

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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“Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do what I tell you?”

—*Jesus, Gospel of Luke 6:46*

A tag line I used in one of my recent sermons boldly proclaimed that if you aren’t living a life of love then you had missed the entire message of the gospel—even if you considered yourself as much of a Christian as Christ himself. I made the statement over and over during the sermon in order to highlight how easy it is for us to get lost and separated from one another, when we allow perceived ideas of traditional Christian values to take priority over the teachings of Christ. He calls us to find common ground.

“I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from him who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt” (Luke 6:27-29). In our divergence of media streams, news affiliates and social media opinions it has become too easy to lose sight of Jesus’ encouragement that we love each other in spite of our disagreements.

So with thoughts of our common ground and our Anglican sense of the middle way, our Lenten theme this year will be “One Lord of All.” We will return to our schedule for Wednesday evening gatherings, each session with an opportunity for prayer and fellowship, a simple meal, and an opportunity to hear from some very engaging speakers. Each speaker will provide opportunities for us to listen to different perspectives on why we need to be united in Christ. Each speaker has been selected based on their desire to help us find common ground, and the unique perspective they can offer to our church. Some you will want to hear because you assume they will be like minded, while others may deter you because they challenge your political or social perspectives. I encourage you to come and listen, especially to those you consider as opposition. All of our speakers this year will be Christians, from our own Episcopal tradition, with interesting stories of faith, difficulties and challenges. I am hopeful that we can come together in love and support by listening to the differing voices that reside within the body of Christ. This is an opportunity to grow in faith and love as an individual, and strengthen the bonds of our parish community.

He is truly one Lord of us all, and I hope you will join us beginning on March 9.

In Christ’s Love,

De Freeman, Rector

One Lord of
ALL

Lenten Lecture Series 2022
Wednesdays, Beginning March 9

Wednesday Evenings from 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Dinner in Green Hall
Guest Speaker
& Formation for the Whole Family

In Christ there is no East or West - Hymn 529

John Oxenham (1852-1941)

In Christ there is no East or West,
in him no South or North,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.

Join hands, disciples of the faith,
whate'er your race may be!
Who serves my Father as his child
is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and West,
in him meet South and North,
all Christly souls are one in him,
throughout the whole wide earth.

Upcoming Events

Rose Garden Spring Cleanup

March 5 ~ 9:30 AM

Rain Date ~ March 12



Dear St. James Friends of the Rose Garden,

Once again it is time to visit our rose garden and provide it with some much needed TLC and sprucing up! Last year a small group of us somewhat managed to keep the roses blooming and growing. This year we are hoping to recruit more volunteers, so we can plant new roses from the funds we raised in May and June of last year to replace those we have lost during the COVID pandemic and damage from Hurricane Sally in 2020.

The annual St. James Rose Garden Spring Cleanup is Saturday, March 5th, at 9:30 am. If needed, Saturday, March 12th will be our "rain date." Please save those dates and plan to join us as we prune, trim and cut back all the roses. The morning includes: raking out the beds, fertilizing, insect control, weeding, applying fresh new mulch for our beautiful rose garden, and more. Please provide your tools as they will be needed for your participation. Suggested items are: gloves, rakes, loppers, pruning shears, buckets for trimmings and most importantly a friend to join in! It is our hope to have some blooms for God's glorious Easter celebration April 17!

New volunteers and donations for rose garden maintenance are always welcome. Donations may be made on our website at stjamesfairhope.org or by check placed in the offering plate at any service. Please notate "Rose Garden" on the memo line.

We will be planning our rose planting event soon, so watch for information coming soon about how you can help.



Blessings,

Your rose garden volunteers

P.S. If you have any questions, email Sheryl at sheryl.stubblefield@gmail.com.



YOUTH NEWS

Calling all youth
in grades 7-12:

Let's Get Together at St. James!

Mark your calendar for a cook-out with your St. James friends in the parking meadow on Sunday, March 13 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Come for fun, friends, and giant inflatable games. Let's celebrate moving the clocks forward!

