



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

February 19, 2023 Liturgical Color: Purple

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

www.sjepc.com

(Live stream available on YOUTUBE for Worship Services)

Ash
Wednesday

February 22

Lunch Meal: 11-00am Veg. Soup / Grilled cheese

Evening Meal: 5:15-6:00pm

Adults: Hamburger Steak, baked potato, green beans, roll

Kids: Corn dog, chips or half serving of adult plate
(register by Tuesday Feb. 21 if you are planning to eat)

Ash Wednesday Services:

12 and 6p-Sanctuary

Lent is a period of forty days that Christians observe every year just before Easter, typically from late February to early April. The liturgical color for Lent is purple. This is a somber color for the Lenten season which signifies humility, willingness to repent, mourning for the sins and suffering with Jesus. Also it reminds us of Jesus' experience in the desert for forty days and being tempted by the devil. The Lenten season begins on a day known as Ash Wednesday (about six weeks before Easter) and continues until Easter Sunday, not counting the Sundays in between, as they are still considered days of celebration. Lent represents a time of searching for God amidst the brokenness of life, a season of intentional fasting before a time of feasting.

If you have never experienced Lent at St. John's come along on this spiritual journey.

Jazz Sunday!! WELCOME!!

We are so glad you have joined us on this special Sunday!

Our Pastor's and staff pray your hearts will be filled with Joy and you will receive a blessing as we worship today through Word and Song!

Today's Schedule:

9:00 Prayer service (sanctuary)

9:45am-10:45am *Brunch in the Atrium*
(everyone invited)

10:10-10:50 Sunday School

11:00 Service (Christ Hall) *special guests*
Wallace State Concert Choir

Don't miss this talented group of young adults as they perform excerpts from their upcoming show "*Down by the Riverside*": *The Gospel Music of America*, to be held April 13-15 at Betty Leeth Haynes Theater (on Wallace State Campus) from Spirituals on the plantation, to quartet music on the radio, we'll trace the history of your favorite Gospel songs!

This show is a pre-cursor to the Concert Choir's performance tour to Germany, Austria and Italy this coming May!!!

*Come early.....
grab a bite to eat ...
then settle in for a great Sunday!*

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 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 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)

2023 OFFERING ENVELOPES—Remaining 2023 offering envelopes are now located in the hallway by the church office and will remain there thru the end of February. Online users will not have assigned envelope sets unless requested. Envelope numbers are no longer required for recording contributions.

CHURCH OFFICE – Monday February 20th the Church Office will be closed in observance of President's Day.

55ALIVE FEBRUARY ROADTRIP -- February 23rd Tea Party---Leave time: 8:30am return 4:30ish.

Wednesday Lenten Services

12 and 6p- Sanctuary
March 1, 8, 15, 22
29(12pm only)

Lenten Meals are served only on Ash Wednesday Lunch & evening and our regular first Wednesday monthly meal (March 1).

MARCH MONTHLY MEAL

March 1st (evening only)
Chick fil A Night
5:15pm Christ Hall
Adults & Children

\$5 per meal (Sandwich, baked beans, chips)
You must register for meal. Sign up on church website under events tab.

**FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE WRAPS UP NEXT
WEEK ON FEB 26TH.**

Items needed for The Link Pantry:

Regular size boxes and cans needed:

Pop top canned soups, saltine crackers, mac and cheese,
canned tuna or chicken, peanut butter, rice, pasta and pasta sauces,
cereal bars, assorted cereals.

Food collection bins locations: Inside the front door next to the
church office and preschool entry.



NEW WOMEN'S GROUP FOR WIDOWS



Joy in the
Mourning
A women's group for widows

Beginning February 21st
Tuesdays 10am to 11am (bi-weekly)
3rd floor Education Building

Lead by:
Mary Stevens, Mona Ivey & Sandy Durden



GERMAN REFORMATION TOUR 2024



Interested ?



Email

Rev. John Richter:

john.richter@sjepc.com

for more information



LLPS REGISTRATION

Currently Enrolled Students/Siblings - January 23rd-February 3, 2023

St. John's Church Members - February 6th-February 20, 2023

Open Enrollment March 6th-March 20, 2023

Registration packets are available at Little Lambs Preschool

Hours: Monday-Friday 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Phone: 256.736.2290

email: littlelambspreschool@sjepc.com



Save the Date

Children's Ministry Summer Dates:

Daniel vs Lion's June 3

(3-rising 2nd grade boys and girls)

Built for a Purpose June 13-15

(boys only)

Created for a Purpose July 10-14 (girls only)

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.

