



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

February 5, 2023 Liturgical Color: Green

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

www.sjepc.com

(Live stream available on YOUTUBE for Worship Services)



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



JAZZ SUNDAY BRUNCH

Sunday February 19th

9:45-10:45am

Atrium



Everyone invited!

Save the Date

Children's 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)

FEBRUARY FOOD DRIVE

The month of February we are sponsoring
a food drive for The Link.

The food drive will wrap up Feb. 26th.

Items needed:

Regular size boxes and cans needed items:
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.

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--Offering envelopes are now available for pick up downstairs by the drink machines. Online users will not have assigned envelope sets unless requested. Envelope numbers are no longer required for recording contributions.

THANK YOU- St. John's Church Family, Thank you for the plant you sent for Cindy Walker. We appreciate your contribution and support. ~ Sincerely, Jeff and Carolyn

DONATION STATEMENTS—statements have been emailed to the primary email address in our files on January 30, 2023. Please check your spam / junk folders to make sure yours did not go there. Statements were mailed by January 31, 2023 for those without email unless requested. Please call the office (256-734-0344) if you need a printed copy.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FEBRUARY MEETING-- is Monday night, February 6th at 5:30 PM in the Ruehl Building. We will have a devotional, dinner, and welcome new members and visitors. Our program for the evening is entitled "Taking Care of Yourself" by Dr. Nathan Lewis.

55ALIVE FEBRUARY MONTHLY FUN DAY / LUNCH DAY—Thursday, February 16th beginning at 9:15am. Gathering time begins around 9:1am! If you are 55 and up, you are invited to come and be a part! Lunch will be around 11:30am. Call the office (256-734-0344) to let us know you plan to join us!!

55ALIVE FEBRUARY ROADTRIP -- February 23rd --Hats, Pearls, Gloves and High Tea, Magnolia Hill Manor , visit to the Old Jail Museum, Winchester, Tn

Come along to a Valentine High Tea in all our tea party finery of hats, pearls and gloves! Wear or bring your favorite tea hat. *Don't have a hat?* No worries. There will be a table of hats you can select from there at the Manor. We will also take a quick visit to the Old Jail Museum that houses artifacts from the Civil War and Pioneer era and memorabilia from a home town girl turned global celebrity Dinah Shore (admission \$1). **Final count due to the Manor by Wednesday Feb. 15.** Call the office (256-734-0344) to sign up. \$\$ needed: \$27.00 tea party, \$1 Museum and \$5 gas and whatever other spending money you need for stops along the way!

55 Alive 2023 Tentative Schedule for Roadtrips

- February 23 **Magnolia Hill Tea Party, and Old Jail Museum, Winchester Tn**
High tea at the manor with tea hats, gloves and pearls. A table of tea hats will be available there if you do not have a hat. Museum that houses artifacts from the Civil War and Pioneer era and memorabilia from a home town girl turned global celebrity Dinah Shore (admission \$1). Final count due to manor on Feb. 16.
\$27.00 per person for tea, +\$1 museum and +\$5 gas -- pay the week before we go
- March 23 **James K. Polk's Home, Elm Springs, Athenaeum Rectory**
Lunch at Mt. Pleasant Grille, Columbia Tn
Cost: Polk Museum \$9 + Elm Springs \$10, Athenaeum \$5 and \$5 gas + your lunch money
- TBA **The Ark and Creation Museum, Williamstown Ky / and Petersburg Ky**
Louisville Slugger Factory Tour and Corvette Museum Tour (3 nights lodging) Price TBA
- May 25 **Hewett's River Home, Childersburg Al**
- June 22 **Tennessee River Freshwater Pearl Farm and Museum, Camden Tn**
BBQ plate lunch, and Shop from our extensive freshwater Pearl Jewelry showroom to explore creations designed by Gina Latendresse, daughter of the legendary John Latendresse, the originator and founder of Tennessee's only freshwater cultured pearl farm in North America. Choose from a variety of beautiful freshwater pearls, and items from all over the world. Price \$35.00 for lunch and tour and \$5 gas
- July 27 **Tuskegee Airmen Museum**—(self guided tour), Tuskegee, Al
Lunch at Niffer's and a little shopping in Opelika Al
- August 24 **Loveless Cafe, and Leipers Fork Nashville, Tn**
- September 20 **Braves Game Phillie's vs Braves 12:20pm.** Reserve your seat now.
42 total tickets. Tickets are \$34 each plus \$5 gas money
- October 26-28 **Oktoberfest in Helen Ga (2 nights lodging)-TBA**
- November 21** **Orbix Hot Glass Tour**
This is the most popular event at handblown Orbix Hot Glass! Come design and literally "blow" your own ornament with the help of one of our glass artists. Ornament cost: \$40 plus cost of tour TBA and \$5 gas money. Sign up along with full payment due by September 1. Trip limit is 25 people. *****Day change due to Thanksgiving. Trip is on Tuesday**
- Nov. 30- Dec. 4 possibly Charleston, Sc—depending on pricing**

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.

