



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

October 16, 2022 Liturgical Color: Green

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

www.sjepc.com

(Live stream available on YOUTUBE for Worship Services)



HO! HO! HO!

Yes...believe it or not....Christmas is just **11** weeks away!! So Curt's Christmas is gearing up for a full holiday of children! In order to provide Christmas gifts for hundreds of kids in Cullman, your help is greatly needed!

SJ's has teamed up with Curt's Christmas (Curt's Closet) to sponsor **50** kids to make their Christmas a day to remember!!

If you would like to sign up to sponsor a child or more than one child, call the church office (256-734-0344) to let us know the number of children you want to bless!Wish lists are available in the office.

Un-wrapped gifts need to be returned to Curt's Closet by Dec. 2nd.



26
OCTOBER

**FREE FOOD, FUN, TRUNK OR TREAT,
CAKE WALK, KARAOKE &
"IT'S THE GREAT PUMPKIN, CHARLIE BROWN"
5-7PM**



***BRING 5 CANNED GOODS TO BE ENTERED TO WIN DOOR PRIZES!**

HELP US PLAN - REGISTER AT WWW.SJEP.COM

CANDY NEEDED!



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 @ 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 (256-734-0344)

55ALIVE OCTOBER GATHERING— Fraud and Scams for Senior Adults-- Thursday October 20th – in the Ruehl Building. Police Officer Adam Clark will talk about this important issue and will answer any questions you might have for him. **Gathering and fellowship time at 9:15am; coffee, donuts and Office Clark at 10:00am. Lunch will be at 11:30am.** This would be a great time to bring a friend or invite someone from church to hear what Officer Clark has to say and update us on important information we need to know. Everyone that brings a guest will get their name entered in a drawing for a door prize this month!! Call the office to sign up (256-734-0344)

WOMEN'S GUILD SERVICE PROJECT—our current service project is filling "Happy Bags" with fun items to be delivered to assisted living residents and St. John's senior church members. Come join us and be a member or donate to Women's Guild. We thank you for all donations. Donation checks need to be made to: Women's Guild

NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY MONTHLY MEAL—Nov. 2 --registration is now live on the church web site or the church center ap. Menu: Taco Soup and grilled cheese for kids and adults.

Sign up today: <https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1475786>

55ALIVE OCTOBER ROADTRIP—Thursday October 27-- Top of the Rock Restaurant in Jasper TN. and the Lodge Factory Outlet Store, in South Pittsburg, Tennessee. Leave time is 8:00am and return should be by 5:00pm Call the office (256-734-0344) to sign up to go so adequate travel arrangements can be made and correct reservations secured for lunch.

3RD ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST @ The HOOT3--Pumpkins must be registered by 4:30pm day of the HOOT 3 - NO EXCEPTIONS

NEEDED FOR THE HOOT 3:



Cakes, cookies, brownies, etc for the cakewalk.. Contact the church office to volunteer

HOOT 3 FOOD DRIVE--Register with your **5** canned food items @ the HOOT 3 to be entered into a special drawing for a chance to win a door prize!!

LINK PANTRY FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES

Regular size boxes and cans needed items: Hamburger Helper, Pop top canned soups, saltine crackers, Mac and Cheese. *Food collection bins locations:* Inside the front door next to the church office and preschool entry.

CLEAN PLASTIC BAGS WELCOME!-- --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. **PLEASE—NO STICKY BAGS WHERE ITEMS HAVE SPILLED INSIDE.**

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. Oct. 17

8a Victim's Services (RB)

Tues. Oct. 18

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

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

6p NARANON (RB)

6p Church Council Meeting (CR)

Wed. Oct. 19

10a Soul Sister's Bible Study- off campus in individual's homes. Contact Becky Hudson to find out location of the week at: (256) 565-9840

5:30p NO WEDNESDAY MEAL THIS WEEK

6:00p Small Groups

Intentional Parenting -Ruehl Building-Main floor(northside)

Hank and Julie Apel

What Would You Do?-Heritage Hall

Nathan Williams

Fight-Men's Study-Ruehl Building-Main floor(southside)

Chad Knop & Company

Pilates & Stretching- Music Suite

Shannon Phillips, Katie Kruger, Babs Herfurth

Dioko Running / Jogging-Upper Room by elevator-2nd Fl.

