



# SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

## EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

January 23, 2022

Liturgical Color: Green  
www.sjepc.com

9:00 am (Sanctuary) 11:00 (Christ Hall)  
(Live stream available for Worship Services)



## Marriage Event

February 18-19, 2022

### 148<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Today following the last worship service in Heritage Hall. Four new council members will be elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting. There will be no meal served. The congregation is invited and encouraged to attend.

#### CHURCH COUNCIL NOMINEES

Nominations are now closed to nominate Church Council persons. Nominations are: Corrie Antler, Jamie Laney, Matt Page, Stan Sandlin. They will be elected by acclamation to new three (3) year terms at today at the Annual Meeting. Thank you to the following Council members who have completed their three year terms: Matthew Laney, Don McKenzie, Ronnie Scott, and Christine Wiggins.



### *LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION*

**Jan. 17** Current Student & Siblings  
Registration

**Feb. 7** SJ's Member Registration

**Mar. 7** Open enrollment for the  
public

For additional information contact  
LLS (256)-736-2290 or email:

littlelambspreschool@sjepc.com

### 2021 Offering Statements

Offering Statements have been emailed to the primary email address that we have on file in our church records.

If you did not receive your statement, please check your Spam Folder then let us know by emailing [regina.baker@sjepc.com](mailto:regina.baker@sjepc.com) or calling the church office at 256-734-0344.

Likewise let us know if you need your statement printed and mailed through USPS.

**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](http://www.sjepc.com)) watch on FB live, You Tube or livestream**
- **Email:** make sure we have your current email in the office

**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.

**VISITORS--** Thanks for visiting with us today! We would love the opportunity to sit down and meet with you! Please give us a call to 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 an appointment to learn more about SJ's. You may also check our website **[www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com)** to learn more about St. John's.

**SYMPATHY'S-** The Ministers and Congregation express their love and concerns for the following families who experienced a loss this past week:

- The Family of Mrs. Geraldine Raley McKenzie sister of Joyce Lowry.
- The family Mrs. Masako Luria grandmother of Nathan (Bailie) Williams.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES--**2022 Offering Envelope are now available near the drink machines.

**THANK YOU-** Dear SJ's Church, Thank you for helping us bless 300 children with a merry Christmas! We could not have done it without you all. ~Blessings, Ashley Wilson

**55ALIVE JANUARY ROADTRIP--Thursday January 27<sup>th</sup>** Aliceville, Al . Leave time: 7:45am Return: 5:18pm  
No breakfast stop.

*Cost:* \$7 for seniors (this will need to be paid before we get there. You are welcome to pay on the bus).

*Lunch:* Angie's Place. (local meat and three diner) \$13 per person and includes: meat and 2 sides or salad, french fries or tater tots, chips, tax and your drink. Desserts are \$3 additional (not included). Plus \$5 Gas money. Call the office by January 19 to sign up to go so accurate travel arrangements can be made.

**New to SJ's? HAVE YOU CONNECTED?** We would love the opportunity to connect with you! Visit [www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com) and fill out a new card so we can introduce ourselves to you and answer any questions you might have!

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


### **SANCTUARY AND CHRIST HALL SEATING**

Currently it is **open seating** for both worship services.  
Masks are personal preferences for your health and safety.

## Happening this week:

- Mon. Jan. 24  
8a. Victim's Services (RB)
- Tues. Jan 25  
7a Men's Bible Study and Breakfast (CH)  
9a P.L.A.R.N. (HH)  
6p NARANON (RB)
- Wed. Jan 26  
6p Small Groups Resume  
6p Confirmation (CR)  
6p Youth (YC)  
6p Praise Team Rehearsal (CH)
- Thurs. Jan. 27  
9a Ladies Bible Study  
7:45a 55Alive Roadtrip  
12p Men's Lunch Group (CR)  
12p Rotary (CH)  
1:00p Victim Services (RB)

**Wednesday Groups**  
**Join us!!**  
Learn more and sign up at:  
<https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/groups/adults-wednesday-nights>



Led by Pastor Nate and Jamie Laney

led by Nathan Williams

## **“Get Fit!”**

### *2022 Sermon Series*

We will learn and explore a healthy Christian life. Topics will range from personal sacrifice to church life to today's hot cultural issues such as abortion and human sexuality.

