



# SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

## EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

March 13 2022

Liturgical Color: Purple

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

[www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com)

(Live stream available for Worship Services)

### 55Alive Fun Day Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>

Gathering 9:30am  
Program: 11:00  
Lunch follows: 11:30am  
Ruehl Bldg.

Call the office (256-734-0344)  
and let us know you will be  
joining us!

### Up-Coming 55Alive Outings

- **March 24 Roadtrip**

Magnolia Hill Manor, Winchester Tn  
Southern Ladies Tea Party...and of course  
southern gentlemen are welcome as well!  
Sign up by March 15 \$25pp plus tax and \$5  
gas.

- **April 28 Roadtrip**

Sylacauga Al, Don and Gloria Hewett's Lake  
House. Sign up by April 21.

- **June 14 Roadtrip (Tuesday)**

Southern Belle River Boat, Chattanooga, Tn  
live music, free bingo, double entrée lunch  
buffet. \$43.95pp plus \$5 gas money.

- **July 28-30 Roadtrip**

Chugga Chugga!!! Train Trip to New Orleans.  
Call the office for pricing if you did not receive  
your email. \$150 non ref. dep. Due by April 1.

- **December 9-13 Roadtrip**

Savannah, Ga. Christmas Time! Watch for  
final pricing details mid March. Full Itinerary  
now available.

Questions??? See Karen Hassell or  
**Call the office (256-734-0344) to  
sign up.**

### HATS FOR KENYA

Our PLARN group is expanding and branching outward!!

Do you like to crochet or knit? If so, they would love to  
have you help them make hats for the orphanage in  
Kenya.

The goal is 176 hats for all the children there for  
Christmas!

If you would like to help them meet this challenge by  
August 1<sup>st</sup>, please contact Kay Powell (256) 734-0383 for  
more details and information.



### Podcast you say?

Have you checked out our own Nathan  
Williams new podcast---*Dangerous Faith?*  
You will hear stories about life and  
struggles people face every single day.

Follow him on Facebook to see all his  
podcasts.

<https://dangerousfaith.buzzsprout.com/>

**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 minister's and congregation express their love and sympathy to the following families that have experienced loss this past week. Please remember them in your prayers.

- The family of Patrick Drake, son of Randy and Cherri Drake and brother of Randall (Caprice) Drake and Steven Drake.
- The family of Virginia Nail, mother of April (Ross) Jochum and Dike (Teresa) Moss. Grandchildren are: Dara (Matt) Bentley, Zana (Jared) Jones and Will Jochum
- The Family of Carl Young, father of Beth (Ricky) Burks.

**EASTER LILLIES--** 40 Easter Lilies are available for purchase for Easter Sunday. 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

**THANK YOU'S**

- Dear St. John's Church Family, I wanted to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to the pastor's and so many in our church family including the card ministry, who have reached out to me over the last several weeks with prayers, words of encouragement, cards, phone calls, texts and on Facebook during my recovery from jaw surgery. Your prayers and support are much appreciated!  
~Sincerely, Corrie Antler-Bradfield
- Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the beautiful service, plant and mostly for your love and prayers during this difficult time. Rev. Nate, The Revelations, Karen and Ronnie—Thank you so much for your dedication and help. Please continue to pray for us during the difficult days ahead.  
~Family of Virginia Nail

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Gifts, Tithes and Offerings for March 6 and March 13 will not be deposited until after March 16<sup>th</sup> due to our financial secretary being out of the office and to help maintain the confidentiality of donations.

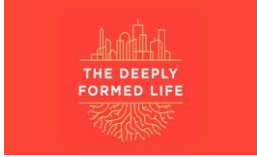
- **2021 Offering Statements--**Offering Statements have been emailed or mailed to the primary address that we have on file. If you did not receive your statement let us know by emailing [regina.baker@sjepc.com](mailto:regina.baker@sjepc.com) or calling the church office at 256-734-0344.