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

Happening this week:

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| Sun. Feb. 5 | 11:30am 150th Anniversary Committee Lunch and Meeting (CR) |
| Mon. Feb 6 | 8a Victim's Services (RB)
5:30p Women's Fellowship (RB) |
| Tues. Feb 7 | 7a Men's Bible Study and Breakfast (CH)
9a P.L.A.R.N. (HH)
6p NARANON (RB) |
| Wed. Feb 8 | 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
6:00p-7:00p Confirmation, *Small Groups, Youth, Praise Band Rehearsal
*Class descriptions for Small Groups listed in bulletin |
| Thurs. Feb. 9 | 12:00p Cullman Co Bar Association Meeting and Lunch (HH)
12:00p Rotary Meeting and Lunch (CH)
12:00p Men's Group (CR)
1:00pVictim Services (RB) |
| Friday Feb. 10 | Church Council and Staff Meal and Workshop |

2023 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE

6:00p-7:00p Small Groups

Confirmation, Kids Ministry, Youth, Praise Team

Small Groups:

Jamie Laney- "Stories Jesus Told" (meets in north side-street level- Ruehl Building)

Everyone loves a good story, and Jesus was a master story-teller. If you need fresh inspiration or are stuck in a personal life story you can't seem to change, consider this study of the parables of Jesus. In this class, you'll hear directly from Jesus through the Word. His parables not only form (or reform) who we are, they reveal more about God than we ever thought possible. Join this study to experience hope and dive deeper into the Bible.

Wes Warren- "Not a Fan"(meets in south side-street level- Ruehl Building)

Jesus never asked us to be his fans, sit on the sidelines, and cheer for his cause. The dictionary defines a fan as "an enthusiastic admirer." Fans want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires sacrifice. But is that really the extent of the relationship Jesus wants? Jesus was never interested in having admirers; Jesus wants us to be followers of him. Are you ready to grow closer to God and take the next step in your faith? Then this study is for you.

Nathan Williams- "Apologetics 101" (meets in Heritage Hall)

We live in confusing times, and sometimes Christians don't know how to answer tough questions about their faith. Can a woman become a man (and vice-versa)? Should children be allowed to change their gender with drugs and surgeries? Why is marriage between one man and one woman? When does life begin, and does being pro-life mean that you hate women? Join this class to learn that there are good, satisfying, and biblically-sound answers to the hardest questions the world can ask you.

Our Faithful Giving

Offerings: \$

Reducing our Debt in 2023

BTN \$46,670.00

General Fund:

Offerings and gifts for January 29 will be posted in Feb 12th bulletin



**ONLINE
CONNECT
CARD**

NEW HERE? WE'D LOVE TO CONNECT WITH YOU.

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

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:

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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

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

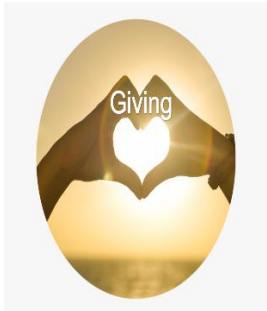
Trent Dodson, Student Pastor

Trent.dodson@sjepc.com

Cell: 205-910-2741

Wednesday's:

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



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:

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St. John's Evangelical Protestant Church

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Church Office Hours Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm

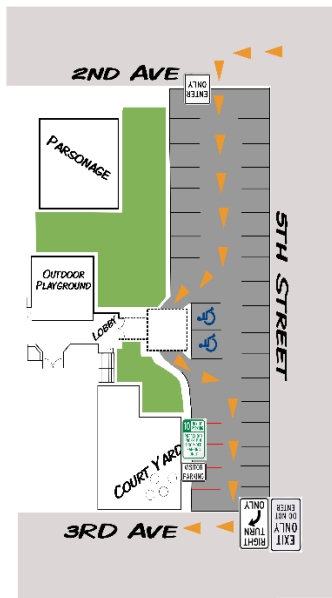
Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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, Jamie Laney, Deanna Little, Matt Page, 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!!

