings are highly recommended but not required to wear in worship services and classes.*
- *If a positive test of an individual that has been onsite, an outbreak of the virus occurs, we will do our best to keep you up to date and informed of the next step.*
- ***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.*
- *Wash your hands frequently*

WEEKLY CHURCH BULLETIN—currently we will not be handing out church bulletins. Bulletins are uploaded weekly on the church web site (www.sjepc.com) under the ABOUT US tab.

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!

Tithes and Offerings and Special Gifts: Baskets are located by each entry door in Christ Hall.

Ways 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: Nov. 1, 2020:
 Offering: \$12,585.00 (plate and mail)
 \$ 6,507.26 (online)

Reducing our Debt in 2020
 BTN YTD 2020 \$51,008.99

Sanctuary Project- \$70,265.00

Gifts Given:

BTN:
Memory of: Jim Witte, Ed Henke, Margaret Richter, Bobby and Bobbie Cleghorn, Bert McGriff by Sandra Sloan

Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

Office Hours
 Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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.

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!

ST. JOHN’S RAPID RESPONSE TEAM. . . .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 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.



The advertisement features a smartphone on the left displaying the Church Center app logo, which is a blue house icon with a white cross inside. To the right of the phone, the text "INSTALL THE APP" is written in white on a black background. Below this, three green checkmarks are listed with the following text: "FIND A GROUP", "GIVE", and "REGISTER FOR EVENTS". To the right of the phone and text, a dotted-line box contains the following text: "Download the Church Center App today!! Connect with Groups, Give & Register for events in one spot!!".

SJStudents

Middle School & High School

YOUTH CENTRAL

Sunday

Sunday School: 10:10-10:50 am
Youth Center (main gathering area only)

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

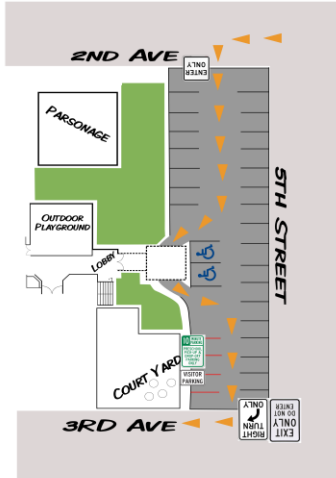
Trent Dodson, Youth Pastor: trent.dodson@sjepc.com cell: 205-910-2741

Wednesday's
6:00 High School
(9-12)
Youth Center

6:00 Middle School
(7-8)
(basement of the
Ruehl Building)

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.

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 First Impression Team member this morning and they will direct you to the nursery.

55 ALIVE 2020 ROADTRIPS :

The Savannah Trip has been cancelled.

Stay tuned, in case trips are cancelled due to rising COVID 19.

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.

November: All day shopping trip to Opry Mills; Nashville Tn
Option to go and drive your own car

December: Christmas in Savannah, Ga. –cancelled

We will find a place to go for a Christmas lunch in December for a little time of socially distance fellowship!

2020 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

Assisted Living:

Folsom Center: Dee Jordan

Morningside: Doris Keathley

Hanceville Nursing Home: Virginia Nail, Juanita Schuman, Inez Ruehl

Woodland Village: Bea Mack; Dot York, Jim Jones

Country Living- Jo Webb

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.**

ST. JOHN'S PRAYER LIST

All prayer requests are very important to us. To make sure we can give your request proper attention, please be sure to communicate with us in writing requests on prayer request cards. 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.

- Our 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 public knowledge—*otherwise it will remain on the Pastor's Prayer list only.*
- Online prayer cards are available on the church website: www.sjepc.com or you may email your prayer request in or drop a note in the offering baskets.
- As your prayer request needs to be removed from the list, please let us know that too.
- Prayer lists are published as space allows.

CHURCH MEMBERS: Conner Laney, Frances Murphy; Jackson Ray; Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle; Maxine Whisenhunt; Virginia Nail; Jack Stevens; Debbie Shear, Etna Rigsby; Tommy Durden; Judy Dean; Sandra Sloan; Rachel Riley

CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Jean Lackey; Lillie Handley, Geoff McGukin

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—USS Harry S. Truman; Major Kellie Scott Hyatt—Cullman, Al ; Lt. Cmdr. Scott and Cmdr. Roz Love, Jacksonville Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida; US Navy; A1C Will Sapp US Air Force, Key West, Fl; John Lancaster, US Navy; Major John Forbes, Pentagon.

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."

