



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

May 21, 2023 Liturgical Color: White

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

www.sjepc.com

(Live stream available on YOUTUBE for Worship Services)

“But I trust in You, O Lord; You are my God. My Future is in your hands.” Deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

~Psalm 31:14-15



Ella Kate Green
Cullman High School

Plans to attend Auburn University to obtain a degree in Event and Hospitality Management on the Human Sciences Track



Sarah Herfurth
Cullman High School

Recipient of:
Renaissance Scholarship and Lion Leader Scholarship to Wallace State. She plans to be a Veterinarian.



Anna Page
Cullman High School

Plans to attend Huntingdon College to obtain a degree in Exercise Science/Pre-Athletic Training



Haley Shannon
Cullman High School

Recipient of:
Julia Tutwiler School of Education scholarship, Directors Academic Award, UWA Leadership Scholarship, and a softball scholarship to the University of West Alabama.

Haley plans to major in Elementary Education.



Sawyer Trimble
Cullman High School

Recipient of:
J.B. "Boots" Hill Memorial Scholarship presented by Cullman Home Builders Assoc.; Nicolas Fillinger Memorial Scholarship; Parker Hyatt Memorial Scholarship for Outstanding Character; Engineering Scholarship from the University of Alabama; University of Alabama Presidential Scholarship.

Sawyer plans to attend the University of Alabama in the Fall and will major in Construction Engineering

Not pictured:

Mary Charles Davis, Bennett Edmondson, Maggie Barnett, Lily Chambers, Hunter Manning, Lily West, Ian Willoughby, Hayden Wynn

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).

THANK YOU- Thank you for those who brought girls clothing for Kenya. You will bless several little girl's hearts through your donations! ~ Evie Krenkel.

SUMMER CHURCH OFFICE HOURS- beginning Tuesday May 30th the summer church office hours are: Monday -Thursday 8:00am -4:00pm; Friday 8:00am -12:00pm

SJ's KITCHEN SUPPLIES and EQUIPMENT—HELP our misplaced items find their way home to the kitchen!! If you have borrowed items (pots, pans, clear plastic and glass pitchers, trays, bus pans, salt and pepper shakers etc.) from the kitchen, please return them to the kitchen as soon as possible.

EXTENDED FAMILY / FRIENDS PRAYER LIST—if you have submitted a name for the friends / family prayer list, please let us know if they need to remain on the prayer list or prayerfully at this time, the situation has improved and at this time it is ok to remove their name. Please email: karen.hassell@sjepc.com with your request.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY- Monday May 29th the church office will be closed in observance of Memorial Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday morning at 8:00am.

55ALIVE ROADTRIP—May 25 to Don and Gloria Hewett's lake house. **LEAVE TIME: 8:00am**
Return: 5:00ish.

SAFE SANCTUARIES EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TEAMS

Getting ourselves back on track since the pandemic, it is now time for our annual assessment and update of our emergency teams for St John's. Please let us know if you would be willing to assist us on Sunday morning or at any church function if there was an emergency and your training might help save someone's life.

If you work or have training in any of the following fields, Safe Sanctuaries and the Security Team would like to have knowledge of your expertise in the event of any type emergency that could possibly happen to any individual while on our church campus.

PLEASE NOTE: These lists will not be made public or be published. They are for our information purposes only and will only be shared only with team members and pastoral staff.

Fields of Interest are:

- **Medical Training**
 - Your area of experience?
 - AED- Defibrillator trained
 - CPR Certified
 - First Aid Trained
 - Doctor, Nurse, PA
 - EMT
- **Background in Security or have had Security training**
 - Do you conceal carry?
 - Law Enforcement Background?
 - Military Police Background?
 - Have worked in security before?
 - The Service I usually attend-- 9 or 11 ?
 - I don't have experience in any of the above fields, but I am willing to be trained in _____ area.
 - Yes, I would help if there was an emergency at church possibly to help save a life _____.

Please email: karen.hassell@sjepc.com with your name, area of experience, your willingness to assist if needed, or the area you would like to be trained in, along with the best contact number for you to be reached at.



Sponsored by SJ's Children's Ministries

for kids
PRE K3--2nd Grade
Sign up today!

Questions:

Contact Stephanie Jowers

Use the QR code or sign up online



St. John's Evangelical 2024 GERMAN REFORMATION TOUR

May 17-28, 2024

Do you have friends you would like to invite?

