



SAINT JOHN'S

Established 1874

Cullman Alabama

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

April 7, 2024 Liturgical Color: White

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

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Birthday Celebration SUNDAY- MAY 5TH SJ's 150th

Come early and stay late!!
A day of fun, fellowship!!




DINNER ON THE GROUND – with an
**Old timey fish, shrimp and oyster fry and
chicken fingers for those who prefer!**

Special guests will be with us to celebrate!!

**Sign up online: sjepc.com under the event
tab and look for 150 logo**

Pie Contest Cake Contest
Games
Special 150th Items and more!!



OCT8VE WAS BIRTHED ON THE CAMPUS OF OAKWOOD UNIVERSITY IN 2022, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF JALEN SCOTT. OAKWOOD'S RICH HISTORY OF CLOSE-HARMONY MUSIC – FROM THE AEOLIANS, TO TAKE 6, COMMITTED, A SPECIAL BLEND, AND MUCH MORE – HAS BEEN IMMERSSED IN THE COMMUNITY FOR YEARS. OCT8VE IS DEDICATED TO PRODUCING CLOSE-HARMONY ARRANGEMENTS IN EIGHT PARTS AND CREATING A NEW SOUND THROUGH MOSTLY GOSPEL AND CHRISTIAN MUSIC. SINCE THEIR INCEPTION, THEY SECURED MULTIPLE PERFORMANCES IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA, RELEASED THEIR DEBUT SINGLE (BRIGHTER DAY) ON ALL DIGITAL STREAMING PLATFORMS, PROVIDED BACKGROUND AND LEAD VOCALS FOR WEDDINGS, AND HAVE BEEN ON A GOSPEL RADIO NETWORK. OCT8VE'S GOAL IS TO CONTINUE INTERSECTING A'CAPPELLA MUSIC WITH CONTRASTING GENRES, TOURING AS A BLACK MIXED-VOCAL ENSEMBLE, AND EXPOSING THIS ART FORM TO ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE.

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday Night
May 15th
SJ's Fun Night
Pizza and Pool Party

Watch for more details and sign up to open

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 kid's 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.sjpec.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 with a yellow lanyard 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.sjpec.com to learn more about St. John's.

ADDITIONAL LILY- A lily was placed in honor of Addison Jones 2024 Confirmand by her mother and Cole.

55ALIVE APRIL ROADTRIP Thursday April 11— to WSC for the 70's Review featuring Wallace State Singers and Top Hat BBQ. **LEAVE TIME: 4:00pm** from the church parking lot.

APRIL 55ALIVE FUN DAY / LUNCH DAY --Thursday April 18th -Ruehl Bldg.

- ❖ Gather at 9:15 for fun and games
- ❖ Program: 11:00a
- ❖ Lunch 11:30a

If you are 55 and upwards, consider this your invitation to join us for our monthly fun day and lunch day. Our program this month features another one of our ministries outreaches that 55Alive supports **FIRST SOURCE FOR WOMEN**. Come and hear the amazing things and infant lives they help save in Cullman County!! To help in planning for lunch, call the office (256-734-0344) and let us know your coming. Invite a friend to join you!



CONNECT WITH US

We would love to connect with you if you have been visiting SJ's for a while or if you would like to more information about us. Scan the QR Code or fill out a CONNECT Card online on the church website: sjepec.com.

CULLMAN APRIL WALKING TOURS

Each Saturday in April Cullman County Museum features a walking tour in downtown Cullman. Tours begin on the front steps of The Museum at 10:00am. rain or shine. Each Saturday the tour leader will choose the route and topic, so every tour is different. St. John's Church will be included on the tours.

Sign up by April 14th Cookie Decorating Class With Tina B's Delicacies

Sunday--Apr 21, 2024 (2-4p) Heritage Hall

Spring Cookie Decorating Class and a St. John's 150th special design as well! Class will last 2--2.5 hours. Includes cookies, practice sheets, icings, sprinkles & tools. Learn tips, tricks and techniques of the pros! Cost of class is \$61 per adult and \$28 per child (12 & under).

For additional information or special circumstances in your family, call the church office at 256-734-0344. We would love for you to join us! Invite friends and family! Open to men and women

What's YOUR 150 In 2024 ?

Every Member on a Mission

TEXT ANNOUNCEMENTS--- Sign up today to receive the up to date last minute messages you might need to know about classes, worship services or events taking place at SJ's. To be sure you will not miss any important communication messages for you and your family, go ahead and sign up. Here you can also ask questions thru this number to the staff. **THIS IS NOT A GROUP CHAT**; no one else other than SJ's staff will be able to read your message.

HERE'S HOW TO SIGN UP:

- Text SJEPC to 256-734-0344
- After you receive a response from us, text your name, so we will know who you are for contact information purposes.