Rite 13 Retreat

March 11 & 12

Dauphin Island

7th & 8th grade parents check your email. Ellen needs to hear from you soon! Can't find the email? Contact Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Upcoming Events

Next Parish *Breakfast* Feb 20 8:30 - 11 AM

Breakfast is served in Green Hall on the third Sunday of the month (unless otherwise advertised) from 8:30 AM until 11:00 AM. The cost is \$3.00 per person or \$10 per family. Reservations are not necessary. Pay when you get in line. If you would like to volunteer to help with the Parish Breakfast, contact the ministry leader, Selah Dryer, at selahmdryer@hotmail.com.



St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH Shrove Tuesday

*Chicken
and
Waffles*

March 1 - Green Hall

\$5 per adult, \$3 for children
or \$15.00 per family.

5:30 - 7 PM

Sign up in Green Hall,
email info@stjamesfairhope.org
or call the parish office at 928-2912.
Unable to attend the supper? Make a
donation online at www.stjamesfairhope.org.

Shrove Tuesday is a day of indulging in the rich, fatty foods that were traditionally abstained from during Lent. Making pancakes (or in this case waffles) was a way to use up butter, milk, sugar and eggs before the 40-day fast.

Next Taizé Sunday, February 20 7 PM *in the Chapel*



What is Taizé?

Taizé is the style of Christian worship practiced by the ecumenical Taizé community in France, characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayer and periods of silence. If you have never experienced a Taizé service, we encourage you to check it out.

Ash Wednesday March 2, 2022



St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

SERVICE TIMES

7:00 AM
IN THE CHAPEL

12:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH
and online

5:30 PM
IN THE CHURCH

The first of the forty days of Lent, Ash Wednesday is named for the custom of placing blessed ashes on the foreheads of worshipers. The ashes are a sign of penitence and a reminder of mortality.

Christian Formation

Library's Grand Re-opening



The library committee has been busy reorganizing the library by subject/genre to make it more user friendly for St. James parishioners and friends. Special thanks to Committee members D.J. Elmore, Lisa Havard, Sara Majors, Elaine Pannell,

Rita Wells, Savan Wilson, Randal Wright and Forbes Sirmon, their advisor, for their hard work making the library a better resource for all of us. On February 6 they held a special grand reopening to celebrate the occasion.



Several of the committee members at the grand reopening pictured L-R: Savan Wilson, Lisa Havard, D.J. Elmore, and Rita Wells.

40TH ANNUAL
Men's Conference & Retreat
SACRED GROUND:
RECONCILIATION AND THE BELOVED COMMUNITY
presented by
Rt. Rev. Eugene Sutton
Bishop of Maryland
MARCH 4-6, 2022
BECKWITH CAMP
AND CONFERENCE CENTER
 FAIRHOPE, AL

Download the Brochure

Don't have access to a computer? Pick up a copy of the brochure in Green Hall and mail in your registration.

Click to Register for the Event or go to www.diocgc.org.

The Lecti onary Schedule

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Sunday, February 20 The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
Sunday, February 27 The Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]
Wednesday, March 2 Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 103 or 103:8-14	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Sunday, March 6 The First Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Sunday, March 13 The Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35

Christian Formation



What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by the Bishop. (BCP 860)

Inquirers'/Confirmation classes have begun. ADULTS, If you are interested in being confirmed, received, or re-affirmed into the Episcopal Church, it's not too late to join in the class. Please email Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org at call Ellen at 251-928-2912.

Weekly Formation Schedule

Sundays A **Lectionary Class**, led by Jim Daniell is held in the Library, between the 9 & 11 AM services. All adults are welcome. For more information, contact Jim at jdaniell917@gmail.com.

Rite 13 (7th & 8th graders) - 12:15 to 1:15 PM

Inquirers'/Confirmation Class for adults meets in the Vestry Room following the 9 AM service, approximately 10:15 - 10:50 AM.

Inquirers'/Confirmation Class for youth meets from 12:15 - 1:15 in the classroom above Green Hall.

