



SAINT JOHN'S

EVANGELICAL PROTESTANT CHURCH

www.sjepc.com

Established 1874

Cullman, Alabama

May 27, 2018

Liturgical Color:
Memorial Day Weekend

8:00, 9:30, 10:30 am

VBS

June 3-6

6:00-8:30 pm



Four fun days filled with music, crafts, activities, snacks and learning about how Jesus' love is cool! Ages 3 - 5th grade

Not registered yet? No worries-- www.sjepc.com and look under the "ministries" tab and follow the link.

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*Introducing...*

## SJ's Leadership Cohort

A crucial next step for the future of St. John's is intentional leadership development. We believe that God is preparing to call new group leaders, future council members, and Kingdom influencers with God-sized dreams. We want to be faithful to help equip our current and future leaders with biblical leadership foundations and practical leadership skills so that all can thrive in the callings that God places upon their lives!

We don't know in what context you will ultimately use your leadership training. It could be within the structure of St. John's or this could prepare you for a leadership role in another context. Either way, we will be equally excited!

We want to gather leaders who are hungry to see God's glory and experience the joy of being a part of the transformation of lives through the grace and truth of Jesus. **If you are interested, please contact Pastor Nate for more info via email at [nate.randall@sjepc.com](mailto:nate.randall@sjepc.com).**



### **St. John's is a Church of Grace and Truth**

At St. John's we seek to be grace-filled, graceful, and a people of truth. Believing Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, we understand our need for the grace he offers. We believe in responding in gratitude for the grace we have received by extending grace to others. We do this by loving God, one another, and our community, and reorienting our lives around the truths handed to us through the Holy Scriptures. Join us in the journey!

**CHURCH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**—beginning June 1<sup>st</sup> the summer office hours will be Monday-Thursday 8-4:00pm; Friday 8-12pm

**MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED**—The church office will be closed on Monday May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. It will reopen Tuesday morning at 8:00 am.

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**--St. John's Women Fellowship will meet on Monday, June 4 at 6:00 at the farm of Ronnie and Pam Scott. We will meet at the Scott Farm Creek for food, games, and fellowship. The address is 510 County Road 455, Cullman, AL 35057. Hostess is Linda Wesley. Please come and bring a friend.

**SYMPATHY**—The Pastor's and Congregation express their love and sympathy to the following families who experienced loss this past week: The Family of Mrs. Christine Budweg Haufler, Pastor Nate Randall officiating, and to The Family of Mr. Eddie Qualls, brother of Linda (Ray) Bolzle.

### **CLASS OF 2018**



#### **Congratulations !!**

Carlie Ann White  
Graduate of Auburn  
University  
Major:  
Communications  
Minor: Business

**LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**—will take a break for a few weeks and resume again in August for the next series.

**SPECIAL THANKS** – A special *'THANK YOU'* to Jim Witte for serving as our volunteer Sunday Morning Coffee Steward for the past several years. Early each and every Sunday morning he has made sure coffee was brewed and ready for those early risers that needed that extra “wake up” before church and during the fellowship hour. If you have enjoyed coffee on Sunday's, be sure to reach out and say “Thank you Jim Witte!!”

Willy Hendrix will now serve as our coffee steward!  
Thank you Willy for volunteering.



**CHURCH USHER'S--ALL** persons (*current and new men and women*) who would like to be involved in the Church Usher Ministry, contact Kenny Culpepper or Karen in the church office (256-734-0344) or email: [karen.hassell@sjepc.com](mailto:karen.hassell@sjepc.com) to be included on the list .Meeting to be held end of June or first of July for usher info and procedures and security training.

**JUNE SASSY SAGES ROADRUNNER TRIP—June 28--Federal Reserve, Atlanta Ga. and lunch at Jason's Deli---** Leave time will be 7:00am and return aprox. 5:45pm .

**Signed up to go:** Pam Scott, June McDowell, George and Brenda Scott, Vickie Jackson, Yon Johnson , Sandra Sloan, Ronnie Owens, Jan Pierce, Tommy and Donna Byram, Patsy Richter, Charlotte Ecklund, Jan Gibbs, Karen Hassell, and driver.

