



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

April 23, 2023 Liturgical Color: White

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

www.sjepc.com

(Live stream available on YOUTUBE for Worship Services)

Seniors Class of 2023

Graduation is just around the corner! Please submit via email your senior picture, the school you graduated along with any honors you received, and the college or plans you have for after graduation. Please submit all pictures by May 12th for publication in the church bulletin on May 21st. Email pictures to: karen.hassell@sjepc.com

Seniors Class of 2023 Night Out to Eat

Sunday April 30
12:30pm

Ledgers @ Stonebridge
with Rev. John

Please call the church office (256-734-0344)
this Tuesday-- April 25 to reserve your seat
for dinner.

Class of
2023

ATTENTION AGES 18-25

Are you a College Student and coming home
for the summer?
This is a great place to connect!

What: Reaching Higher Too
Where: 3rd Floor Education Bldg
When: Sunday Morning from 10:10a

Hope to see you there!!
~Wade Warren, Leader

Just a reminder, we have a Class for You!

55ALIVE BRAVES BASEBALL TICKETS

Only 3 tickets remain for the Tuesday,
September 20th game (this is a day
game). Call the office (256-734-0344)
if you are interested in going.

Tickets: \$34 each

\$\$needed: \$5 gas and your spending
money for food and assorted items.

APRIL 55ALIVE ROAD TRIP April 27th

Loveless Café for lunch, Nashville Tn
and Leiper's Fork Tn.

Leave time: 7:45a

Return: 5:00ish

\$5 gas and money for your lunch and
spending money

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 both 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).

CARD OF THANKS- To our church family and staff of St John's, thank you so much for the calls, texts, cards, food, prayers and the beautiful plant during my Father's passing. We were truly touched by your expressions of love and prayers. ~Thank you, Freddy Bussey family

BAPTISM—Today we rejoice in the 9:00 service with the Sacrament of baptism for Mary Ellis Knop, daughter of Chad and Katie (Abt) Knop. Godparents for Mary Ellis are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trent Lowry. The dedication verse her parents selected is 1 Samuel :27-28 “For this child I prayed, and the Lord has granted what I asked of Him. So now I give him to the Lord. For his whole life he will be given over to the Lord.”

SYMPATHY'S—Christian love and sympathy is extended to the following families:

- Rick Svarney, father of Daniel (Jessica) Svarney and grandfather of Ayden and Dylan Svarney. Please remember this family in your prayers.
- Mrs. Bay Bacate. Funeral arrangements are pending.

55ALIVE ROADTRIP
THE ARK ENCOUNTER AND CREATION MUSEUM
August 24-27th

If you are interested in going on this trip, please sign up in the church office by May 31 with a non-refundable deposit of \$100. During the trip we will also visit the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory Tour and The Corvette Museum. This is a 3-night lodging trip. Full information packet and price of trip can be picked up in the church office.



2024 GERMAN REFORMATION TOUR

Interested? Want more info?

Ready to go?

Email

Rev. John Richter:

john.richter@sjepc.com



Fundraising Event Sponsored by Kenya Relief for the Education Team Summer 2023

SJ's Team Members are:

Madelyn Hendrix, Kristi Guest, Shana Guest, Faith Guest, Evie Krenkel, Cheryl Parker

Golf Tournament

Friday May 12--- Terri Pines

Lunch served at noon with shotgun start at 1:00pm. \$400 per team Hole sponsorship is \$100

For information contact Steven Parker @ 256-339-7916

Proceeds from this event will be split among team members. Completed forms and checks are due by May 1st.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT'S

2 Classes for 5 weeks

(April 12th-May 10th)

May 17th—family event—to close out spring semester and leap into summer

Class Options:

- **Ephesians: Your Identity in Christ--Leader: Stacie Wren, Nathan Williams**

Although Ephesians is one of the New Testament's shortest books (only 155 verses!), it is perhaps the most applicable to today's culture. This epistle also provides Paul's most direct address about the life of a disciple of Jesus. Paul conveys his pastoral heart for the Ephesian believers by focusing on who they were in Christ. Specifically, he addresses issues related to their new life, the community of believers, the pursuits of unity and holiness, and life's challenges. Therefore, this study of the Book of Ephesians offers practical answers to our fundamental questions about the Christian life and our identity in Christ.

- **Praying the Windows—Leader: Rev. John Richter**

Not only are the stained-glass windows in our sanctuary inspiring artistic creations, they also provide a visual summary of Jesus' life and teaching. In this class, we'll meditate on their representation of the Scriptures they depict. Through Word and image together, we'll reflect on the life of Jesus and how he might inspire us, our community, and St. John's ongoing ministry. This will also serve a larger project—producing a devotional book from the heart of SJ's to be shared as part of our sesquicentennial celebration.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER SAVE THE DATES



Sign up now!!

