



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874 Cullman, Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

April 18, 2021

Liturgical Color: White

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

ATTENTION SENIORS

Please submit by email your formal Senior Picture for publication in the online church bulletin. Pictures need to be submitted by Friday May 7.

Email: karen.hassell@sjepc.com

2021

TUESDAY MORNING MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday 7:00am
Christ Hall



All men are invited to come for a short devotion time and breakfast.

NOAH'S BIG ADVENTURE

Kids Entering PreK (Age3+) through 2nd Grade

Saturday, June 5th
9am - 2pm

Join us for a fun day as we follow Noah on his quest to follow God's plan and learn about God's promise to His people!
Lunch, T-shirt & Animal Show with 6th Day Creatures included!



Don't miss the boat!
Please register at www.sjepc.com!



TEAM NOAH NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Noah's Big Adventure is our summer 1-Day Event for our PreK-2nd Graders!
Saturday, June 5th 9am-2pm

Adult & Youth Helpers Needed:
Crafts, Music, Story Leader, GameTime, Kitchen Team, Set Up/Decorations

Sign up with Stephanie by text 256-962-0211 or email stephjowers@bellsouth.net



NOTE FROM REV. JOHN

Welcome to the Sardine Section of the sanctuary (11 a.m.). Beginning this Sunday (18th), the back five rows on the main floor will have no seating restrictions. In other words, the back five pews, 10 pews total – 5 on each side of the main aisle, will be fully utilized without concern for distancing. The rest of the sanctuary will remain marked for seating only on every other pew.

We do not, however, wish to turn anyone away from worship and will utilize all space as needed.* If social distancing is a primary concern for you, please consider attending the 9:00 a.m. service in Christ Hall where we have space to be together at safer distances.

Thanks again for your patience and prayers during this season!
Grace and Truth, Reverend John

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 !

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

THANK YOU- Dear St. John's Family, Thank you all so very much for all the love and care shown to our sweet mother and family during this time. From prayers and visits to cards and food, the outpouring of love and support was incredible. We love you all! ~ The Whisenhunt Family

PLASTIC BAGS—We are now accepting clean plastic bags.

ONLINE CHURCH BULLETIN- Log onto our church website to see the weekly church bulletin. www.sjepc.com. Next click the connect tab and scroll down to "BULLETIN." We also email the church bulletin link each week for your convenience.

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.

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!

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

APRIL SERVE OPPORTUNITIES

The Link of Cullman County-- is looking for volunteers to assist neighbors in need with their food pantry. Times available for April:

Tuesday's 1:30-4:30pm or Thursday's 8:30-11:30am.

What will you be doing?

- 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.](#)

YOUTH CENTRAL

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

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

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!

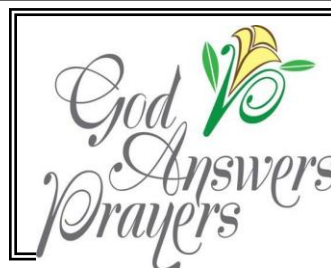
Instagram and Facebook - @sjyouthlive
Snapchat – sjstudents

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

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.



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.

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.

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

**Our Faithful Giving:
April 11, 2021:**

Offering:
\$13,045.00 (plate and mail)
\$ 7,140.85 (online)

Reducing our Debt in 2021
BTN YTD 2021
\$11,219.00

Gifts Given;

Glory of God

A gift is given in honor of the Revelations Quartet for lending their beautiful voices in the celebration of our mother's life. They brought peace and comfort to all of us, family and friends by David and Rosemary Herge and Mark and Wendy Whisenhunt

BTN

Memory of Maxine Whisenhunt
by George and Brenda Scott; Bill and Geraldine Hendrix

Memory of Trey Campbell by Bill and Geraldine Hendrix

Women's Guild

Memory of Maxine Whisenhunt
by Mary Green

*Thank you for your continued
faithfulness!*

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:** *At the current time, with the Governor's mask order now rescinded, it is an individual's choice to wear a mask. If you feel you need to wear a mask, that is perfectly fine. We still support social distancing and sanitizing as best we can in all areas of our facilities.*

- 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



Tithes, Gifts and Special Offerings

Baskets are locate by the entry doors of Christ Hall and offering plates are located by the entry door in the Sanctuary

Ways to 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.

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 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:

Tommy Durden; Sandra Sloan, Judy Dean, Conner Laney, Virginia Nail; Rachel Riley; Jackson Ray; Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle; Jack Stevens; Etna Rigsby; Michael Hudson; Johnnie Miller; Ed Harbison; Ronnie Pattillo; Anna McGriff, Corky Shavers; Betty Gibbs; Donna Byram
Our Nation

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ernie Moore, Katie Wesley (daughter of Linda Wesley); Rusty Morrow; Michael Taylor; Lillie Handley- cancer; Baker Shoemaker-leukemia

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 mail 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.

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



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.

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
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Tiffany Richter, Director of Music Ministries	tiffany.richter@sjepc.com
Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth	trent.dodson@sjepc.com
Lisa Buchanan, Director Little Lambs Preschool	lisa.buchanan@sjepc.com
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Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant, Facility Coordinator, Sr. Adult Travel	karen.hassell@sjepc.com

Church Office Hours

Monday –Thursday
8am-5pm

Friday
8:00am-12:00pm

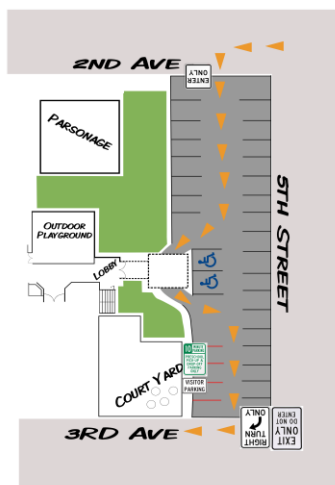
St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church
512 2nd Ave SE
Cullman Al 35055
256-734-0344
website: www.sjepc.com

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

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

*Thank you for visiting our
site!!*

An advertisement for the Church Center App. On the left, a smartphone displays the app's logo, which is a blue house icon with a green roof, and the text "church center" below it. 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 next to the following text: "FIND A GROUP", "GIVE", and "REGISTER FOR EVENTS". To the right of the phone and list, the text "Download the Church Center App today!!" is written in a large, black, serif font. Below that, the text "Connect with Groups, Give & Register for events in one spot!!" is written in a smaller, black, serif font.

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