**JULY SASSY SAGES ROADRUNNER'S TRIP—July 12<sup>th</sup>—Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery Al.** to see the Broadway Play "ANNIE" and lunch at Olive Garden prior to play. Annie's reviews are great ! "One of the best family musicals ever penned" – *Chicago Tribune*. The sun will come out tomorrow! Adults and children alike can't resist the irrepressible optimism of *Annie's* story of a special little orphan girl who refuses to give up hope. With a delightful cast and memorable song-and-dance numbers, such as "It's A Hard Knock Life," "Easy Street," and "I Don't Need Anything But You," *Annie* delivers "the ultimate feel-good musical." – *Time*.



*Suggested ages are 4 and up. 2.5 hour run time for play with intermission.*

25 Tickets are on hold in the center orchestra section and must be ordered and paid for by

**June 14<sup>th</sup>.** \$44 per person + \$5 gas. Leave time: 7:30 am Play: 2-4:00 pm arrive home aprox. 7:30ish pm.  
(We will grab a quick sandwich or snack on the way home).

Want to meet us there with your child or grandchild? That's great too!!

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## CREATED FOR A PURPOSE GIRLS CAMP

July 9-13<sup>th</sup>

### SMALL GROUPS ARE FILLING UP !

A creative arts program that teaches 3rd - 8th grade girls that they are a unique masterpiece created by God. Small groups are beginning to fillup. ***Wait list will be available.***

Sign up today at [www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com) and look under the Ministries Tab and then select Created For a Purpose Tab.

## Only 30 weeks til Christmas Eve??? Yes-- so sign up now for the Natchez Trace Antebellum Christmas Roadtrip Nov. 29- Dec. 2 And Vicksburg Military Park Guided Tour



Antebellum Homes all spruced up and halls decked out for Christmas? **PLUS** maybe you like a little important history thrown in there? Then this might be a trip you will enjoy!

Come along with us as leave via motor coach and head on down to Natchez Ms to The Grand Hotel. Things on our agenda will include: touring Choctaw Hall and enjoying wonderful 3 course meal there, visiting Sunnyside, Stanton Hall, lunch at the Carriage House, tour Frogmore Plantation including the Christmas Quarters with stories of the old South-Civil War soldiers, Cotton kingpins, slaves and share-croppers. We will also pay a visit to Concord Quarters for the lighting of the Yule log, then head over to The Jeweled Christmas Tour at the Towers- one of the most unique seasonal tours in the South. No trip would be complete without a little time to explore downtown Natchez Historic District and enjoy some wonderful food together!

On our way home you will have the unique opportunity to explore the battlefield through a professional guide who will make history come alive!! All guides are certified and have excellent knowledge of civilian life and military operations of the campaign, siege and defense of Vicksburg in the spring and summer of 1863.

Finally you will have the option to tour Bieenharn CocoCola Museum, which houses types of equipment that he used to bottle Coke for the first time anywhere in the world in 1894! Then top off your visit with ice cream, Coke Float or fountain Coke of yesteryear.

Sign up with your \$50 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot. Trip Cost: \$595.00\*\* (3 nights 4 days). Make payments or pay all at one time. Your choice.

**\*\*price is based on 40 people going-may be slightly more if less go**

**GRACE PLACE**-"Grace Place is a program for adults with mild to moderate memory loss, who can still feed themselves and take care of their own bathroom needs. The program consists of 4 hours of mental and physical stimulus, 10am to 2pm, every Tuesday and Thursday at Grace Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 305 Arnold St NE, Cullman, AL. Grace Place is a community program open to all qualified people regardless of church affiliation, or no church. Email at [info@graceplacecullman.org](mailto:info@graceplacecullman.org). Facebook: Grace Place Cullman; Or contact Wes Harding, 256-200-2434 for information."

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**8:00-9:00** Worship- Sanctuary

**8:40-9:10**-Pastires, coffee , juice (atrium)

**9:15-10:15** Sunday School

**\*9:30-10:25** Communion Service-Sanctuary

(\*Note: this time does conflict with the Sunday school hour. Please understand if you intend to bring your children to this service they will miss this important time of Christian education.)