Mondays 6:30 PM - **Women's Bible Study** meets in the Vestry Room, led by Michelle Orr. Contact Michelle at 251-990-6077 or 251-490-6077 if you have questions.

Tuesdays 5:45 PM - **Men's Bible Study**, meets in the Vestry Room, led by Father De.

Wednesdays

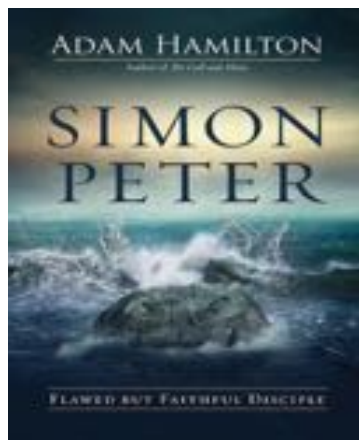
9:00 AM **Adult Bible Study** in the Vestry Room. All adults welcome at any time. Contact Elaine Pannell at pannell3264@yahoo.com if you have questions.

12:30 PM **Centering Prayer** meets in the Chapel. For questions, contact Shannon Spinks at shannon@gatewaysourcing.com.

5:30 PM **Evening Program** for the whole family begins in the Church. Concludes by 7:30 PM. **This program will resume on March 9.** See cover article for details.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study Beginning New Book - February 21

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will be studying Adam Hamilton's study of St. Peter for our 2022 Lenten season. The book is titled *Simon Peter—Flawed but Faithful Disciple*. In this six-week journey, pastor and author Adam Hamilton takes an in-depth look into the life, faith and character of Simon Peter. There is a video session with each chapter.



an ordinary man who heard and followed God's extraordinary call. Discover how you, too, have special gifts, talents, and abilities that God can use to make a difference today.

The study will begin on Monday night, February 21, at 6:30 in the Vestry room. All women are invited to attend and the book may be purchased from Amazon, Cokesbury, or Christianbook.com. It is also available on Kindle. For more information, contact Michelle Orr at 251-990-6077 or 251-490-6077.

Hamilton describes the book in the following way: *He left everything to follow his teacher and possessed a passion that would change the world. That's one way to describe Peter. Here is another: poor, uneducated, quick-tempered, and full of doubts and fears. It doesn't even sound like the same man. Peter was just*

School News

Honey Baked Ham
Gift Card Fundraiser
BENEFITTING
St. James
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Click to support St. James Episcopal School and order your honey baked ham gift card!

Planning ahead for Easter dinner? Need a night off from cooking? Use your Honey Baked Ham gift card to shop online or in-store at any location, nationwide. 20% of all proceeds go directly to our school and the St. James PTO. Click the pig to order by March 31 or go to:

<https://honeybakedfundraising.com/fundraisers/sjes>.

St. James
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

SUMMER CAMP
COUNSELORS WANTED!

June 13 - July 22

Looking for a fun summer job?
St. James Episcopal School is looking for enthusiastic, energetic, and responsible summer camp counselors, ages 16 and older.

Stop by our office to pick up an application, or submit your resume to schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org

Our St. James School children are participating again this year in the “Great Kindness Challenge.” We are collecting toiletries and non-perishable food items to donate to Wilmer Hall. As part of the “Great Kindness Challenge,” students created Valentine cards and delivered them to local area assisted living facilities. We enjoyed celebrating Valentine’s Day at school with class parties and our school staff distributed heart-shaped doughnuts to our parents at the morning carpool drop off.

We celebrated Grandparents’ Day in coordination with our Mother Goose Nursery Rhyme Fairy Tale Day. We were thrilled to have our grandparents on campus as we shared all of our nursery rhymes and fairy tale characters. Each child dressed as their favorite character and recited their favorite nursery rhyme.

Laissez les bon temps rouler! We invite you to join us on February 24 at 9:00 AM as our St. James School Krewe parade will roll in the parking lot. No throws but lots of waves and smiles. Come and see some great box floats!

Summer camp registration for the public will begin March 7. We are looking for another fun-filled summer program at St. James. Detailed information about the weekly programs, dates, and fees are available on our website at www.stjamesfairhope.school.

