



# SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

## EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

October 30, 2022 Liturgical Color: Red  
Reformation Sunday

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

9:00 am (Sanctuary) 11:00 (Christ Hall)  
(Live stream available on YOUTUBE for Worship Services)

**Daylight  
Saving Time  
Ends**

**2022**  
6th  
November



### Fall Back 1 Hour

## DECK THE HALLS AND AROUND THE CHURCH

It's almost time to begin decorating for the Christmas Season. If you would like to help volunteer to decorate inside or outside, please call the church office (256-734-0344) and let us know. We will begin decorating the weekend of Nov. 18, 19<sup>th</sup>.



## MINIMESTER SMALL GROUPS RESUME WED. NOVEMBER 2

**6:00pm**

**Intentional Parenting** -*Ruehl Building-Main floor (northside)*  
**Hank and Julie Apel**

Learn how to be an exceptional parent in a quick fix world

**What Would You Do?**-*Heritage Hall*

**Nathan Williams**

Have you ever wondered how a pastor goes about giving someone spiritual counsel? In this class, you will practice applying biblical truths to everyday situations yourself! We will walk through many real life scenarios, and how best to respond to them in a Christ-like way. We will cover relationship troubles, spiritual slumps, forgiveness, our speech, doctrinal disagreements, and more. The goal of this class would be to help you to minister to others while standing on the firm foundation of the Gospel.

**Thessalonians 1 & 2**—*Ruehl Building (southside main level)*

**Jamie Laney**

Have you ever been discouraged in your faith? Or wondered if you are staying grounded in what you believe? This was the issue facing the believers in Thessalonica. So Paul compiled them in two letters to not be deceived by false teachers but to remain diligent in doing the work set before them as they looked forward to Jesus' return. Join Levi Lusko on a six-session journey through Paul's words to the Thessalonians that will encourage you to stay grounded, remain faithful, and keep being diligent as you wait for Jesus' return.

**Pilates & Stretching**-*LLS Indoor Playroom*  
**Shannon Phillips, Katie Kruger, Babs Herfurth**

Your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, so let's take care of it and have fun doing it!

**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 @ 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](http://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](http://www.sjepc.com)) watch on You Tube**
- **Fill out a green connect card and drop in the offering plate when you visit us! We would love to meet you!**
- **Email:** make sure we have your current email in the office (256-734-0344)

**CONGRATULATIONS**-Congratulations to Kelsey Wren and Dylan Stone who were married on October 29, 2022 at St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church by Rev. John Richter.

**NOVEMBER WEDNESDAY MONTHLY MEAL**—Nov. 2 ---5:30pm- registration is now live on the church web site or the church center ap. Menu: Taco Soup, chips and grilled cheese for kids and adults. Sign up today: <https://sjepc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1475786>

**HO! HO! HO!** Yes...believe it or not...Christmas is just **9** weeks away!! SJ's has teamed up with Curt's Christmas (Curt's Closet) to sponsor 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. We have 17 children remaining to be sponsored!  
**Un-wrapped gifts need to be returned to Curt's Closet by Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>.**



**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S-** November birthdays are printed in this week's bulletin. Printed copies are available in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and in Christ Hall.

**55ALIVE Road trip --Tuesday Nov. 22\*\*(day change) — Shop til you drop all day at Opry Mills, Nashville Tn. ! Call the office to sign up -256-734-0344.** Sign up deadline: Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> so travel arrangements can be made

### **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. 31

8a Victim's Services (RB)

Tues. Nov. 1

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

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

6p NARANON (RB)

**Wed. Nov. 2**

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 Monthly Meal (Taco soup, grilled cheese)

6:00p Small Groups—**RESUME this week**

**Intentional Parenting** -Ruehl Building-Main floor(northside)

Hank and Julie Apel

**What Would You Do?**-Heritage Hall

Nathan Williams

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**Pilates & Stretching**- LLS Indoor Playroom- Shannon Phillips, Katie Kruger, Babs Herfurth

6:00p Confirmation Class(CR)

6p Youth (YC)

6p Praise Team(CH)

Thurs. Nov.3

10:00a 55Alive Train Trip to NOLA (Nov. 3-6)

12:00pm Rotary Meeting and Lunch (CH)

1:00p Victim Services (RB)

