



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

August 14, 2022 Liturgical Color: **Green**

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

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

MINISTRY FAIR

last week

August 14

Sausage Biscuit and Fruit

Swing thru the Atrium between services this week and before heading to Sunday School, for a biscuit coffee or juice 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.

August 17th

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES and MONTHLY MEAL RESUMES

This fall we will have **MONTHLY Wednesday Meals on the first Wednesday of the month—NOT WEEKLY.**

Meal: 5:30-6:00pm (Christ Hall)
Cost: Donation only this month

6:00 Small groups, Confirmation,
Youth, Small Groups

Meal Dates:

August 17-Taco night for all!

September 7	Menu TBA
October 5	Menu TBA
November 2	Menu TBA
December 7	Menu TBA

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

<https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1360749> or church website

(www.sjepc.com) **OR** call the church office (256-734-0344) to make your meal reservation by Tuesday at noon.

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)

BAPTISM--Today we rejoice in the Sacrament of Christian baptism in the 11:00 service of Katherine O'Neal Blackmon and Mary Charlotte Blackmon, daughters of Will and Kate (Peinhardt) Blackmon. Godparents are Dr. and Mrs. Jonathan Stidham. Grandparents are Curt and Rebecca Peinhardt and Bill and Deborah Blackmon.

SYMPATHY'S- Christian love and sympathy is extended to the following families who experienced loss this past week:

- Clark Pattillo, husband of Daphne and father of Justin, and son of Ronald and Virginia Pattillo. Graveside service was held at Center Grove Cemetery by Fred Hankey.
- Donna Byram, wife of Tommy and mother of Carla (David) Patterson. A funeral service was held August 13, 2022 at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church by Rev. John Richter, with interment at Cullman City Cemetery.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2023--If you have a child entering the 6th grade this school year and would like them to attend Confirmation, contact Rev. John Richter at: john.richter@sjepc.com for any questions or more information about the class. First class meeting is August 14th.

55ALIVE FUN DAY / LUNCH DAY—Come join us this coming **Thursday- August 18th** for our FUN DAY / LUNCH DAY. We will gather at 9:30 am for a little fellowship time, have a few games, have a short hymn sing, then enjoy lunch together. Give us a call in the office and let us know you plan to join us! (256-734-0344)

55ALIVE AUGUST ROADTRIP---August 25—Sylacauga Al—Don and Gloria Hewett’s Lake Home. Fun time of fellowship and lunch at the river!! Sign up thru the office (256-734-0344).

LINK PANTRY FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES—**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

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) 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. Aug. 15

8a Victim’s Services (RB)

Tues. Aug. 16

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

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

6p NARANON (RB)

6p Church Council Meeting (CR)

Wed. Aug. 17

10a Soul Sister’s Bible Study (3rd Fl. Ed. Bldg)

5:30p Monthly Meal (Taco Night for all)

6:00p Small Groups

6:00p Confirmation Class(CR)

6p Youth (YC)

Thurs. Aug. 18

9:30a 55Alive Gathering Time and Fun time (RB)

11:00a 55Alive Hymn Sing (RB)

11:30a 55Alive Lunch (RB)

12p Rotary Meeting and Lunch (CH)

1:00p Victim Services (RB)

Friday Aug. 19

4p Blair Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday Aug. 20

4p Blair Wedding

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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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

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

Trent Dodson, Student Pastor

Trent.dodson@sjepc.com
Cell: 205-910-2741

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

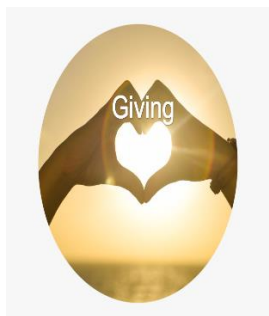
Our Faithful Giving

August 7, 2022

Offerings: \$17,310.08

Reducing our Debt in 2022

BTN \$131,494.95



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.

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, 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

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Katie 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; Lieutenant Scott Waitley, US Navy

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:

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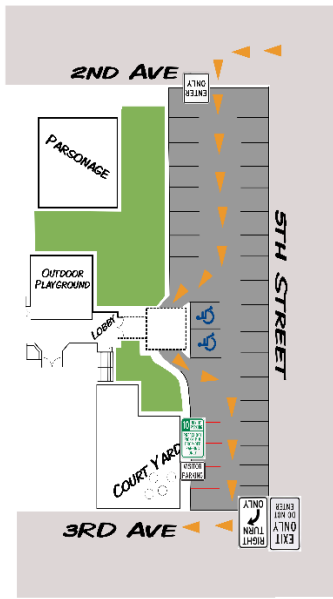
Church Office Hours Monday –Thursday 8am-4pm
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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
TRAFFIC
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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