



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

February 27, 2022

Liturgical Color: Green

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

JAZZ SUNDAY

www.sjepc.com

(Live stream available for Worship Services)

NEW MEMBER RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Today we officially recognize all those who have joined our church family during the last several months. Please give them a big SJ's welcome as you see them around this morning!



MARCH 24 55 ALIVE ROADTRIP

Magnolia Hill Manor, Winchester Tn
Southern Ladies Tea Party

...and of course southern gentlemen are welcome as well!

Ladies are invited to bring your own special hat if you have one for the party. If not, one will be provided for you at the Manor. Tea cups and saucers will be provided as well.

We will also take a stop by the Swiss Pantry, a unique country bulk food store and bakery that carry a wide variety of products that also include gluten-free, sugar-free, non-GMO, Amish country meats & cheeses plus more! To top off our sweet tooth, Bennetts Soda Fountain and Pharmacy will wind up our visit.

Call the office to sign up by Tuesday March 15 to go. We must have a minimum of 15.

Cost: \$25.00pp plus tax and \$5 gas money and your spending \$\$\$.

March 2 – Ash Wednesday Services: 12 and 6 --Sanctuary

A time of reflection, repentance, and spiritual renewal, with the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion.

Join us for a time of fellowship around the table prior to worship with a simple meal of vegetable soup and grilled cheese for adults and children.

Lunch 11---11:45
dinner 5---5:45

An **RSVP** is not required but helpful for meal preparation. (256-734-0344)

Donations accepted.

Sign up online at www.sjepc.com for your desired meal time.

Remember that
you are dust



And to dust you
shall return

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

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** to learn more about St. John's.

SYMPATHY—The ministers and congregation express their love and prayers for the family of Jack Stevens, husband of Mary and father of Stacie (Brian) Owen and Ben (Brittney) Stevens. Rev. John Richter and Rev. Samuel Tucker officiating with interment in Cullman City Cemetery.

UP-COMING THINGS TO KNOW:

- **2021 Offering Statements--**Offering Statements have been emailed or mailed to the primary address that we have on file. If you did not receive your statement let us know by emailing regina.baker@sjepc.com or calling the church office at 256-734-0344.
- **2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** are now located upstairs by the church office.
- **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME***begins MARCH 13.* Don't forget to spring FORWARD 1 hour!!

EASTER LILLILES—We have 40 Easter Lilies available for purchase for Easter weekend. If you would like to purchase one in memory or in honor of a loved one, a friend, or your Confirmand, to be placed in church on Easter Sunday, just fill out the form in the Narthex of the Sanctuary or on the table in the Atrium and drop in the offering plate along with your check. Lilies may be picked up after each service Easter Sunday. Cost: \$12.00 each
Make checks to: St. John's Church and in the memo section write: Lilly (one form per Lilly please)

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—Women's Fellowship March meeting will be Monday March 7th at 5:30 pm in the Ruehl Building. Program this month is a silent auction. Hostess's are: Rebecca Peinhardt, Kate Blackmon, Jennifer Hill and Bertha Jones.



LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Mar.7 Open enrollment

For additional information contact:

LLS (256)-736-2290 or email:

littlelambspreschool@sjepc.com

Tina White, Director

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.

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.

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. Feb. 28

8a. Victim's Services will not meet (RB)

Tues. Mar. 1

7a Men's Bible Study and Breakfast (CH)

9a P.L.A.R.N. (HH)

10a Ladies Bible Study

6p NARANON (RB)

Wed. Mar. 2 11:00 Ash Wednesday Lunch

(soup & sandwich)

12:00 Ash Wednesday Service

5:00 Ash Wednesday Evening Meal

(soup & Sandwich)

6p Ash Wednesday Service

6p Youth (YC)

Thurs. Mar. 3

Group Leaves for Israel

12p Men's Lunch Group (CR)

12p Rotary (CH)

1:00p Victim Services (RB)

Wednesday Groups



Led by Pastor
Nate and
Jamie Laney

How to Read the Old Testament with Nathan Williams

Reading the Old Testament can be intimidating. But it doesn't have to be this way! In this class, we will go over how to dive into Scripture in simple ways to unlock its depth and beauty. Without the Old Testament, there is little about Jesus and the Church that makes sense! Let's learn to read Scripture together as we seek to worship God with our head, heart, and hands.