**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.

**YOU WERE  
MADE TO  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.  
TAKE THE  
FIRST STEP  
TODAY.**

 **Get Fit**

*Find out more  
about how you can  
get involved in  
Kingdom service.*

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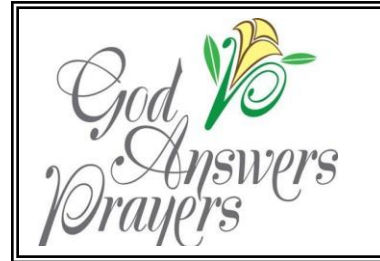
**St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church is now a registered charity with amazonsmile!** Below are some commonly asked questions and answers. Bookmark amazonsmile in your browser today! **THANK YOU!! We have received \$45.15 from the amazonsmile program in 2021. Thank you for designating St. John's Church as your amazonsmile charity.**

**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

### 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](mailto: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.

**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

## YOUTH CENTRAL

### STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Get info and updates on all things student ministry sent to you in a text message!

Trent Dodson, Youth Pastor:  
[trent.dodson@sjepc.com](mailto:trent.dodson@sjepc.com) cell: 205-910-2741

Text "@sjstudent"  
to 81010 to begin  
receiving updates!

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

**FOLLOW US ON  
SOCIAL MEDIA!**  
Instagram and Facebook -  
[@sjyouthlive](https://www.instagram.com/sjyouthlive)  
Snapchat – [sjstudents](https://www.snapchat.com/add/sjstudents)

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

## Our Faithful Giving

Offering: January 16

\$13,915.74

### Reducing our Debt in 2022

BTN YTD \$7,400.00

### Gifts: General Fund:

**Memory of Andy Page** by John and Marie Apel; Ronnie and Cheri Apel; John and Gail Frutiger; Brenda Horn; Max and Kay Townson; Jerry and Donna Hendrix;

**Memory of Ted Mauldin** by Share Women's Club; Jerry and Donna Hendrix

**Memory of Charles Hollis** by John and Marie Apel



## 6 Ways to Give:

\* **church website** ([www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com)) and click the giving tab

\***Mail your check to the church:** St. John's Church, 512 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

\***Put in the offering plate** during the service

## 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](mailto: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](http://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.*
- Prayer lists are published as space allows.

## CHURCH MEMBERS:

Johnnie Miller; Sandra Sloan, Judy Dean, Ronnie Pattillo, Conner Laney, Virginia Nail; Rachel Riley; Jackson Ray; Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle; Jack Stevens; Etna Rigsby; Anna McGriff, Betty Gibbs; Donna Byram; Yon Johnson; Dona Adams; Carla Crimm; Shane Guest; Bay Bacate; Tamara White, JP White; Donna Hendrix

## EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Katie Wesley (daughter of Linda Wesley); Kristen Hawsey Smith-breast cancer; Baker Shoemaker, remission - treatment; Chris Durden; Betty Walker; Parker Hyatt, Avery Lyle; Michael Cruce; Chip Sutfin, Jeannie Elliott; Cindy Arnold; Lindsay Hickman; Lisa Sharpton; Jason Neal

## **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.

Serving: Cmdr. Chris Hester, Chaplain—USS Harry S. Truman; 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, Betty Pitzing

Woodland Village: Bea Mack

Country Living- Jo Webb

Summerford Nursing Home: Bob Polancich

## **SJ's Worship Schedule**

**9:00 – Traditional Worship in the Sanctuary** without weekly communion

**10:10-10:50 – Sunday School – classes for children, youth and adults**

**11:00 – Modern Worship in Christ Hall** with the addition of weekly communion



# SAFE SANCTUARIES

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



**Look for Ushers, First Impression Team Members and Staff wearing Yellow Lanyards to assist you with any questions.**

**Always keep your eyes open to something that looks unusual to you and report it to an usher or staff member immediately.**

- ❖ Remember do not leave your valuables in your vehicles.
- ❖ Do not leave your purses, wallets, phones, laptops, weapons in plain sight.

***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 crisis line: 256-734-6100 if you need help or 911

### **STAFF EMAIL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:**

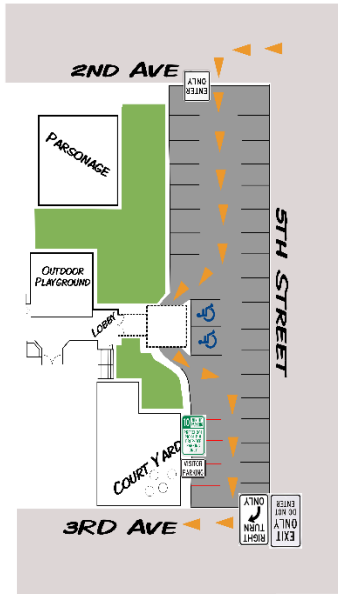
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Phone

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

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.** (street that runs in front of the church) and **exit onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (facing St. Paul's) with a RIGHT Turn only.**

There are 4 designated Visitor parking spots for our guests on Sundays.  
~ Safe Sanctuaries

**ONE WAY TRAFFIC FOR NORTH PARKING LOT**



**Download the APP today!!**

**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  
 \*denotes outgoing members



**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

Thank you for visiting  
our church website!

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