**10:30-11:30** Worship-Christ Hall



### SASSY SAGES ROADRUNNER'S 2018 FORCAST

If you are kinda "Sassy" and like to travel the highways and byways with a great group of folks...then the Sassy Sages Roadrunners Senior Adult Travel Group is just the place for you! Any questions, contact Karen Hassell, Sr. Adult Travel Coordinator. [karen.hassell@sjepc.com](mailto:karen.hassell@sjepc.com)

**July 12<sup>th</sup>** – Alabama Shakespeare Festival, Montgomery AL, Broadway production of "Annie". **Deadline June 14<sup>th</sup>**

**August 16<sup>th</sup>** - Gee's Bend Quilts- Boykin AL

**September 20-23** New Braunfels Tx / San Antonio Tx.-sign up deadline April 30

October—TBA

**November 29- Dec. 2** Natchez Trace Antebellum Christmas. **Signup deadline: MAY 27**

**In Hospital:** Wayne Dean , RC Phillips

**Home:**

**Youth**



follow: sjyouthlive

Middle School & High School

\*stay tuned for updates on the spring calendar as we are shifting a few things



#### Sunday

**SS: 9:30**

**High School:**

**Small Group**

5:30 dinner, --7:15pm

Small Group:

**Girls Group--** led by Kelsey Wren, Stacie Wren, & Michelle Ray.

**Guys Group--** led by Nate Randall & Brannon Ray.

Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth: [trent.dodson@sjepc.com](mailto:trent.dodson@sjepc.com)

#### Wednesday

**Elevate-- Middle & High School**

School Groups

6-7:15pm

### BREAKFAST ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Join us each Sunday morning immediately following the conclusion of the 8:00 service (and right before Sunday School in the Atrium for a pastry or cup of coffee.

Serving Time: 8:30-9:15am

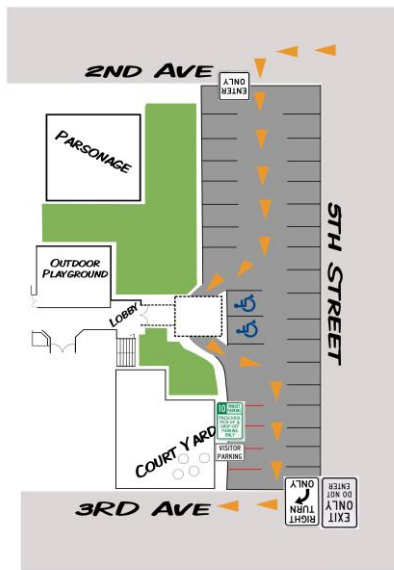
(on your own honor system)



Suggested prices: Coffee / juice \$.50 per cup

Pastries: assorted prices \$.50 to \$1.25 each

## ONE WAY TRAFFICE FOR NORTH PARKING LOT



To help us ensure the safety of our children, visitors and adults, everyday, **beginning August 1, 2017** the traffic flow in the north parking lot will become **ONE WAY TRAFFIC**.

**Enter (ONLY) from 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave.** (street that runs in front of the church) and **exit onto 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. (facing St. Paul's) with a RIGHT Turn only.**

We now have 4 designated Visitor parking spots for our guests on Sunday's .

Thank you in advance.

~ Safe Sanctuaries

### VISITORS

Thanks for visiting with us today! Feel free to call the pastor, Rev. John Richter @ 256-734-0344 if you have questions and would like to set up a time to discuss them. You may also check out our website [www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com) to learn more about St. John's.

### NURSERY

Nursery is available for newborns up to 3 yrs. of age at all worship services and Sunday School. Please see any usher or greeter this morning and they will direct you to the nursery.

## JOKE OF THE WEEK

Will return next week

## EMAIL ADDRESSES

Have you changed your email address? Or deleted on and started a new one? Please notify us when your email address changes by emailing [karen.hassell@sjepc.com](mailto:karen.hassell@sjepc.com) so you can receive the church wide email messages.

