



# SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

## EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

July 31, 2022 Liturgical Color: Green

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

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

### FAREWELL RECEPTION

Sunday July 31

Rev. Nate Randall

9:45a -10:45a

Drop by the atrium and grab a bite of breakfast and wish Pastor Nate and Lauren best wishes on their next life adventure!

### SUPPER CLUB

August 5<sup>th</sup> -- 5:45pm  
Ruehl Building

Meet for prayer before departing for restaurants.

If you have not already done so, please sign up online if you plan to attend.

<https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1295152>

## MINISTRY FAIR

**August 7**

Donuts and fruit

**August 14**

Sausage Biscuit and Fruit

Swing thru the Atrium area between services on both of these Sunday's for food and coffee and check out how you can get involved, grow, and find a great group to connect with this fall.

You'll have a chance to meet our ministry, small group, and class leaders at their booths and learn about what they'll be doing this fall.

*Let's keep growing in grace and truth together!*



**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**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)

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION—**Next Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, we will observe Holy Communion in both worship services. If you are homebound and would like for the Pastor to visit with you and serve you Communion, please call the church office (256-734-0344) so a time can be arranged.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP AUGUST MEETING—**is Monday August 1 at 5:30 in the Ruehl Building.

**WOMEN'S GUILD AUGUST MEETING---**is Thursday, August 4 at noon in Heritage Hall.

**55ALIVE AUGUST ROADTRIP---August 25—**Sylacauga Al—Don and Gloria Hewett's Lake Home. Fun time of fellowship and lunch at the river!! Sign ups are now open.

**FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES—**for The Link Food Pantry. **August list:** Regular size boxes and cans needed items: Assorted Cereals, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Hamburger Helper, canned soups, pasta sauce and rice. *Food collection bins locations:* Inside the front door next to the church office and preschool entry

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

**WEDNESDAY'S RESUME**---**August 17<sup>th</sup>**---Taco night for all!

Sign up on the Church Center App : or use this link:

<https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1360749> or church website ([www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com))



**PLASTIC BAGS NEEDED!!**--- --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](mailto: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](mailto:karen.hassell@sjepc.com) or call the church office (256-734-0344) with your email address.

### **Happening this week:**

Mon. Aug. 1

8a Victim's Services (RB)  
5:30p Women's Fellowship (RB)

Tues. Aug. 2

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

Wed. Aug. 3

10a Soul Sister's Bible Study (3<sup>rd</sup> Fl. Ed. Bldg)  
6p Youth (YC)

Thurs. Aug. 4

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

Fri. Aug. 5

5:45p Supper Club (RB)

Sun. Aug. 7

Communion-both Worship Services  
Ministry Fair (Atrium and Downstairs Hallways)  
1:00p Little Lambs Preschool Open House  
TBA Youth Pool Party

**AUGUST BIRTHDAY LIST**—If you would like to have a list of August birthday's, a copy is available in the narthex of the Sanctuary or in the Atrium. If your birthday does not appear on the appropriate monthly list, please let us know by calling the church office (256-734-0344).

# August Birthdays

## Name (First Last)

Morgan Fuller	08/01
Kimberly Gladney	08/01
Jackie Griffith	08/01
Lucinda Harding	08/01
John Miller	08/01
Eli Gerding	08/02
Mona Ivey	08/02
Jimmy Posey	08/02
Pattie Motes	08/03
Emma Britton	08/04
Susan Merz	08/04
Madison Smith	08/04
Kara Moore	08/05
Cynthia Bartle	08/06
Ellen Burns	08/06
Dean Graf	08/06
Margaret Kontogeorge	08/06
SaVann Mann	08/06
Riley Britton	08/07
Kay Cagle	08/07
Stan Wood	08/07
Bill Hendrix Jr	08/08
Craig Bradfield	08/09
Brooklyn Schlosser	08/09
Matt Page	08/11
Netta Willoughby	08/11
Nick Feldner	08/12
Kayson Britton	08/13
Carol Rigsby	08/13
Nan Green	08/14
Charlotte Ecklund	08/15
Luke Johnson	08/15
Karol Kilpatrick	08/15
Donovon Lovell	08/15
Caitlin Bates	08/16

Kelly Warren	08/16
Tom McNeal	08/17
Grayson Smith	08/17
Katherine Blackmon	08/18
Jayne Richter	08/18
Ally Knight	08/19
Kim Warren	08/19
Mary Sears	08/20
Matt Townson	08/20
Deanna Little	08/21
Bella Caretti	08/22
Benjamin Stidham	08/22
Ayden Svarney	08/22
Joyce Dossey	08/23
Britton Knight	08/23
George Scott	08/23
Sharon Painter	08/24
Misty Shannon	08/24
Wayne Chandler	08/25
Kévin Higdon	08/25
Maggie Randall	08/25
Nella Randall	08/25
Dona Adams [V]	08/26
Andrew Green	08/26
Will Jochum	08/26
Cheyenne Powell	08/26
Tommy Byram	08/27
Terri Waldrop	08/27
Abbott Green	08/28
Dewayne Hill	08/28
Nikki Kent	08/28
Scotty Blair	08/29
Linda Wesley	08/30
Will Boizle	08/31
Betty Glasscock	08/31
Cole Herfurth	08/31
Bertha Jones	08/31
Dee Jordan	08/31
Jay Page	08/31
Vella Richter	08/31

**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**  
  
**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: \$18,565.08

Reducing our Debt in 2022

BTN \$130,814.95

### Gifts:

Memory of Barry Willoughby, Patrick Drake and Brenda Horn by Jerry and Donna Hendrix

### Women's Guild

Memory of Brenda Horn, Pat Peinhardt and Charles Shafer by Dottie Henke

### 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

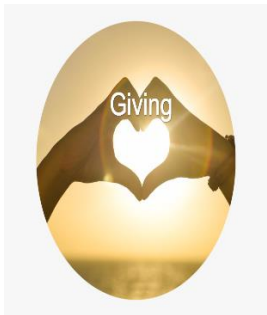
\***complete an authorization** form for Visa, MasterCard, Discover or debit card

\***call the office before you come** and we can come out to your car

\***Put in the offering plate** during the service

### 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](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; 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



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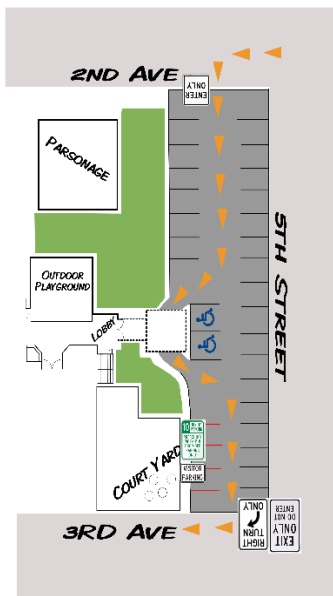
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**Church Office Hours** Monday –Thursday 8am-4pm  
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

256-734-0344  
Phone

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



## 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!*

*www.sjepc.com*