Come along and join us as we see the magnificent sights of Germany! We will travel down from Berlin to Munich and visit many stops along the way! You will also experience the sites of Martin Luther as well as many other historical sites in between. As a part of SJ's 150th birthday Celebration, we will make a special visit to Frankweiler, Cullman's sister city!

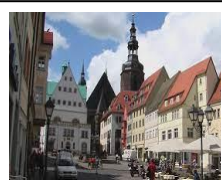
Some of the highlights include: a panoramic tour of Berlin, attend a service at St. Mary's Church where Luther preached in Wittenberg; Visit Luther's home, Tour Eisleben; Stroll through Erfurt and visit the Augustinian Monastery; enjoy free time to explore Erfurt at your leisure; Explore Wartburg Castle; Sail one of the prettiest sections of the Rhine River viewing beautiful castles as you go; celebrate a meal and wine tasting at a family owned winery; tour medieval Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber; explore Neuschwanstein Castle for amazing Bavarian views; explore Linderhof Castle; enjoy a guided tour in Munich and leisure time there for exploring; and a farewell dinner at Ettal before returning home.



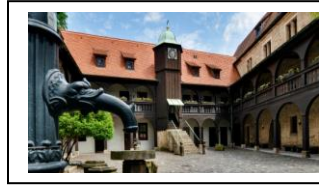
Neuschwanstein Castle



St. Mary's Church



Eisleben



Augustinian Monastery



Erfurt Germany



Wartburg Castle



Frankweiler



Rhine River



Linderhof Castle



Munich



Ettal



Rothenburg-ob-der-Tauber

For more information, receive an itinerary or to sign up to go, email:

john.richter@sjepc.com

the more the merrier!!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUMMER SAVE THE DATES



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.

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**

5-14-23 Offerings: \$20,620.17

Reducing our Debt in 2023

BTN \$64,389.10

General Fund--A gift is given in memory of Johnny (Tooter) Scott for his 82nd birthday on May 19th.

**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. May 22 8a Victim's Services (RB)

Tues. May 23 7a Men's Bible Study and Breakfast (CH)

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

6p NARANON (RB)

Wed. May 24 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

Thurs. May 25 8:00am leave time 55 Alive Roadtrip—return 5:00ish

12:00p Rotary Meeting and Lunch (CH)

12:00p Men's Group (CR)

1:00pVictim Services (RB)

Fri. May 26 7:30a-10:00a East Elem. Faculty Breakfast (CH)

Mon. May 29 Memorial Day Holiday- Church Office Closed



**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 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; Jim Mechaw; Clark Keller; Janet Holt; Frank Brunner

EXTENDED CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Kristen Hawsey Smith; Baker Shoemaker, remission -treatment; Betty Walker; Lindsay Hickman; Lisa Sharpton; Susan McClendon Patrick; Julie Blaize; Porter Lynn Phillips; Kelli Kontogeorge 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; Lt. Scott Waitley, US Navy; Lt. 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

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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

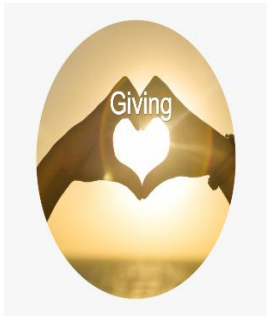
Trent Dodson, Student Pastor

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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Regina Baker, Financial Secretary

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Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant,
Facility Coordinator; 55Alive Sr. Adults

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Church Office Hours

Monday –Thursday

8am-5pm

Friday

8:00am-12:00pm

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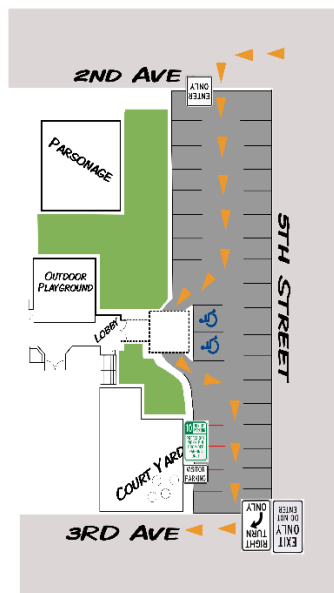
www.sjepc.com

look under the event tab to sign up for
all up-coming activities and events

CHURCHWIDE EMAILS

email: (karen.hassell@sjepc.com) to sign up
for receiving emails from the church so you
will not miss out on important information.

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!!