**55Alive Group**—Several people recently have asked how to become involved in our 55Alive Group. It is really simple. If you are 55ish and love to have a little fun and fellowship time and travel up and down the highways once a month, then you have an open invitation to join our group! Join us at the Ruehl Building this coming Thursday, March 17, for fun, and a short program and lunch. *What's the Catch???* Only call and let us know you will be joining us so we can adequately plan for lunch. Same thing applies for the Monthly Roadtrips. Watch the signup deadlines and call the office to sign up so travel arrangements and reservations can be secured. *So, what cha waiting on??* Invite a friend and join us!! Pam Scott, leads the monthly fun days and lunch and Karen Hassell leads the monthly Roadtrips.



## Wednesday Groups



Led by Pastor  
Nate and Jamie  
Laney  
(Ruehl Building)

### How to Read the Old Testament with Nathan Williams (Heritage Hall)

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.

## 2022

### Wednesday Lent Schedule

#### 12:00 noon

meditation / communion service  
(sanctuary)

#### Evening:

**6:00** 2 Small Groups  
(see class list and location to the left)

**6:00** Youth

**6:00** Kids Ministry

**6:00** Confirmation

No Wednesday evening services

**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.

### Happening this week:

Mon. Mar. 14

8a. Victim's Services (RB)

Tues. Mar. 15

Israel Group Returns

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

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

6p NARANON (RB)

Wed. Mar. 16

6p Wednesday Groups / kids

6p Youth (YC)

Thurs. Mar. 17 **St. Patrick's Day**

55Alive Fun Day / Lunch Day (Ruehl Building)

9:30 Gathering 11:00 Program, 11:30 Lunch

12p Men's Lunch Group (CR)

12p Rotary (CH)

1:00p Victim Services (RB)

Sat. Mar. 19 Confirmation Class Baptism Service

Tues. Mar. 22 6:00pm March Church Council Mtg.

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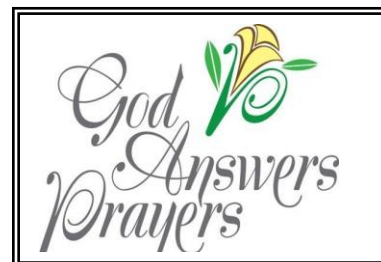
St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church is now a registered charity with amazonsmile. Please consider making us your designated charity!

**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

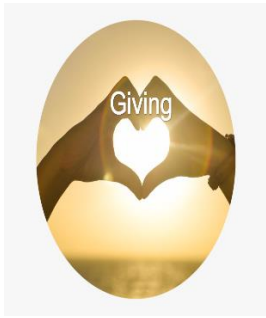
### **ST. JOHN'S MONDAY PRAYER COLLECTIVE**

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.









### 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

### 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, Rachel Riley; Jackson Ray; Ray Bolzle; Etna Rigsby; Anna McGriff, Betty Gibbs; Donna Byram; Yon Johnson; Carla Crimm; Shane Guest; Bay Bacate; Tamara White, JP White; Donna Hendrix; Cori Antler Bradfield; Traci Johnson; Gail Wallace; Barry Willoughby; Brenda Horn; Clark Pattillo

### 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; Rhonda Aderhold

### 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: 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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Facility Coordinator and Sr. Adult Travel

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**Church Office Hours** Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm

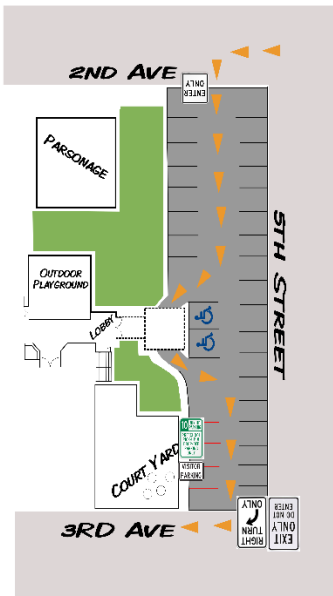
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

256-734-0344

Phone

[www.sjepc.com](http://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 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 TRAFFICE FOR NORTH PARKING LOT**

The advertisement features a smartphone displaying the 'church center' app logo. To the right of the phone, the text reads 'INSTALL THE APP'. Below this, three green checkmarks are listed next to the following features: '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.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com)