WEDNESDAY'S BEGINNING APRIL 3RD

6 weeks Session -- April 3rd to May 8th

6:00pm Classes, Youth and Children

Women of the Bible – Women's Class

Leader: Jennifer Hill

Location: Main floor Ruehl Building

Explore the lives of many biblical women based on the book *The Women of the Bible Speak* by Shannon Bream. Gain a deeper understanding of the diverse roles women played in biblical history and how their stories continue to inspire and resonate with women today.

Each class session contains 1 lesson, so if you miss a session, it is okay – come to 1 or all of them. Snacks and all materials provided.

Two Truths and a Lie – Men's Class

Leaders: Wes Warren, Steve Schwaiger, Mark Dryer, Blake Tetro

Location: Heritage Hall

There is a masculinity crisis in our culture, and this has reached the Church. In a confused world, what does it mean to be a godly man, and how do we answer the lies we are often told by the world around us? Join us as we study Scripture to answer deep life questions about being a father, husband, single man, and more.

Walking in Faith

Leader: Wade Warren

Location: Atrium

Join this class if you'd like to come together for a time of prayer and get outside for some walking!

SIMPLIFY YOUR GIVING!

Never worry about leaving your check at home or your tithe while you are away on vacation!

Consider a regular recurring gift or automated EFT to St. John's Church.

EASY SETUP thru our church website: www.sjepc.com

- Look under the “giving” tab on the top right side of the page
- Select “giving” and under the frequency section you have two options:
one time gift **or** regular recurring gift
- Call Regina in the church office(256-734-0344) if you need assistance to set up.

WALLACE STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE BIBLE STUDY!—If you are on campus Wednesdays at 2:30pm, join Nathan Williams in the Campus Ministries Room 100 in the Wellness Center. The club—named Ratio Christi—generally focuses on evangelism (sharing the faith) and apologetics (defending the faith). If you are a student, you are welcome to join! Invite friends. Contact Nathan if you have any questions (nathan.williams@sjepc.com, 256-338-9210)

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.

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



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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 P ARENTS
Get info and updates on all
things student ministry
sent to you in a text message!

THIS WEEK:

Tues. April 9

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

9a PLARN (HH)

6p NaraNon- (RB)

Wed. April 10

10a Chapel

6p Classes, Youth and Children meet

Thurs. April 11

12:00p Cullman Bar Association (HH)

12:00p Rotary Meeting and Lunch

12:00p Hank's Group (UR)

4:00p 55Alive Roadtrip to Top Hat BBQ and 70's Show at WSC

Our Faithful Giving

Offering: \$ 36,389.98

Gifts:

General Fund:

Memory of James Wood by David and Judy Grissom

Memory of Jan Witte by David and Betsy McLeroy

Mission 150

Memory of Bobbie Jean, Cordell and Jamie Stancil by Shea Polancich

Honor of The 2024 Confirmation Class by Chad and Katie Knop

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

Mission 150! A Legacy of God's Faithfulness and Generosity.

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 (Mission 150!, 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.



Ages 18 and older- Welcome!!

Sunday mornings

@ *Reaching Higher Too!*

Basement of the Ruehl Building

10:10-10:50a

Great place to connect!!

Leaders

Cori Manord and Blake Tetro,

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

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– "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

Location: 2nd Floor Ruehl Building

4-Reaching Higher Too– **Leaders:** Cori Manord, Blake Tetro; "Young Adult class for ages 18 – and older with a focus on developing relationships with each other and with God."

Location: Basement of the Ruehl Building

5-Dennon Compton's Upper Room– "The Book of 1 Peter"

Location: Upper room, next to elevator and Tween room. Use elevator off the Atrium to get to the classroom

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

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;
Anna McGriff, Shane Guest; Tamara White, JP
White; Gail Wallace; Bob Uzzell

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Kristen Hawsey Smith; Betty Walker; Lindsay
Hickman; Lisa Sharpton; Susan McClendon
Patrick; Julie Blaize; Porter Lynn Phillips;
Terry Parker; Ann Buster Payne; Michael
Johnston; Pam Hagan; Betty Barrett; Michael
Clemmons; Brenda Landers; Cindy Hawkins;
Jabron (TJ) Luker; Lauren Rasbury Horstman;
Dorothee Grayban

Military Addresses

Praying for: Cpt. Chris Hester, Chaplain—Maryland; Nicholas Sargent, US Marines; Staff Sergeant Josh Ryan, USAF, Eglin AFB; Pvt. First Class 3 Caleb Wood, Middle East; Lt. Scott Waitley, US Navy; Lt. John Riley, Ft Benning, Ga; Jase Goolsby, US Navy-Norfolk; Ben Turner, US Navy-Norfolk

Assisted Living:

Folsom Center: Doris Keathley

Woodland Village: Bea Mack

Westminster—Jo Webb

2024 CHURCH COUNCIL

Officers:

President: Matt Page; Vice President: Deanna Little; Secretary: Corrie Antler Bradfield; Treasurer: Jamie Laney

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Monday –Thursday
8am-5pm

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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.

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.

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

*Thank you for visiting our church
website!*

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