## STAFF EMAIL AND CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Trent Dodson, Minister to Youth

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## Reflections of our Faithfulness

*"Text to Give"* text **84321** follow the prompts message or complete an authorization form for Visa, MasterCard, Discover or debit card

### Offering May 13, 2018

**\$20,049.90**

**BTN: \$56,500.13**

### **Cheerful Giving**

Reducing our Debt in 2018

Year to Date Giving \$57,033.13

### Attendance May 20, 2018

**8:00 118**

**9:30 65**

**10:30 152**

**Total 335**

**Offering: \$14,625.50**

### **Gifts given last week:**

#### **GLORY OF GOD**

..memory of Virginia Richter by John and Dot Hughes; Jim and Jan Witte; Alice, Mary Claire, Anna and Jay Page; Betty Blair; Neil and Ann Glasscock;  
..memory of Eddie Qualls by Ted and Gail Mauldin;

#### **BTN**

..memory of Virginia Richter by Ted and Gail Mauldin; Kay Powell; Bill and Geraldine Hendrix; Johnny and Patsy Richter;  
..memory of Carolyn Huck by Kay Powell; Johnny and Patsy Richter;  
..memory of Curtis Driver by Margaret Richter;  
..memory of Sonny Glaser by Margaret Richter;

#### **YOUTH SPECIAL NEEDS**

...memory of Curtis Driver and Darrell Mosteller by Mike and Linda Isbell;

#### **YOUTH FUND**

...memory of Carolyn Huck by Jo Webb;

#### **WOMEN'S GUILD / WHIT'S PLACE**

..memory of Carolyn Huck by Margaret Richter; Judy Rutherford; Lawrence and Melanie Herge;

## WAYS TO GIVE IN 2016 INTO 2017

*Never forget your offering again! =*

2 ways you can now give your gifts, tithes and offerings to the church. You may give with your credit or debit card simply by completing an authorization form for Visa, MasterCard, Discover. You have the option of weekly, bi-monthly or monthly contributions. Forms are available in the church office during regular business hours. Secondly you can now give online thru the church website ([www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com)) "Text to Give" and text your amount to the following number **84321** then follow the prompts through the replied message.

**OOPS! MISSED A SUNDAY FROM CHURCH?** Would you like to hear Rev. John's message from that day? Or you would just like to hear the message again? Or perhaps share a sermon with someone? It's simple. Visit the church website: [www.sjepc.com](http://www.sjepc.com) ; select the small arrow on the right hand side on the of the different categories for SJ's ; select weekly sermons; scroll down the page for the archived sermons; then select the date you would like to hear, and click the arrow in the center of the display.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE @ SJ's

**OFFICE HOURS**

**8am-4pm Monday ---Thursday; 8am-12pm Friday**

### **Sunday—May 27**

Youth--High School Dinner followed by Small Group

### **Monday-May 28**

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY**

12:00pm Kiwanis Meeting and Lunch (CH)

### **Tuesday- May 29**

Men's Breakfast and Bible Study (CH)

9-12:00 am PLARN (HH)

### **Wednesday- May 30**

Youth

TBA-Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday –May 31**

12:00pm Rotary Luncheon and Meeting (CH)

## CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Scot Andrews, Terry Bradford, Lindsey Dossey, Austin Hall, Fred Hankey, Doug Johnson, Trent Lowry, Michelle Ray, Wescoat Free, Will Harding, Willy Hendrix, Babs Herfurth



**Be an Angel don't forget!--Cullman Caring for Kids Food Bank Donations**

**The need is great!! 2 Food collection points:** Entrance to Education & Building and Entrance to LLS



# Safe SANCTUARIES

**Always keep your eyes open to something that looks unusual to you and report it to an usher or staff member immediately.**

## **Safe Sanctuary and Emergency Preparedness 411**

- ❖ **Always keep your eyes open to something or someone that looks unusual to you and report it to an usher or staff member immediately. Be alert!**



Usher Training  
Coming soon!

## **What is Safe Sanctuaries?**

**Our Number 1 Priority:**  
Keeping Basic Procedures for a Safe  
Ministry with Children, Youth and  
Vulnerable Adults

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 Fuller, Billy Jackson, Kenny Culeppper, Karen Hassell

**We are a Safe  
Sanctuary Campus**

**local 24 /7 crisis line if you believe you are a victim:  
256-734-6100 and need help or information.**

## **CHURCHWIDE EMAILS**

### **Be in the know**

Meeting, where? Going where? Latest news, about?

If you are not receiving church emails and would like to be included, or if your email has changed, please notify Karen at: **karen.hassell@sjepc.com** so you will not miss information about upcoming events or possible changes in schedules at St. John's.