Champ Crocker, Wade Warren

6:00p Confirmation Class(CR)

6p Youth (YC)

6p Praise Team(CH)

Thurs. Oct. 20

9:15 55Alive Gathering Time(Ruehl Bldg)

10:00 Coffee with A Cop—CPD Officer Adam Clark (Ruehl Bldg)

11:30 55Alive Lunch (Ruehl Building)

12:00pm Rotary Meeting and Lunch (CH)

1:00p Victim Services (RB)

Sat. Oct. 22 4p Kelly Krigbaum / Matt Wilson Wedding (Atrium)

****Wednesday Monthly Meals:** November 2 December 7

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.



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. Received to date in 2022: \$69.22

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

Trent Dodson, Student Pastor

Trent.dodson@sjepc.com

Cell: 205-910-2741

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

Offerings: 10-9 \$ 20,462.29

Our Faithful Giving
Reducing our Debt in 2022

BTN \$136,539.95

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

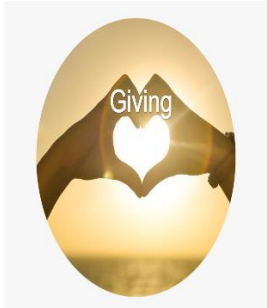
CONTRIBUTIONS

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.

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, Rachel Riley; Jackson Ray; Ray Bolzle; Anna McGriff, Betty Gibbs; Shane Guest; Bay Bacate; Tamara White, JP White; Donna Hendrix; Cori Antler Bradfield; Traci Johnson; Gail Wallace; Roman Higdon; Cindy Walker

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Kristen Hawsey Smith; Baker Shoemaker, remission -treatment; Betty Walker; Avery Lyle; Jeannie Elliott; Lindsay Hickman; Lisa Sharpton; Susan McClendon Patrick; Phillip “Bud” Cason; Julie Blaize; Porter Lynn Phillips; Kelli Kontogeorge Wright; Darrell Raley; David Mayo; James Laminack

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:

Rev. John Richter, Sr. Pastor
Nate Williams, Wednesday Night Coord.
Stephanie Jowers, Director Children’s Ministries
Tiffany Richter, Director of Music Ministries
Trent Dodson, Student Pastor
Tina White, Director Little Lambs Preschool

john.richter@sjepc.com
thenatewilliams1@gmail.com
stephjowers96@gmail.com
tiffany.richter@sjepc.com
trent.dodson@sjepc.com
tina.white@sjepc.com or
littlelambspreschool@sjepc.com
jane.brannon@sjepc.com
regina.baker@sjepc.com
karen.hassell@sjepc.com

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

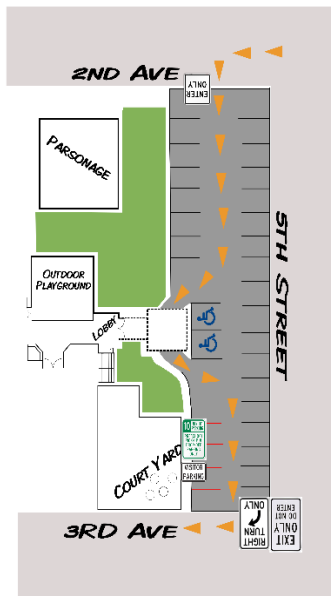
St. John’s Evangelical Protestant Church
512 2nd Ave SE Cullman Al 35055

Church Office Hours Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm
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

**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.*

Scan me



SJ's Weekly 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!*

Download the Church Center Ap today!
Registration for events or meals is a breeze with the ap!!

