



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

July 10, 2022 Liturgical Color: Green

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

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



Beginning this week, and continuing thru fall, we will be collecting non-perishable food items for The Link Food Pantry.

Due to an overwhelming increase in need for food assistance, The Link Food Pantry has now expanded their hours of operation to try to assist as many families as possible that are in need.

Food items needed:

Assorted Cereal
Peanut Butter
Jelly
Hamburger Helper
Crackers
Oatmeal
Instant Potatoes
Spaghetti noodles
Spaghetti sauce

Food collection bins are located:

- By the front door next to the church office
- Little Lambs Entrance

FOSTER PARENT TRAINING CLASS

Alabama Baptist Children's Home will be hosting foster parent training classes beginning August 14.

The course is 10 weeks and will meet on Sunday afternoons from 2-5pm at Northbrook Baptist in Cullman. Anyone interested in attending would need to call Sena Sharp at 256-285-1022 or ssharp@alabamachild.org to register.

55Alive Bingo and Lunch

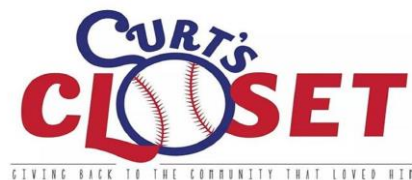
Thursday July 21

Gathering time: 9:30 (Ruehl Bldg)

Bingo: 10:00

Lunch: 11:30 Pizza and Salad

Call the office(256-734-0344) to sign up!



THANK YOU !! THANK YOU!!

Thru your generosity, SJ's collected 60 pair of shoes for "Bless Your Sole". You have helped make a positive impact in a child's life!!

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!

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.

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.

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**
- Fill out a green connect card and drop in the offering plate when you visit us! We would love to meet and talk to you more about SJ's !!
- **Email:** make sure we have your current email in the office (256-734-00344)

NEW ARRIVAL—Congratulations to Chad and Katie Knop on the birth of their daughter Mary Ellis Knop born on July 3, 2022 weighing 7 lbs 8 oz and 20 ½" long.

PLARN TUESDAY GROUP will not meet next week.

55ALIVE JULY ROADTRIP-- July 28--Ivy Green (Helen Keller), St. John's Episcopal Church, Florence Indian Mound and Museum, Lunch at Ricatoni's, Dessert at Throwbridges Ice Cream Bar. **Call the office to reserve your seat by July 22!**

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP JULY MEETING will be Monday July 11 at Scott's Bottoms.

PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED!!-- *Oh no--their closet is almost empty! Our P.L.A.R.N.E.R'S need work to do!!* Please drop off clean bags in the receptacles located at the entrance to the education building (by the church office) and Little Lambs Preschool entrance.

Message from Rev. John

This was the email Rev. John sent to the congregation this past week.

St. John's Family, It saddens me to inform you Pastor Nate has tendered his resignation from duties at St. John's. You'll find his official statement below.

We are grateful for Nate's ministry here and for the blessing he and his family have been to us. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin a new journey and, as always, pray for the work and ministry of St. John's. Similarly, please take time over the coming weeks to express your personal gratitude to him and his family.

Grace and Truth,
Reverend John

July 5, 2022

Dear St. John's & Church Council,

After a season of much consideration & prayer, I believe it is time for my season of vocational ministry to come to a close. Thus, I am respectfully tendering my resignation from my role as Associate Pastor. This decision did not come easily, but Lauren and I sense that this is the right next step for our path as a family. We will seek to discern with Rev. John and the Council the exact timing of my exit to ensure a healthy transition and handoff of ministry responsibilities (early discussions projecting a transition sometime within the final week of July and first week of August).

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to St. John's for taking a risk on some strangers and welcoming us in to serve, grow, and minister alongside you all. We are so thankful for the many friendships we have developed over the years, and will fondly look back on the past seven years as a season that shaped us and contributed to our growth in ways we realize now and in ways we probably won't realize until much farther down the road.

I am grateful for Rev. John's Gospel-centered leadership of this church; his devotion to Christ and this church is to be commended and honored. I want to publicly thank him for extending invitation, trust, opportunity, and generosity to our family. His vision for the greater Kingdom is genuine, and I am thankful for the opportunity to co-labor with him (and the rest of the staff!) and be sharpened by his perspectives and his faithful example.

