



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

May 1, 2022 Liturgical Color: White

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

www.sjepc.com (Live stream available for Worship Services)

SENIORS CLASS OF 2022

It's time to submit Senior pictures for publication in our online bulletin. Please submit by email to:

karen.hassell@sjepc.com by May 15th for publication on May 22nd.

Class of '22 Out to Eat

Join Rev. John as his guest for dinner, May 15th at 5:00pm for dinner at Ledger's located at Stonbridge.

Call the church office by Monday May 9th and let us know you plan to attend.

Acolytes

"Parents of 2nd through 6th Graders" attention...

New Acolyte training for the 9:00 sanctuary worship service will begin soon. If your child is interested, please contact Lynn Johnson by text or phone call at 256-708-7450 so she can schedule a training session with your child.

The frequency of their rotation will depend upon how many volunteer.

Congratulations to St. John's Women's Guild

celebrating

*138th years of faithful service to
God, community, nation and the world*

May 10, 1884 the Ladies Aid Society was established at St. John's Church. The Name changed to Women's Guild in 1941. The Guild was instrumental in transforming an old school building into a parsonage. Over \$7,500.000 was contributed by The Guild in the 1920's for the present church. The total amount of \$5,000.00 went toward the Sanctuary; \$600.00 for windows and \$2,043.35 for pews. During construction of the parsonage (adjacent to the church) The Guild donated over \$6,000.00.

The Guild has been involved in Whit's Place in Kenya for many years and including sponsorship of a child at Brittney's Home in Kenya.

Through the years, they have helped with many projects around the church. A few of those are: partnering with Women's Fellowship to update Heritage Hall; replacing the plumbing and completed rewiring of the parsonage; delivering countless fruit baskets and lap blankets to elderly and shutins at Christmas; supported many local agencies thru cash donations and also with food and supplies for those less fortunate.

Congratulations to Women's Guild on 138 years of faithful service!

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-- 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 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.

Women's Fellowship May Meeting—May 2nd at 5:30pm at Mustard Seed Nursery.

Women's Guild May Meeting—May 5th , 12:00pm in Heritage Hall.

55ALIVE SAVANNAH DEPOSITS DUE BY MAY 6TH TO THE OFFICE. We must have 30 signed up and deposits paid for the trip to make.

THANK YOU--Dear St. John's Church, I think of you often and am so thankful for the many ways your church serves me and God. Thank you! May God continue to bless your church! ~ Many Blessings, Liz Miller



Sign up you and your family today
for
SPLASH INTO SUMMER!!

Scan the QR code (bottom of picture)
or
register at:
sjepc.com

Bring your lawn chair
Hamburgers or hot dogs, chips

North parking lot SJ's Church



Philippians

A 4-WEEK STUDY ON WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS THROUGH MAY 18

55Alive May 26 Roadtrip

Lunch: Mud Creek Fish Camp, Hollywood Al

Visit: Unclaimed Baggage, Hammer's. Payne's Soda Shop to top off the sweet tooth or grab a coffee before heading home! **Cost:** lunch, spending \$\$\$ and \$5 gas. **Last Day to sign up May 19th**

**LITTLE LAMBS PRESCHOOL
IS NOW ACCEPTING
APPLICATIONS FOR
SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS!
YOU CAN CONTACT US AT
LITTLELAMBSPRESCHOOL@SJEPC.COM
OR (256)736-2290**

55Alive Group Info

55ish and love to have a little fun and fellowship time together?? PLUS travel up and down the highways once a month?? *You have an open invitation to join our group!* Monthly meetings are the third Thursday's of each month in the Ruehl Building for fun and lunch. Usually the fourth Thursday's of each month are Roadtrips. *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. If you are not receiving emails for 55Alive, and would like to, call the office to give us your email or email Karen : karen.hassell@sjepc.com

Built For A Purpose 2022

Join us for our 3 night summer camp!
\$55/camper (Includes all project materials,
dinner & snacks nightly, tshirt)



Register at www.sjepc.com or use our QR code!

June 14th-16th

5-8:30pm



BUILT FOR A PURPOSE

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

CREATED FOR A PURPOSE SUMMER 2022

JULY 11TH-15TH

9:30AM - 1:30PM

REGISTRATION OPENS
MARCH 16TH!

Girls Entering 3rd - 8th Grades

\$165/CAMPER
INCLUDES ALL
PROJECT MATERIALS,
LUNCH DAILY,
DEVOTIONAL,
COOKBOOK & TSHIRT

REGISTER AT
WWW.SJEP.COM OR

USE THIS LINK!