Fri. Nov.4

Final Payments to for Savannah Christmas Trip due to office

Fri. Nov. 6

55Alive Group Returns

Daylight Savings Time Begins

**\*\*Remaing Wednesday Monthly Meal for 2022: December 14**

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY'S**

		Ellesha Whisenhunt	11/11	Weston Bates	11/20
Claire Dossey	11/01	Emily Johnston	11/12	Dion Brown	11/20
Houston Smith	11/01	Jim Mechaw	11/12	Donavon Lamar	11/20
William Apel	11/02	Wheeler Bates	11/13	Addison Bell	11/21
Janice Smith	11/02	Chris Hester	11/13	Richard Gibbs	11/21
Mary Stevens	11/03	Joe Jowers	11/13	Kate Krigbaum	11/21
Carlie Warnke	11/03	Lauren Randall	11/13	Katie Oliver	11/21
Lily West	11/03	Bill Schgier	11/13	Katie Oliver	11/21
Ellie Wiggins	11/03	Tucker Apel	11/14	Christian Hester	11/22
Kim Borwick	11/04			Jordan Turner	11/22
Christina Karolewics	11/04	Florine Clarke	11/14	Kyle Watts	11/22
Steve Moore	11/04	Magnus Mann	11/14	Pam Blair	11/23
Steve Stanford	11/05	Hank Apel	11/15	Jennifer Bolzle	11/23
Wayne Manord	11/06	Terry Kent	11/15	Raven Gladney	11/23
Grace Riley	11/06	Mike Smith	11/15	Jason Kelly	11/23
Blake Hice	11/07	Ricky Willoughby	11/15	Ronnie Scott	11/24
Bill Johnson	11/07	Linda Schgier	11/16	Patti Stidham	11/24
Wendy Woods	11/07	Caroline Harding	11/17		
Steven Parker	11/08	Forrest Jackson	11/17	John Harding	11/25
Noah Warren	11/08	Gracie Smith	11/17	Alex Kontogeorge Jr.	11/25
Geraldine Hendrix	11/09	Nathan Williams	11/17	Alan Merz	11/25
Jacob Ray	11/09	Ronny Apel	11/18	Martin Speegle	11/25
Megan Apel	11/10	Terry Bradford	11/18	Paige Clabo	11/26
Trace Gordon	11/10	Kenny Culpepper	11/18	Jamie Jowers	11/29
Juanita Schuman	11/10	Sherry Compton	11/19	Janie Keller	11/29
Tony Crider	11/11	Sue Little	11/19		
Ruby Katherine Farmer	11/11	Liz Page	11/19		
		Jennifer Schlosser	11/19		

**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](mailto:Trent.dodson@sjepc.com)  
Cell: 205-910-2741

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

## Our Faithful Giving

Offerings: 10-23 \$19,805.34

Reducing our Debt in 2022

BTN \$138,769.95

### Gifts:

Memory of Etna Rigsby by Judy and Tom Williamson

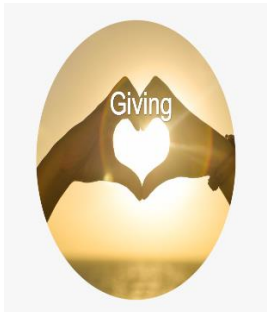
Memory of Ray Heitmueller by Liz Page; Ronny and Cheri Apel; McGriff Industries

### 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 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.



## 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](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, 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; Juanita Schuman

### 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; Tom Sawyer

### 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

Jane Brannon, Office / LLS Assistant

Regina Baker, Financial Secretary

Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant,

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**Church Office Hours** Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm

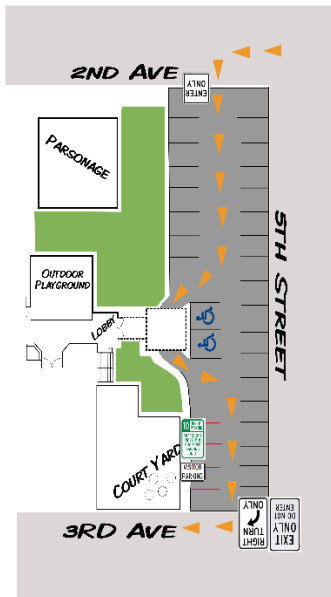
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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 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!!

