



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

July 16, 2023 Liturgical Color: Green

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

www.sjepc.com

(Live stream available on YOUTUBE for Worship Services)

*Ok....it's time to get this party started!!
Come and help us get ready!*

AUGUST 12TH VOLUNTEER WORKDAY 8:30a til 1:00pm

Areas to volunteer in:

**Sanctuary, Narthex, Balcony, and
Heritage Hall, outside on the grounds**

Sign up at: www.sjepc.com under the events
tab

Look for the cleaning picture



55ALIVE JULY Fun Day / Lunch Day *Thurs. July 20TH* Ruehl Bldg.

Begin Gathering 9:30a
Games / Fellowship 10a
Lunch:11:30a

Bring your favorite salad!! Whatever you prefer!! Chicken Salad, Tuna Salad, Pasta Salad, jello salad, fluffy salad, broccoli salad..... the list goes on and on..... you name it! If you don't want to bring a salad, bring a box of crackers!

Call the office to sign up and let us know what you are bringing (256-734-0344).

55ALIVE AUGUST MEETING

Open to Anyone to attend
**"What Your Family Needs to Know Without
Causing Your Family Hell"**

This is something we don't talk about a lot, because frankly it makes some of us very uncomfortable to discuss our last wishes and requests to be carried out after we leave this earthly world.

Save the date now of August 17th at 10:00am, to come, join us in the Ruehl Building (red building across the street on the southside of the church) for a very informative meeting, *presented by 55Alive, but open to the entire church and friends you may want to invite.*

Rev John will explain from the church side of things what you need to cover with your family about your final wishes and requests that you would like to have take place.

Local attorney and church member Billy Jackson will be on hand to share different aspects of things on the legal end, that deals with wills, estates and financial matters.

We will also have a time of question / answer time pertaining to information shared or questions you might have dealing with these areas..

Call the church office (256-734-0344) to let us know you will be joining us.

2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you have a child entering the 6th grade this coming school year and would like them to attend Confirmation, contact Rev. John Richter at: john.richter@sjepc.com for any questions or more information. Class will begin in August.

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.

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)

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.

NEW RAGGY QUILT CLASS BEGINNING and CONTINUING THE QUILT

If you missed the first one, you have another opportunity to attend a new class beginning Saturday July 15 from 9-11:00am in Heritage Hall. This class will also have members that are completing work on their quilt from the first class. Any questions contact Geraldine Hendrix. A supply list will be available at the meeting.

55ALIVE JULY 27 ROADTRIP – Tuskagee Alabama to the Airmen Museum and lunch at Niffer's in Auburn. Call the office to sign up to go (256-734-0344) so travel arrangements can be made. Leave time: 7:00am sharp and return 6:15pmish. If you would like a sausage biscuit for the trip, call the office to let us know.

Engraved Brick Fundraiser

2024 will be a big year for SJ's! Turning 150 years old is no small task! To kick off our celebration we will be selling two sizes of new engraved brick pavers as we "*Pave our Way into the Future!*". Paver sizes are the regular size of 4" x 8" and larger size of 8" x 8" square. You can order and pay for your pavers online or you can bring your completed form and check by the church office. Visit the church website: www.sjepc.com click the events tab, and look for the brick picture. Information brochures are available in the narthex and Christ Hall.



Ages 18-25 Welcome!!
 Sunday mornings
@ *Reaching Higher Too!*
 3rd fl Education Building **10:10-10:50a**
Great place to connect!!
 Wade Warren, Leader



St. John's Church

Curt's Closet for

"BLESS YOUR SOLE 2023 BACK TO SCHOOL SHOE DRIVE"

July 1 and ending August 15th

"Bless Your Sole Drive" will be collecting **2,000** pairs of new shoes
All sizes for boys and girls to start school in grades K-12.

How You Can Help:

- Drop off NEW shoes at Curt's Closet or here at the church
 - Donate via Paypal to *Bless Your Sole Drive*
 - Shop through Amazon Wish List or Walmart Wish List and send new shoes directly to Curt's Closet
 - Mail cash or check donations to: Curt's Closet, PO Box 942, Cullman Al 35056
- . Thank you in advance for helping provide shoes for those that otherwise might not have them.



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

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

**STUDENTS AND
 PARENTS**
 Get info and updates on
 all things student
 ministry
 sent to you in a text
 message!

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

SUMMER
Office Hours

Monday – Thursday
8-4p
Friday
8-12p



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.

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



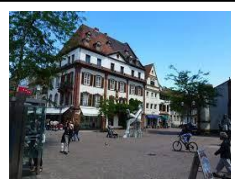
Augustinian Monastery



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!!

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– "The Book of James"

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

Use elevator off the Atrium to get to the classroom.

Our Faithful Giving

General Fund

7-9-23 Offerings: \$24,183.32

Reducing our Debt in 2023

BTN \$82,818.10

Gifts:

Memory of Catherine Nelson by Chris and Bella Triplett

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

SJ'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; Jean Driver; Jim Mechaw; Clark Keller; Janet Holt; Bob Rigdon; Raemon Gladney; Baby Olivia

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Kristen Hawsey Smith; 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; Allan Samp; Betty Barrett

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.

Praying for: 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, Middle East; Lt. Scott Waitley, US Navy; Lt. John Riley, Ft Benning, Ga

Assisted Living:

Folsom Center: Dan Keel, Doris Keathley, Jean Driver

Hanceville Nursing Home: Clarice Shafer

Woodland Village: Bea Mack

Woodland House—Jo Webb, Bob Rigdon (rehab)

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.

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.

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

Look for Ushers, First Impression Team Members and Staff wearing Yellow Lanyards to assist you with any questions.

We are a safe sanctuary campus.

Local crisis line: 256-734-6100 if you need help or 911

SJ's STAFF CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Tiffany Richter, Director of Music Ministries

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Stephanie Jowers, Director Children's Ministries

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Tina White, Director Little Lambs Preschool

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littlelambspreschool@sjepc.com

Jane Brannon, Church Office and LLS Office Assistant

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Regina Baker, Financial Secretary

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Karen Hassell, Administrative Assistant,

Facility Coordinator; 55Alive Sr. Adults

karen.hassell@sjepc.com

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35055**

Church Office Hours

Monday –Thursday

8am-5pm

Friday

8:00am-12:00pm

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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.

Happening this week:

Tues. July 18 Men's Bible Study and Breakfast will not meet during July

9a P.L.A.R.N

6p NARANON (RB)

6p Church Council Meeting (CR)

Wed. July 19 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. July 20 9:30a **55Alive** Gathering 10a Games 11:30 Lunch (Ruehl Bldg)

12:00p Rotary Meeting and Lunch (CH)

12:00p Men's Group (CR)

1:00p Victim Services (RB)

Sat. July 22 1:00p Shower –(Ruehl Bldg)

Sun. July 23 9:00a Worship, 10:10a Sunday School 11:00a Worship

Mon. July 24 4p RWO Graduation (RB)

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

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



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.



Thank you for visiting our church website!

Download the Church Center Ap today!
Registration for events or meals is a breeze with the ap!!

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 adult

11:00 – Modern Worship in Christ Hall with the addition of weekly communion