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

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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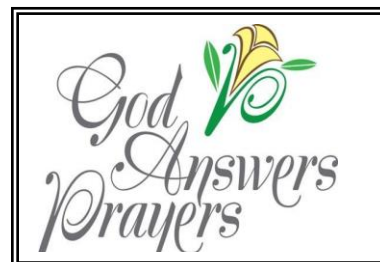
St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church is now a registered charity with amazonsmile. Please consider making us your designated charity!

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 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.

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 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
Snapchat – **sjstudents**

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

Our Faithful Giving

Offering: **February 20** \$ 16,316.78 **Reducing our Debt in 2022** BTN YTD \$22,810.00

Gifts: General Fund:

Memory of Maxine Whisenhunt by LilHall Agency, Inc, Hilda Richardson

Memory of Jack Stevens by Liz Page; Royce and Judy Butler; John and Marie Apel; Ron and Ann Dunn;

Memory of Ted Maudlin by Liz Page

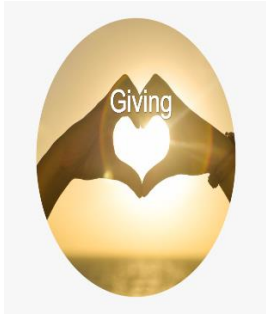
Memory of Don Dossey by Ron and Ann Dunn

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Memory of Jack Stevens by Bill and Geraldine Hendrix; Regina Baker and Sons

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.



6 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
- ***Put in the offering plate** during the service

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.*
- 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; Ray Bolzle; Etna Rigsby; Anna McGriff, Betty Gibbs; Donna Byram; Yon Johnson; Dona Adams; Carla Crimm; Shane Guest; Bay Bacate; Tamara White, JP White; Donna Hendrix; Cori Antler Bradfield; Traci Johnson; Gail Wallace; Barry Willoughby; Brenda Horn

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; Lindsay Hickman; Lisa Sharpton; Jason Neal; Susan McClendon Patrick

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

Woodland House—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



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

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

STAFF EMAIL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Rev. Nate (Pastor Nate) Randall, Associate Pastor

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Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth

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Tina White Director Little Lambs Preschool

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littlelambspreschool@sjepc.com

Jane Brannon, Office Assistant

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Regina Baker, Financial Secretary

regina.baker@sjepc.com

Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant,

karen.hassell@sjepc.com

Facility Coordinator and Sr. Adult Travel

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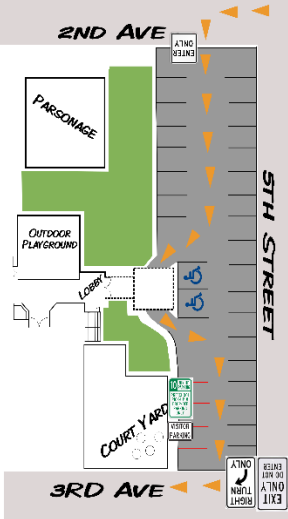
Church Office Hours Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm

Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

256-734-0344

Phone

www.sjepc.com



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.**

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

ONE WAY TRAFFICE FOR NORTH PARKING LOT

The advertisement features a smartphone on the left displaying the 'church center' app icon, which is a stylized house in blue and green. To the right of the phone, the text 'INSTALL THE APP' is written in large, bold, white letters on a black background. Below this, three features are listed, each preceded by a green checkmark: 'FIND A GROUP', 'GIVE', and 'REGISTER FOR EVENTS'.

2022 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kurt Apel, Mary Barnes, Corrie Antler Bradfield, Fred Bussey, Champ Crocker, Billy Jackson, Michelle Joiner, Jamie Laney, Matt Page, Stan Sandlin, Matt Schlosser, Stacie Wren.

2022 Council Officers:

Billy Jackson, President; Fred Bussey, VP; Stacie Wren, Secretary; Jamie Laney, Treasurer

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!

www.sjpc.com