Happening this week:

- Sun. Feb. 19 9:30-10:50 Jazz Sunday Brunch (Atrium)
Royal Pines Outreach
Youth Bowling
- Mon. Feb 20 Church Office Closed for President's Day**
Victim's Services will not meet today
- Tues. Feb 21 7a Men's Bible Study and Breakfast (CH)
9a P.L.A.R.N. (HH)
6p NARANON (RB)
- Wed. Feb 22 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
11:00a Ash Wednesday Lunch (veg. soup, grilled cheese)
12:00p Noon Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
5:30p Evening Ash Wednesday Meal (Christ Hall)
6:00p Evening Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
- Thurs. Feb. 23
8:30a 55Alive Roadtrip- Winchester Tn.- return 4:30ish
12:00p Rotary Meeting and Lunch (CH)
12:00p Men's Group (CR)
1:00pVictim Services (RB)
- Sat. Feb. 25 8:00am-12:00p Piano Festival (Sanctuary, Heritage Hall)

Our Faithful Giving

General Fund

Offerings: 2-12-23 \$15,434.90

Reducing our Debt in 2023

BTN \$53,482.00

Gift:

BTN- Memory of Jerry Laney by Sherri and Trey Edgil



Just copy and paste this address into your internet browser.

<https://sjepc.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/online-connect-card-2.png> or log in from our church web site.

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, Rachel Riley; Jackson Ray; Ray Bolzle; Anna McGriff, Betty Gibbs; Shane Guest; Bay Bacate; Tamara White, JP White; Donna Hendrix; Cori Antler Bradfield; Gail Wallace; Roman Higdon; Charlie McBrayer; Jean Driver; Curt Peinhardt

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Kristen Hawsey Smith; Baker Shoemaker, remission -treatment; Betty Walker; Jeannie Elliott; Lindsay Hickman; Lisa Sharpton; Susan McClendon Patrick; Julie Blaize; Porter Lynn Phillips; Kelli Kontogeorge Wright; Darrell Raley; James Laminack; Tom Sawyer; Sterling Bates; Doris Grissom; Terry Parker

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, Mississippi National Guard; Lieutenant Scott Waitley, US Navy

Assisted Living:

Folsom Center: Dan Keel, Frank Brunner, Doris Keathley, Jean Driver

Hanceville Nursing Home: Clarice Shafer

Woodland Village: Bea Mack

Woodland House—Jo Webb

Summerford Nursing Home- Bob Polancich

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

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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.

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

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

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!

Sunday School

10:10-10:50 am
Youth Center

Trent Dodson, Student Pastor

Trent.dodson@sjepc.com

Cell: 205-910-2741

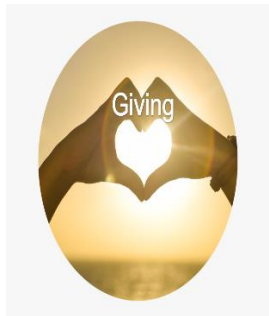
Wednesday's:

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

Youth Bowling Feb. 19th

- Meet at the bowling alley at 5 pm
- please bring \$5 to pay for bowling
- we will be bowling from approximately 5:00-6:30, depending on how fast they get us on lanes.

Put Faith Into Motion!!



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.

IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution

Anyone 70.5 years of age or older can give up to \$100,000 as a tax-free gift, in the form of a QCD, from their traditional IRA account. Contact your IRA custodian or tax preparer for more information.

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

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Nate Williams, Interim Associate Pastor

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Wednesday Night Coord./ LLS Outreach

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Stephanie Jowers, Director Children's Ministries

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Tiffany Richter, Director of Music Ministries

trent.dodson@sjepc.com

Trent Dodson, Student Pastor

tina.white@sjepc.com or

Tina White, Director Little Lambs Preschool

littlelambspreschool@sjepc.com

Jane Brannon, Office / LLS Assistant

jane.brannon@sjepc.com

Regina Baker, Financial Secretary

regina.baker@sjepc.com

Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant,

karen.hassell@sjepc.com

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

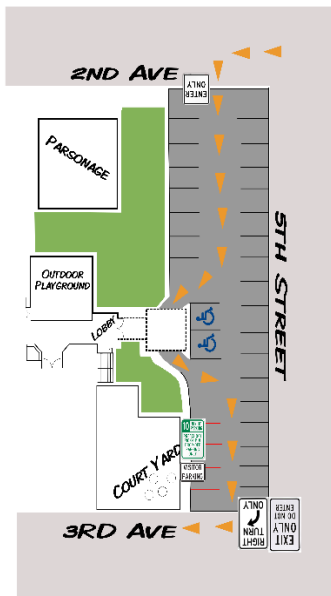
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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

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

2023 CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Kurt Apel, Champ Crocker, Pam Farmer, Michelle Joiner, Chad Knop, Deanna Little, Stan Sandlin, Kathy Schuman.

2023 Council Officers:

Stacie Wren, President; Matt Page, VP; Corrie Antler Bradfield, Secretary; Jamie Laney, Treasurer

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!!

