



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874 Cullman, Alabama
EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

April 4, 2021

Liturgical Color: White
Easter Sunday

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

2021 CONFIRMATION CLASS

Brantley Parker Apel	son of Mr. and Mrs. Hank Apel
Paige Alexandra Bradfield	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Bradfield
Evan James Carter	grandson of Ms. Martha Carter
	son of Mr. Stephen Carter
	Ms. Angel Whitehead
Will James Cooner	grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Posey
	son of Mr. Adam Cooner Sr.
	Ms. Laura Cooner
Henry Francis Crocker	son of Mr. and Mrs. Champ Crocker
Mabry Alice Free	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wescoat Free
Mason Michael Fuller	son of Ms. Tricia Fuller
	Mr. and Mrs. Michael Fuller
Andrew David Green	son of Dr. and Mrs. Shannon Green
Kaylee Ann Johnson	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnson
Claire Elizabeth McPhillips	daughter of Mr. John McPhillips
	daughter of Ms. Rachel McPhillips
Emmaline Margaux Powell	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Powell
Emmaline Belle Richter	daughter of Mrs. Andria Sims
	Mr. Mark Richter
Vivianne Ovella Richter	daughter of Reverend Dr. John and Tiffany Richter
Mary Rose Sears	daughter of Mrs. Samphors June Sar Sears and the late Mr. Greg Sears
Gracie Faith Smith	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smith
Grayson Christopher Smith	son of Mr. and Mrs. Christopher J. Smith
Benjamin Grant Verbon Stidham	son of Doctor's Jeremy and Katie Stidham
Addie Reese Townson	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Townson
Cora Arden Wiggins	daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Wiggins

He is Risen!

Easter is one of the most important celebrations for Christians. Today we celebrate Resurrection of Jesus from the dead. The Bible tells us Christ died on the cross on Good Friday. According to the Bible, Jesus was then resurrected and came back to life on Easter Sunday. The liturgical color for Easter Sunday is white symbolizing the purity and holiness of Jesus as the Son of God.

Today is the day our 2021 Confirmation Class receives their First Communion received into membership of the church.

The Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

The Invitation
The consecration of The Bread and Cup
The Giving of the Bread
Communion Meditation
The Giving of the Cup
The Prayer of Devotion to Christ

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

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED- The church office will be closed Easter Monday April 5.

SYMPATHIES: Please be in prayer for the following families who experienced loss this past week:

- Maxine Whisenhunt, mother of Rosemary (David) Herge, Mark (Wendy) Whisenhunt and sister of Evelyn (bobby) Edison. Funeral service was held today at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church.
- Trey Campbell, husband of Jordan (Schwaiger) Campbell, son in law of Steve (Lila) Schwaiger.
- Oscar Luria, grandfather of Nathan (Baillie) Williams;

CROSSES OF COMMITMENT- Have you brought your cross yet? If not, it's not to late for your family to participate. Your family is invited to bring a cross to hang on the wall in the Atrium. Crosses can be up to 9" x14" and placed in the designated space. Nails and hammer are provided at the Welcome Desk area for your convenience, to allow your family to hang up your cross together. If you prefer not to hang it yourself, leave on the desk and we will gladly hang for you.

EASTER LILIES

Easter Lilies are placed in the church today:

In Honor of:

Emmaline Richter, 2021 Confirmand by her mom
Mabry Free, 2021 Confirmand by her parents
Henry Francis Crocker, 2021 Confirmand by his parents
Mason Fuller by his mom
Paige Bradfield by her parents
Brant Apel by Kurt, Megan, John Henry, Macey and William Apel
Larry and Janet Holt by Allen, Ashley, Mae, CoCo, and Abs
Mary Green and in remembrance of Richard Green by Allen, Ashley, Mae, CoCo and Abs
Allen, Mary Ashley, Co Co and Abbott by Ashely
Donna Richter by Tim Richter
Katie Beard by Tim Richter
Leslie Richter by Tim Richter
Honor of all the faithful members of SJ's for enduring this past year of coronavirus by anonymous

Loving Memory:

Margaret Richter by Jayne, Calvin and Kathyryne
Irby Owens by Wade and Gyzelle Warren
Whit Warren by Wade and Gyzelle Warren
Mrs. Raymond McCutchen by Charlie and Yvonne Krenkel
Mrs. Andrew Krenkel by Charlie and Yvonne Krenkel
Oscar Luria by Nathan and Bailie Williams
Trey Campbell by Nathan and Bailie Williams
Ed Henke by Dottie Henke
Alverna Frey by Patsy Giles and Diana Alldredge
Hazel Kessler by Patsy Giles and Diana Alldredge
My parents by Joan Dunlap
Boots and WC Dunlap by Joan Dunlap
My husband Larry Dunlap by Joan Dunlap

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.