If anyone is interested in working as a substitute teacher or summer camp counselor please call the school office or send your resume to schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org.

St. James School welcomes our new school board members: Tory Andrews, Vickie Bailey, Ben Codding, Molly O’Keefe, Laura Port and Cappi Sully. Returning members are: Jennifer Lambert (President), and David Roberts. Thank you for your dedication and guidance as we move St. James Episcopal School forward.

Best regards,

Shelley E. Miller

Shelley Miller, School Director



Outreach

The Outreach Committee is hosting a supply drive for the Blessing Boxes of Baldwin County from Wednesday, March 2 through Thursday, April 14. There will be a container labeled for donations in Green Hall. We are asking for donations of non-perishable items: evaporated milk, canned soups, macaroni and cheese, spaghetti, canned tuna and chicken, ramen noodles, breakfast bars, oatmeal packets, instant grits, and canned vegetables. These items require few ingredients and cookware to make a meal. They will be distributing once, in the middle of the Lenten season, (on March 27) and the remainder of the donations after Easter. If you would like to participate with distribution, please contact outreach@stjamesfairhope.org.

BLESSING BOXES

of Baldwin County

March 9 – April 14



The Outreach Committee is looking for volunteers to participate in a variety of upcoming service projects this spring. Project leaders with the skills to lead volunteer groups in small home improvement, maintenance and outdoor projects are also needed. If you are interested in being part of these upcoming efforts, please contact outreach@stjamesfairhope.org.



Thank you to the Outreach Committee for representing St. James at the Chili for Charity event benefitting Ecumenical Ministries last weekend. And a special thanks for all those parishioners who came out to support the event! It was a beautiful day!



Save the date
FOR VBS!
June 12-16
CHAMPIONS IN LIFE: READY, SET, GO WITH GOD!



From the Parish Office

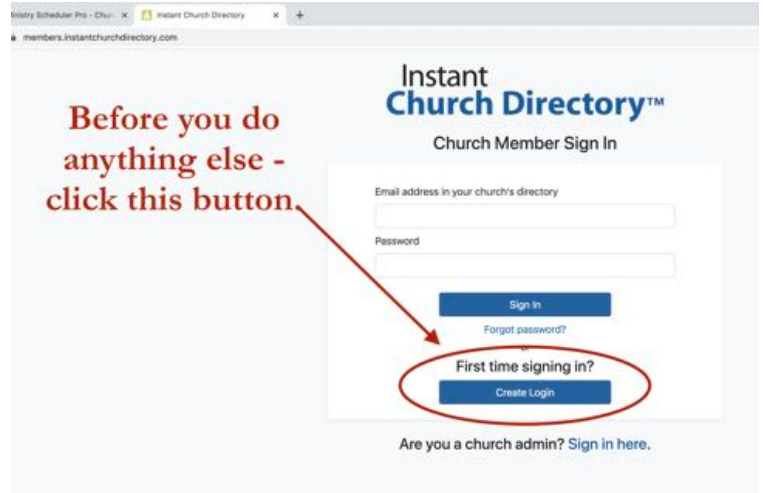
OUR NEW DIRECTORY IS NOW ONLINE.



Go to:

members.instantchurchdirectory.com to log in. If it is your first time to log in you must click the **blue "CREATE LOGIN"** button before you do anything else. See graphic on the right >>>>

If you have trouble logging in, call 251-928-2912 or email Jennifer at *communications@stjamesfairhope.org*.



Update from the Finance Office...

	January	January	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Church Income	\$119,288	\$109,053	\$119,288	\$109,053	\$81,818
Church Expense	\$95,565	\$106,645	\$95,565	\$106,645	\$104,909
School Income	\$65,222	\$40,185	\$65,222	\$40,185	\$46,962
School Expense	\$43,804	\$48,717	\$43,804	\$48,717	\$34,137

Please remember you can set up your recurring gifts online by clicking this link.
Gifts may be made by ACH or credit card.