SJ's Adult & Young Adult Sunday School Class Information and Location

Are you looking for a Sunday School class? You are invited to visit these classes and find the class for you! Ask any greeter (wearing a yellow lanyard) or staff member Sunday morning and they will be happy to help you find a class location.

1-Eddie McGriff's Class– "Digging into books of the Bible a chapter at a time. All are welcome!"

Location: Heritage Hall

2-Wes Warren's Kingdom Builders– "Discussion-based studies that draw us into the truth of Scripture. All are welcome!"

Location: Ruehl Building Main Floor (South Side)

3-Melanie Townson's Reaching Higher– “We are a diverse group of like-minded individuals with different backgrounds pursuing one goal: We want to live like Jesus. Our main objective in studying the Bible is to develop an understanding of how to model our lives after the directions of Christ. We gather together to encourage and foster relationships, and we also like to have fun and fellowship with one another! “We do Bible studies that focus on our relationship with Christ, our prayer life, and how to apply Biblical principles to our everyday lives.”

Location: Ruehl Building Basement

4-Wade Warren's Reaching Higher Too– "Young Adult class for ages 18 - 25 years with a focus on developing relationships with each other and with God."

Location: Third Floor of the Education Building

5-Dennon Compton's Upper Room– "Journey to The Resurrection”

Location: Upper room, next to elevator and confirmation room.

Use elevator off the Atrium to get to the classroom.

6. Bryan and Michelle Cain's Gospel Life- “Do you really know the fullness of the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ? There's so much more to the Gospel than you can even imagine. Join us on Sundays as we explore the depth and beauty of all that God has offered us in Christ.”

Location: Confirmation room next to elevator. Use elevator off the Atrium to get to the classroom.

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.**

Our Faithful Giving

General Fund

Offerings: \$16,421.04

Reducing our Debt in 2023

BTN \$61,049.00

Gifts Given Last Week:

Memory of Charlie McBrayer by Janis Edmondson, Jill, Kevin, and Wyatt Nelson; Bill and Geraldine Hendrix

BTN

Memory of Johnny (Tooter) Scott by George and Brenda Scott;

**This section is printed on the weekly Order of Worship as space permits. It is printed weekly in the online church bulletin.

Happening this week:

Mon. Apr. 24

8a Victim's Services (RB)

Tues. Apr. 25 **Last Day for Seniors to Register for Class of 2023 Lunch @ Stonebrigde**

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

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

6p NARANON (RB)

Wed. Apr. 26 10a LLS Chapel

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

10a Widows Group (3rd Fl)

6:00pm Classes, Youth, Praise Team

Thurs. Apr27

7:45a 55Alive Roadtrip leaves

12:00p Rotary Meeting and Lunch (CH)

12:00p Men's Group (CR)

1:00pVictim Services (RB)

Sun. April 30

12:30p Lunch for Class of 2023 @ Ledger's

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.



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 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.

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; Tamara White, JP White; Donna Hendrix; Cori Antler Bradfield; Gail Wallace; Roman Higdon; Jean Driver; Curt Peinhardt; Jim Mechaw; Clark Keller

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 Kontogee Wright; James Laminack; Tom Sawyer; Sterling Bates; Terry Parker; Ann Buster Payne; Michael Johnston; Pam Hagan

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: Cpt. Chris Hester, Chaplain—Maryland; 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; Specialist John Riley, Ft Benning, Ga

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

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

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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

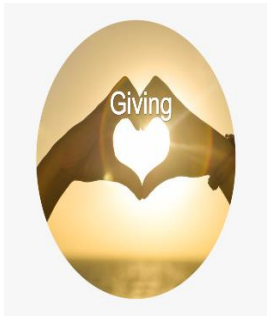
Trent Dodson, Student Pastor

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 gifts:** 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.

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Church Office Hours Monday –Thursday 8am-5pm

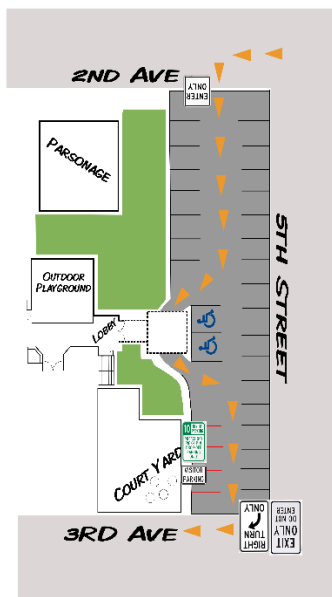
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Friday 8:00am-12:00pm

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 App today!
Registration for events or meals is a breeze with the app!!