It is my hope that our family can continue in friendship with the people of St. John's in whatever this next season holds. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for the staff friendships we enjoy as well as the many volunteers we've helped equip and serve alongside. We look forward to seeing what the next 150 years of "grace and truth" has in store for the life & witness of St. John's in this community and beyond!

Sincerely and respectfully,
Nate Randall

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.

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.

Happening this week:

- Mon. July 11 9:00-1:30p Created for a Purpose (CFAP)
Victim's Services will not meet (RB)
- Tues. July 12 9:00-1:30p Created for a Purpose (CFAP)
Men's Bible Study and Breakfast will take the month of July off
9a P.L.A.R.N. (HH)
6p NARANON (RB)
- Wed. July 13 9:00-1:30p Created for a Purpose (CFAP)
10a Soul Sister's Bible Study (3rd Fl. Ed. Bldg)
6p Youth (YC)
- Thurs. July 14 9:00-1:30p Created for a Purpose (CFAP)
- Fri. July 15 9:00-1:30p Created for a Purpose (CFAP)

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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YOUTH 411

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

Sunday School

10:10-10:50 am
Youth Center

Weekly Summer Opportunities

- **Wednesday Night Service**
You won't want to miss each week!
Lots of fun things planned
- **Thursday's MEET & EAT**
We will meet up at a local spot each Thursday for lunch and to hang out!!

Wednesday's:
6-7:00pm
Youth Center
Middle School & HS

Up Coming Outings and Events

July 28-30 MOTION Conf.- Bham
Aug 7 Back to School Bash / Pool Party
Watch for more to come!

Trent Dodson, Student Pastor:

trent.dodson
@sjepc.com
cell: 205-910-2741

Serve Opportunities

July 10 Serve Project
July 11-15 Created for a Purpose (girls)

Our Faithful Giving

Offerings: \$19,076.09

Reducing our Debt in 2022

BTN \$130,314.95

Gifts:

Memory of **Cliff Kirkwood** by Jean McPherson

BTN

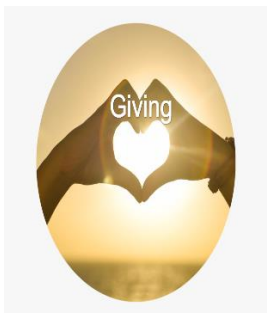
Memory of **Betty Pitzing, Pat Peinhardt, Brenda Horn, Yon Johnson, Barry Willoughby, Charlie Shafer, and Patrick Drake** by Terry, Helen, Nathan, Yvette, Nikki and Sophie

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

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.*
- Prayer lists are published as space allows.

CHURCH MEMBERS:

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; Clark Pattillo; Lori Turner; Jim Hunt

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Katie Wesley (daughter of Linda Wesley); Kristen Hawsey Smith-treatment; 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; Porter Lynn Phillips; Kelli Kontogeorge Wright;

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; Ben Turner, Navy Seaman E3, Naval Station Norfolk; Pvt. First Class 3 Caleb Wood, Ft. Benning Ga

Assisted Living:

Folsom Center: Dee Jordan, Dan Keel, Frank Brunner, Doris Keathley

Hanceville Nursing Home: Juanita Schuman, Clarice Shafer

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

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

Jane Brannon, Office Assistant
Regina Baker, Financial Secretary
Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant,
Facility Coordinator and 55 Alive Sr. Adult Travel

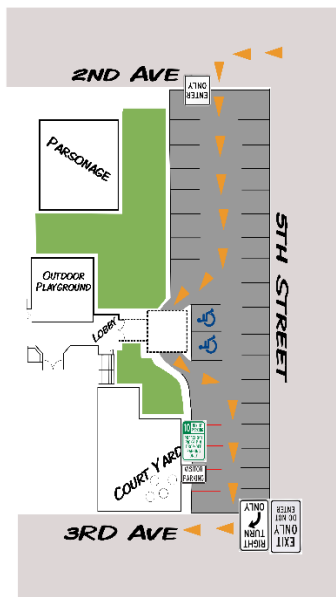
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Church Office Hours Monday –Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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Phone

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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 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
*retiring members this year

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!

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