



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874 Cullman, Alabama
EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

March 21, 2021

Liturgical Color: Purple

9:00 am (Christ Hall) 11:00am (Sanctuary)
(Live streamed) (Live streamed)



9:00, 10:00 and 11:00
Service times

Service Registrations

Go to:

www.sjepc.com

for more detailed information and to select the service you plan to attend.

Please only select one service.

Easter Sunday Service Times

8:00 Sanctuary

9:00 Christ Hall

Confirmation Class First Communion

10:00 Sanctuary

11:00 Christ Hall

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SERVE OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LINK

Looking to help? The Link is in need of volunteers to assist neighbors in need with their food pantry.

Times available are: March and April

Tuesday's 1:30-4:30pm

or

Thursday's 8:30-11:30 am

- Arrive a few minutes prior to your serve time. Then be ready to greet our neighbors, possibly do a brief intake of paperwork/signature page from them.
- Help take food to their vehicle.
- When things get slow, we pack bags for the next serve or file paperwork.

We are looking for 5 people per date, and have a [digital sign up form that can be accessed here.](#)

SJ KIDS & SJ TWEENS UPCOMING EVENTS



Visit our website - www.sjepc.com to register and for more info on all our events!



SUMMER 2021



Registration Opens
March 1st!

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, YouTube or livestream**
- **Email:** make sure we have your current email in the office

A SEASON OF PREPARATION--Lent is a period of forty days that Christians observe every year just before Easter, typically from late February to early April. The liturgical color for Lent is purple. This is a somber color for the Lenten season which signifies humility, willingness to repent, mourning for the sins and suffering with Jesus.

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 **CONNECT** tab.

PLASTIC BAGS—YES!! We will begin accepting plastic bags after Easter.

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.

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

THANK YOU- We would like to express our sincere gratitude for the love and prayers, cards and the beautiful plant sent in memory of Vic. A special thank you to Rev. Johns for his visits and prayers. We are blessed and grateful for our wonderful church family. ~ The Family of Vic Self

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.

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.

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 both services for team.

2021 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kurt Apel, Mary Barnes, Fred Bussey, Champ Crocker, Billy Jackson, Michelle Joiner, Matthew Laney, Don McKenzie, Matt Schlosser, Ronnie Scott, Christine Wiggins, Stacie Wren.

2021 Council Officers:

Billy Jackson, President; Matt Schlosser, VP;
Christine Wiggins, Secretary; Matthew Laney,
Treasurer

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 @ 6:00 pm. Contact Don or Nancy McKenzie 256-736-3327 or 256-736-3470 for more information.

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!

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.

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 (256-734-0344) with your email address.



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. Keeping our congregation as safe as possible is very important to us. Therefore we suggest the following:

- **Face coverings:** *With the updated state mask ordinance, face coverings are highly recommended but not required to wear in worship services and classes at this time.*
- 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. Watch your email and the church webpage (www.sjepc.com) for up to date information.
- **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

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!

Our Faithful Giving:

March 14, 2021:

Offering:

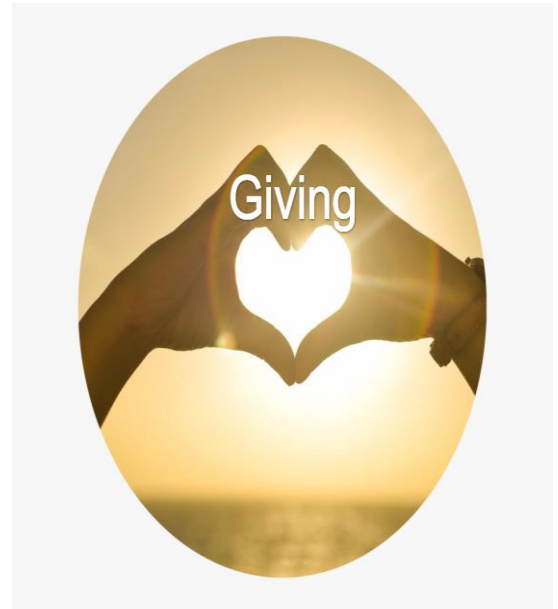
\$13,163.00 (plate and mail)

\$ 6,753.10 (online)

Reducing our Debt in 2021

BTN YTD 2021

\$10,039.00



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

Gifts given:

Glory of God

Memory of Vic Self by Mike and Linda Isbell

Memory of Sara and Karl Ruehl, David Richter, Hubert Richter and Michael Richter by Esther K. Fraser widow of Rev. Richard Fraser.

Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

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.

Download the Church
Center App today!!

Connect with Groups,
Give & Register for events
in one spot!!

YOUTH CENTRAL

**During Lent, the Youth will
have their own Lenten service in the
Youth Center.**

Wednesday's 6:00pm-7:00pm

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

Church Office Hours

Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm

Friday 8:00am-12:00pm



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:

Sandra Sloan, Judy Dean, Conner Laney, Virginia Nail; Rachel Riley, Frances Murphy, Jackson Ray, Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle, Maxine Whisenhunt, Jack Stevens, Etna Rigsby, Tommy Durden; Michael Hudson, Johnnie Miller, Ed Harbison; Ronnie Pattillo; Tommy McNeal, Anna McGriff, Corky Shavers, Betty Gibbs, Donna Byram; Allan Pelletier- Custodial issues

All those suffering with and recovering from Covid19 Virus;
All Doctors and Nurses at Cullman Regional Hospital
Doctor's and Staff and Urgent Care Facilities
Our Nation
Tell It Groups

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Charlotte Cheatham, Lillie Handley, Ernie Moore, Wayne and Adana Pense (Debbie Stone's sister and brother in law); Katie Wesley (daughter of Linda Wesley), Oscar Luria (grandfather of Nathan (Bailie) Williams; Williams, Luria and Scheafer Families (Nathan and Bailie Williams Family); Toni Sutfin; Rusty Morrow

MILITARY ADDRESSES --If you have friends or family currently serving in the US Military, our card minist 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.

Currently Serving: 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; Nicholas Sargent, US Marines; Staff Sergeant Josh Ryan, USAF, Eglin AFB

Assisted Living:

Folsom Center: Dee Jordan

Morningside: Doris Keathley

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

Woodland Village: Bea Mack; Dot York, Jim Jones

Country Living- Jo Webb

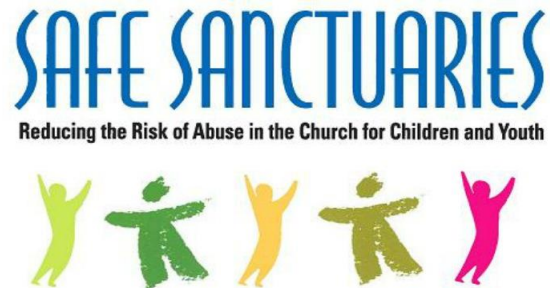
Safe SANCTUARIES

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!

Look for Ushers, First Impression Team Members 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 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!

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."

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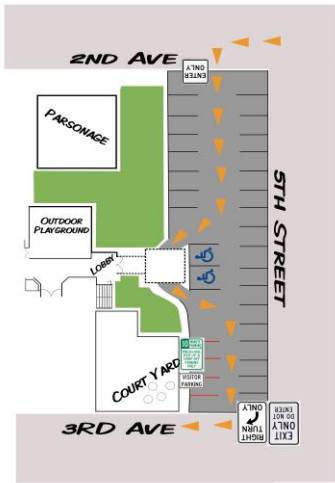
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website: www.sjepc.com

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

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

Thank you for visiting our site!!