## **Face book**

If you have a Smartphone, ipad, laptop, tablet or home computer, search "St. John's, Cullman" and "like" our page to add us to your newsfeed. Articles of interest to read, announcements and prayer requests are posted regularly on our St. John's Face book page. Remember prayer requests posted here, are for your church family to see.  
*(Remember FB is a public forum so please word prayer requests carefully.*

## **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.**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

All prayer requests we receive are very important to us. To make sure that we can give them proper attention, please be sure to write them on a Prayer Request card found in the pews or on the welcome stations in Christ Hall. Requests can be placed in the offering plate or leave them in the church office. You may also email prayer requests to: [karen.hassell@sjepc.com](mailto: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.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

To make sure you can receive the latest announcements about events at our church, please take a second and email your new information to : [karen.hassell@sjepc.com](mailto:karen.hassell@sjepc.com) or by calling the church office.

## CHURCH CALLING INFORMATION CARDS

Have you filled out yours? Notification choices are: text message; email, or by calling your home phone. **PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE METHOD FOR THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT YOU.** Cards available in the information rack in the education building. Turn in at the office.

### Assisted Living:

Morningside: Jim Jones, Sarah Mann, Doris Keathley

Hanceville Nursing Home: Miriam Jones; Gary Dean

Woodland Village: Bea Mack; Dot York

USA Healthcare Falkville: Faye Marty

Brookdale- Juanita Schuman

## ST. JOHN'S UPDATED PRAYER LIST

St. John's 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 published in the bulletin—*otherwise it will remain on the Pastor's Prayer list only.* Likewise as your prayer request needs to be removed from the list, please let us know that too. The Prayer lists are published in the bulletin as space allows each week.

## CHURCH MEMBERS:

Mavous Speegle, Gary Dean, Bobbie Cleghorn, Aliya Schaffers; Frances Murphy; Jackson Ray; Cliff Kirkwood; Don Dossey; Ray Bolzle; Maxine Whisenhunt; Virginia Nail

## CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Myrl Dobbins, Jean Lackey; Paula Bolzle; Jennifer Brown; Dixie Davis Bailey; Mark Atlas; Ricky Lee; John Powell; Regina Willoughby; Jennifer Henderson; Ernie Moore; Wells Turner, Melanie McNair; Chris McDaniel

## Military Prayer List:

*Help us update our Military Prayer list. Please look over the list and see if your family member or friend has changed locations or has now arrived back at home.*

## **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.

Lt. Cmdr. Chris Hester, Chaplain—Virginia Beach, Va; Staff Sgt. Zach Whisenhunt—Embassy, Iraq; CW4 James Williams—Fort Lee, Virginia; Major Kellie Scott Hyatt—Birmingham, Al ; Lt. Cmdr. Scott and Lt. Cmdr. Roz Love, Guam, US Navy; A1C Will Sapp US Air force, Key West, Fl; Sgt. Tony Parker, Air Force, Kandahar; John Lancaster, US Navy; Jason Beck, US Army, Afghanistan; Adam Ramos, Sasebo, Japan; US Navy; Derek Ramos – 1<sup>st</sup> LAR Camp Pendleton, CA; Major John Forbes, Pentagon; NC; Jack Baker, Afghanistan; CPL Casper Shafer-Jump Platoon, Camp Pendleton, Ca

## **PLEASE EXCUSE OUR ACTIVITY!**

When you notice any of the staff slipping out of 8:00 worship on Sundays, please know we are preparing for Sunday School, or conducting rehearsals for the upcoming service, etc. If you see us on the move, please pray for us and for all of our worship services!

## **CHECKS TO DIFFERENT FUNDS**

Please remember when writing a check to the church for your gifts, tithes or offerings, if you are giving to a different fund (Burn the Note, Music Fund, or Youth Fund) other than general fund, please be sure to write a separate check. Women's Guild / Whit's Place donations go to The Women's Guild. Most of the time we do not have enough cash on hand to transfer monies in house. Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

## **Sunday Morning Fellowship Breakfast On the Lighter Side 8:30am to 9:15 am**

**Pastries \$ assorted prices**

**Coffee / Juice \$ .50**