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.

CHURCH SECURITY FIREARMS TRAINING CLASS

When: April 17th from 9:30am – 3:00pm
Where: Cullman Shooting Sports
What: This class is specially designed for church security teams. It is a four (4) hour class and limited to **eight (8) participants**. Instruction includes air soft fire, live fire, and force on force training.
Cost: \$75 (payable day of class only).
Sign up with Karen Hassell in the church office.
***note:** To be on the church security team, does not include a regular weekly or monthly rotation on the team. If you carry and would like to be a silent member on the team, we need you to attend the safety training class first.

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

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.

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.](#)

The image displays three promotional posters for summer events at St. John's Church. The top-left poster is dark blue with white text, advertising a 'BUILT FOR A PURPOSE' ministry for boys from June 15th to 17th. The top-right poster is yellow with a drawing of Noah's Ark, advertising 'St. John's Summer Blast 2021' for kids aged 3 to 2nd grade, running from June 5th 9am to 2pm. The bottom-left poster is pink and green, advertising a 'CREATED FOR A PURPOSE' creative arts camp for girls from July 12th to 16th. A large white text overlay at the bottom right of the posters reads 'Registration Opens March 1st!'.

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.

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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

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

Our Faithful Giving: March 28, 2021:

Offering:

\$12,889.00 (plate and mail)

\$ 5,806.65 (online)

Reducing our Debt in 2021

BTN YTD 2021

\$10,264.00

Gifts given: Glory of God

***Memory of Maxine Whisenhunt**

By a fellow member of our 1950 confirmation Class; Lawrence and Melanie Herge; Regina Baker; Karen Hassell; James and Suzanne Shavers; Roy and Carole Williams; Ronald and Virginia Pattillo; Karen Ploppert

***2021 Confirmation Class** by Ashley and Allen Green and Amy and Matt Page;

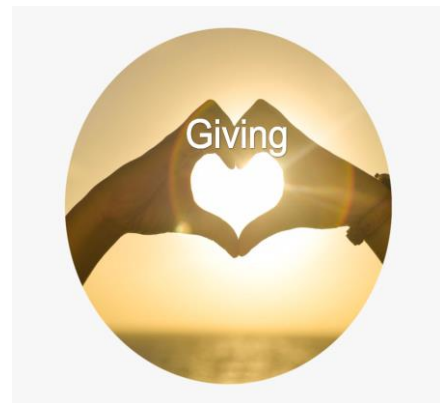
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***Memory of Maxine Whisenhunt**
by Bill Herfurth; Kay Powell

Women's Guild

***Memory of Maxine Whisenhunt**
by Dottie Henke

*Thank you for your continued
faithfulness!*



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.

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.

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

YOUTH CENTRAL

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

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, 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
Our Nation

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Charlotte Cheatham, Ernie Moore, Wayne and Adana Pense (Debbie Stone's sister and brother in law); Katie Wesley (daughter of Linda Wesley), Toni Sutfin; Rusty Morrow

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

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
Stephanie Jowers, Director Children's Ministries	stephjowers@sjepc.com
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
Nathan Williams, Pastoral Intern (20+ group)	nathan.williams@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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Church Office Hours

Monday –Thursday
8am-5pm

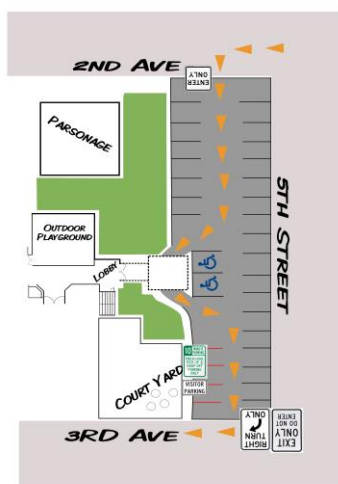
Friday
8:00am-12:00pm

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!!



**INSTALL
THE APP**

- ✓ FIND A GROUP
- ✓ GIVE
- ✓ REGISTER FOR EVENTS

Download the Church Center App today!!

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