SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874 **Cullman Alabama**

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

July 17, 2022 **Liturgical Color:** Green **9:00 am (Sanctuary)** **11:00 (Christ Hall)**

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

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

55ALIVE Happenings

- **Thursday July 21--Bingo and Lunch**

Gathering time: 9:30 (Ruehl Bldg)
Bingo: 10:00 Lunch: 11:30 Pizza and Salad
Call the office(256-734-0344) to sign up!

- **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!**

- **AUGUST ROADTRIP-August 25**

Sylacauga Al—Don and Gloria Hewett's Lake Home. Fun time of fellowship and lunch at the river!! Sign up is now open.

Open to men and women 55 and up!
What cha waiting on?? Join us next week.

WEDNESDAY'S RESUME

August 17th

Taco night for all!

Watch for details and sign up info!

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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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

THANK YOU-- Yvonne and I would like to thank everyone from St. Johns for the wonderful lunch and gifts that were given for our family this past Sunday. Everything was wonderful and we appreciate so much the effort that went into preparing such a good meal. We are so fortunate to be members of St. Johns and its loving family. Charlie and Yvonne Krenkel

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PIANO FOR SALE—If you or anyone you know might be interested in purchasing the baby grand currently in Christ Hall, please contact the church office (256-734-0344) for more information.

PROMOTION SUNDAY—is August 14 for all new Sunday School Classes.

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.

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 18
8a Victim's Services (RB)

Tues. July 19
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 20
10a Soul Sister's Bible Study (3rd Fl. Ed. Bldg)
6p Youth (YC)

Thurs. July 21
9:30a 55Alive Gathering Time (Ruehl Bldg)
10:00 Bingo and Prizes
11:30 Lunch (Pizza and Salad)

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.

Get Fit

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

Scan me

Are you an AMAZON shopper? If so, please consider making us your designated charity! St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church is now a registered charity with amazonsmile.

YOUTH 411

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

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!

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

Our Faithful Giving

July 10, 2022

Offerings: $18,404.04

Reducing our Debt in 2022

BTN $130,409.95

6 W*ays 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.

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; 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

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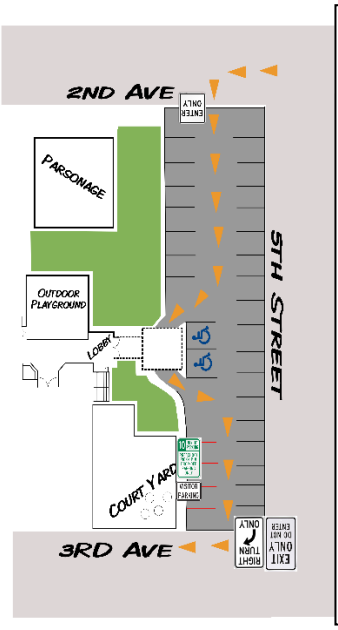
Church Office Hours Monday –Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

256-734-0344
Phone www.sjepc.com

If your visiting, a little traffic information for you about the parking lot:



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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