SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874 Cullman. Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

June 6, 2021 **Liturgical Color: Green** **9:00 am (Christ Hall) 11:00am (Sanctuary)**

www.sjepc.com **(Live stream available for 9:00am)**

July 4 Weekend Schedule

1 Service Sunday
9:30am- Christ Hall

Join us for
BRUNCH IN THE ATRIUM

Come and join us for a special light brunch before service!
sausage biscuit, fruit and cheese
As our special guests, we will invite our City Police Department to drop by and grab a quick bite.

Brunch: 8:45-9:30

Sign up on the church website and let us know your coming!

www.sjepc.com

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

St. John's Constitution Updates Open Meetings

June Open Meeting: Sunday, June 20, 6 pm
July Open Meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 6 pm

Vote: Sunday, August 8

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!

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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

SYMPATHY—The minister's and congregation express their love and concerns to the family of Mrs. Marcey Laseter grandmother of Jessica (Trent) Lowry.

VISITORS

Thanks for visiting our site today! Feel free to call and set up an appointment with our Senior Pastor, Rev. John Richter or Associate Pastor Rev. Nate Randall @ 256-734-0344 if you have questions and would like to schedule and appointment to learn more about SJ's.

You may also check out our website **www.sjepc.com** to learn more about St. John's.

SANCTUARY SOCIAL DISTANCING

The back five (5) rows on each side of the Sanctuary are marked off for non--social distancing for those who feel comfortable to sit there.

The remaining rows forward, both wings and balcony are still marked off for social distancing at the current time.

NURSERY

Nursery is available for newborns up to 3 yrs. of age at all worship services and during Sunday School. Please see any usher or First Impression Team member or Usher this morning and they will direct you to the nursery.

Worship Beginning Sunday, August 1

9:00 – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary

(order and format like you're accustomed to without weekly communion)

10:10-10:50 – Sunday School – classes for all ages

11:00 – Modern Worship in Christ Hall

(think how we worship now, with the addition of weekly communion)

"***Get Fit!" a new sermon series*** to explore a healthy Christian life. Topics ranging from personal sacrifice to church life to today's hot cultural issues such as abortion and human sexuality.

Baby Bottle Campaign

SUPPORTING LOCAL MINISTRY

First Source for Women

SJ CONTACT: GLENNA LAMBERT
256-736-8758
PLEASE RETURN FILLED BOTTLES TO SJ'S BY FATHER'S DAY.

Return filled bottles by Father's Day- June 20

Join us for a 3 day camp just for you!
Woodworking, Cooking, Archery, Gun Safety/BB Guns and Fishing!

June 15th - 17th 5 - 8:30pm*
*June 17th ONLY will be 5-9:30pm
St. John's Church
$55/camper*
Register at www.sjepc.com
For additional information, email stephjowers@bellsouth.net.

BUILT FOR A PURPOSE

A ministry for boys entering 3rd - 8th grade.

*Fee includes t-shirt, materials, dinner & snacks.
Scholarships available!

Created For A Purpose 2021

July 12th - 16th 9am - 1:30pm

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!!

We can't wait to see who joins us for an amazing week of sewing, cooking, painting, sculpture & paper projects! Open to girls entering 3rd - 8th grades. Group sizes are limited to ensure a great experience for all! A wait list will be available. $165/camper* (fee includes lunch daily, project materials, t-shirt, devotional & cookbook)

Please Note - To Guarantee T-Shirt, You MUST Register By April 15th!

REGISTER AT WWW.SJEPC.COM

*Scholarships Available! For additional information, contact Stephanie at 256-734-0344.

St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church is now a registered charity with AMAZONsmile!
Below are some commonly asked questions and answers.

Bookmark AMAZONSMILE in your browser today!

Use Smile.Amazon.com To Shop Online & Automatically Donate to **St. John's Church**!

If you love to do your personal or gift shopping online using Amazon.com, please sign up and use **Smile.Amazon.com** instead — and designate **St John's Evangelical Protestant Church** as your preferred charity!

AmazonSmile.com | *Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice---but **you** must designate the charity!* **AMAZONSMILE**

It works just the same as regular Amazon.com — same shipping, same Prime, same everything — but you provide a gift to **St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church** in the process. *Every quarter adds up*! **Thank you for helping!**

To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to **smile.amazon.com** from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. You may also want to add a **bookmark** to **smile.amazon.com** to make it even easier to return and start your shopping at AmazonSmile.

Thank you for considering St. John's for your charitable organization!

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!

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.

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:
May 30, 2021:
Offering: $15,950.56

Reducing our Debt in 2021
BTN YTD $13,734.00

Gift:
Glory to God
Memory of Barbara Bailey by Tim and Shirley Quattlebaum

Thank you for your continued faithfulness!

Tithes, Gifts and Special Offerings

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

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.*
- Watch your email and the church webpage (www.sjepc.com) for up to date information.

W***ays 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:
Johnnie Miller; Pam Key, Tommy Durden; Sandra Sloan, Judy Dean, Conner Laney, Virginia Nail; Rachel Riley; Jackson Ray; Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle; Jack Stevens; Etna Rigsby; Michael Hudson; Ed Harbison; Ronnie Pattillo; Anna McGriff, Betty Gibbs; Donna Byram; Nancy McKenzie; Yon Johnson ; Martin Speegle

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:
Katie Wesley (daughter of Linda Wesley); Rusty Morrow-cancer; Lillie Handley- cancer; Monica Ayers-cancer; Kristen Hawsey Smith-breast cancer; Rev. Jim Barnes, cancer; Baker Shoemaker, remission -treatment; Chris Durden

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.
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
Summerford Nursing Home: Bob Polancich

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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Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth	trent.dodson@sjepc.com
Lisa Buchannan, Director Little Lambs Preschool	lisa.buchanan@sjepc.com
Nathan Williams, Pastoral Intern (20+ group)	nathan.williams@sjepc.com
Jane Brannon, Office Assistant	jane.brannon@sjepc.com
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Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant, Facility Coordinator, Sr. Adult Travel	karen.hassell@sjepc.com

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Church Office Summer Hours

Monday –Thursday
8am-4pm

Friday
8:00am-12:00pm

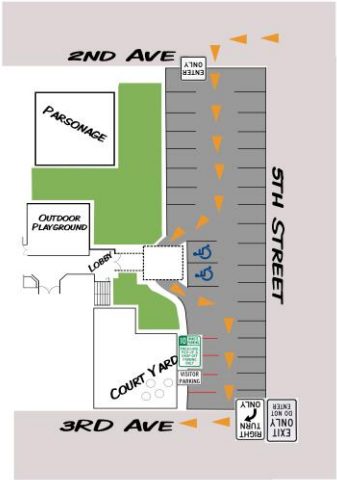
A CARING CHURCH ? At St. John's we long to be a caring church. Most churches share this desire, but to actually be a caring church requires all of our participation in member-to-member care. First and foremost, it begins in the friendships and relationships you establish with your brothers and sisters 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, the traffic flow in the north parking lot is **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!!

Download the Church Center App today!!

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