WEEKLY PODCAST? 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. Link: <https://dangerousfaith.buzzsprout.com>

Dec. 9-13 Christmas in Savannah Ga. 55ALIVE Roadtrip

Full trip itinerary and pricing available in the office. 30 must be committed to go for trip to make. \$200 non-refundable deposit due by **May 6**. After initial down payment, payments can be made on trip until November 4th. Payment in full by November 4th.

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.

Happening this week:

Mon. May 2

- 8a. Victim's Services (RB)
- 6p Women's Fellowship (RB)

Tues. May 3

- 7a Men's Bible Study and Breakfast (CH)
- 9a P.L.A.R.N. (HH)
- 6p NARANON (RB)

Wed. May 4

- 6p Kids, Praise Team
- 6p Youth (YC)

Thurs. May 5

- 12p Women's Guild (HH)
- 12p Men's Lunch Group (CR)
- 12p Rotary Lunch and Meeting (CH)
- 1:00p Victim Services (RB)

Fri. May 6

55Alive Savannah Deposits due

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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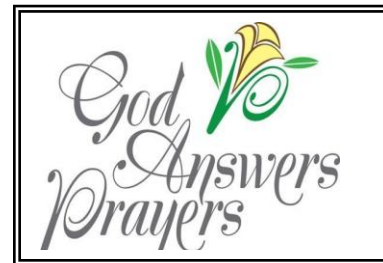
SJ's SECURITY TEAMS – How can I find out more information? We would love to tell you more about it and would love to have more men and women be a part of our teams. If you like to become involved in our Security Teams, contact Stan Sandlin, Kenny Culpepper or Karen Hassell

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

**FOLLOW US ON
SOCIAL MEDIA!**
Instagram and Facebook -
@sjyouthlive
Snapchat – **sjstudents**

Text “@sjstudent”
to 81010 to begin
receiving updates!

STUDENTS AND PARENTS

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

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

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

Trent Dodson, Student Pastor:
trent.dodson@sjepc.com
cell: 205-910-2741

Our Faithful Giving Reducing our Debt in 2022

Offerings:

April 24 \$23,687.18

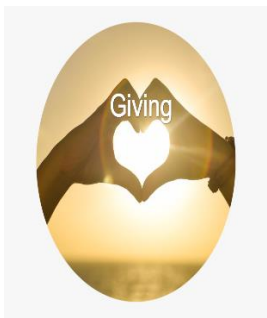
BTN-- YTD \$30,780.00

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:

Brenda Horn; Johnnie Miller; Judy Dean, Ronnie Pattillo, Conner Laney, Rachel Riley; Jackson Ray; Ray Bolzle; Etna Rigsby; Anna McGriff, Betty Gibbs; Donna Byram; Shane Guest; Bay Bacate; Tamara White, JP White; Donna Hendrix; Cori Antler Bradfield; Traci Johnson; Gail Wallace; Barry Willoughby; Clark Pattillo

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Katie Wesley (daughter of Linda Wesley); Kristen Hawsey Smith-breast cancer; Baker Shoemaker, remission - treatment; Betty Walker; Parker Hyatt, Avery Lyle; Jeannie Elliott; Lindsay Hickman; Lisa Sharpton; Susan McClendon Patrick; Rhonda Aderhold; Phillip "Bud" Cason; Julie Blaize; Tom Sawyer; Riley Rainwater

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

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:

Rev. John Richter, Sr. Pastor
Rev. Nate (Pastor Nate) Randall, Associate Pastor
Stephanie Jowers, Director Children’s Ministries
Tiffany Richter, Director of Music Ministries
Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth
Tina White, Director Little Lambs Preschool

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Regina Baker, Financial Secretary
Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant,
Facility Coordinator and Sr. Adult Travel

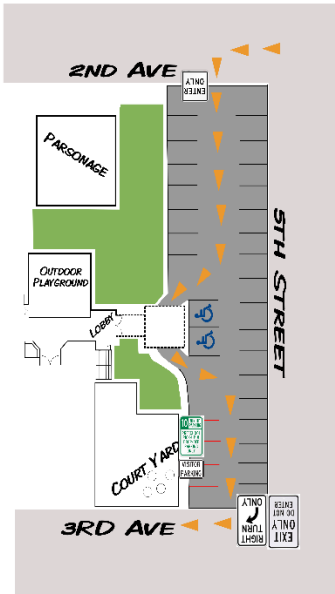
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Church Office Hours Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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**

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

SJ's Regular Sunday 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

Thank you for visiting our church
website!

www.sjepc.com