If you need help setting up your recurring gift online, call the church office at 251-928-2912 and ask for our Director of Finance, Jim Ketchum, or email Jim at *finance@stjamesfairhope.org*.



MINISTRY SCHEDULER PRO

Remember to put in your "can't serve dates" in Ministry Schedule Pro to avoid being scheduled when you are not available. The deadline for the March schedule has passed. The March schedule will be posted soon. You may put in "can't serve dates" for any future date, April 1 or later. If you have forgotten your password, or need help with Ministry Scheduler, call the office at 251-928-2912 and ask for Meghan or Jennifer.



Pledge Envelopes are Here!

If you ordered envelopes, pick them up in Green Hall. If you did not order envelopes and would like them, see Jim Ketchum, or email him at *finance@stjamesfairhope.org*.

From the Parish Office

2022 Altar Flower Calendars

Dates are Still Open!

If you would like to dedicate flowers on the altar in memory or honor of a loved one, look for the notebooks in the parish hall on the information table by the window. There you will find calendars with the available dates. Just pick an open spot and print your name. Send in your payment the month before you are to dedicate the flowers. We will handle the rest!



The cost to dedicate both arrangements in the Chapel is \$50. The cost for both arrangements in the Church is \$100. If you have a question about how to

dedicate flowers on the altar for the Church or Chapel, feel free to call the office at 251-928-2912 or email us at info@stjamesfairhope.org.

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

WE'RE HIRING!



Associate for Children's Ministries (part-time)



Nursery Workers

- Sundays 8:45 AM - 12:15 PM
- Alternating/occasional Wednesdays 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- Occasional Fridays or Saturdays for special services/events

Contact Ellen Huckabay

christianinformationstjamesfairhope.org or 251.928.2912

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Yoga

SCHEDULE

Mondays

9:30 - 10:30 AM - **Gentle Yoga at Creative Outlet** with Jane Tucker. Cost is \$30 for 12 sessions.

Thursdays

10 AM - **Chair Yoga** in the choir room with Jane Tucker.

5:45 PM - **Flow Yoga** with Stacy Reckeweg in Green Hall or via Zoom. Contact Stacy at stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com if you'd like the Zoom link.

Fridays

7:30 AM - **Yoga Flow** in Green Hall with Jane Tucker.



Sung Compline

Sunday, March 20, 2022

7 PM in the Church

Compline is the last of the four services in the Daily Office (BCP, p. 127). It is descended from the night prayers said before bed. The Compline service lasts about 30 minutes. It is casual...come as you are, listen, and pray for God's protection during the night to come. Children feel free to wear your pj's and lie down in the pews.

If you are not sure what to expect and would like to listen to some of the Compline services from the past, [click this link to go to our website](https://www.stjamesfairhope.org). If you are unable to attend in person, you can tune in on our [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesfairhope), [YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/stjamesfairhope) or website at www.stjamesfairhope.org and watch live.



We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others.

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Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
9:00 & 11:00 AM
Holy Eucharist in the Church
11 AM also available online
10:15 AM Lectionary Class, Library
Adult Inquirers' Class in Vestry Rm
12:15-1:15 PM Rite 13
Youth Confirmation Class

MONDAYS:

9:30 AM Gentle Yoga at Creative Outlet
3:30 PM Whitby Choir
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS:

5:45 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer, Chapel
3:30 PM Canterbury Choir
5:30 PM Evening Program (Resumes March 9)
6:45 PM Adult Choir

THURSDAYS:

10:00 AM Chair Yoga, Choir Room
5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall

FRIDAYS:

7:30 AM Yoga, Green Hall

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

7:00 PM Compline in the church & online
or Taizé in the Chapel

The Vestry

Jeanie Smith *Sr. Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Clerk*
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*
Lauren Arington, *Jr. Warden*

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin
Shannon Pesnell
Tracy Corte
Mary Statkewicz

Class of 2023

Bebe Goetter
Earl Jackson
Chris Nelson

Class of 2024

Ben Codding
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

The St. James Staff

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Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday ~ CLOSED

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