

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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Amanda Dasher

New Curate Coming this Summer



We look forward to welcoming Amanda Dasher, who will serve as our newest curate. Amanda will graduate from Virginia Theological Seminary in June, and will join the St. James parish in July. Amanda is a Florida native, and attended the University of Florida, where she completed both her undergraduate studies and law degree. Prior to discerning a call to ordained ministry, Amanda worked in Public Interest Law for 14 years as a public defender and child welfare prosecutor. Amanda was active in her sending parish, Christ Church Pensacola, serving on the vestry and as Senior Warden. She has a passion for hospitality, racial reconciliation, and contemplative prayer. In her free time, she enjoys reading, traveling, running, and spending time in nature.

Amanda and her husband Craig have two daughters, Anabelle, 14, and Scarlett, 11. The Dasher family is excited to return to the Central Gulf Coast and to explore their new hometown of Fairhope. Craig will commute to work at Holy Cross in Pensacola, and the girls will attend public school in Fairhope. Amanda can't wait to get to know everyone at St. James and get settled into the church community!



Reverend De Freeman, *Rector*



Reverend Forbes Sirmon,
Associate Rector

VESTRY MEMBERS

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*
Lauren Arington, *Junior Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Clerk*
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin
Shannon Pesnell
Tracy Corte
Mary Statkewicz

Class of 2023

Bebe Goetter
Earl Jackson
Chris Nelson

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

News & Events

A Letter to my St. James Family from The Reverend Kenneth White-Spunner



Dear St. James family,

I wanted to write to you to thank you for all of your support on this amazing journey. I've had a lot of reason to reflect on my past in these last few months of seminary, and the first time I walked into St. James has been prominent in those memories. You welcomed me with open arms, and lifted me up as a newly sober person. This journey hasn't always been easy, but you have always been there for me, gently affirming my call and encouraging me along the way.

I am about to begin the ministry that God has been calling me to, and none of that would be possible if it wasn't for your love and support. I am nothing more than a reflection of the good people around me, and you are some of the best! God brought us together, there is no doubt about it.

Some of you are aware that I married the love of my life, Carrie Wright, on March 12th. She's a seminarian from New Orleans and will be joining our diocese when she graduates Seminary of the Southwest in May 2023. And I have accepted the position of Clergy-person-in-Charge at St. John's Episcopal Church in Monroeville, AL. My first Sunday there will be June 12th!

To those of you who were able to make it to my ordination, thank you. To those who couldn't make it, thank you for all of your support over the years. This isn't a goodbye, because I will see you again... at retreats, at Cursillo, at the Jonathon Daniels Pilgrimage. Our paths will definitely cross again. Until that time, may God's peace be in your hearts always, may the Holy Spirit fill you with strength, and may you continue to model the love of Jesus to your neighbors.

Rev. Kenneth White-Spunner +



What is Compline? 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. Come as you are, listen, and pray for God's protection during the night to come. Can't make it to the service? Watch on our website at stjamesfairhope.org, Facebook page, or on our YouTube channel.

Want to find out more? Go to our website and watch some services from the past: stjamesfairhope.org.



St. James needs more chalice bearers. If you are 16 years of age or older and confirmed, and interested in serving as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, call 251-928-2912 or email info@stjamesfairhope.org. You will be trained by clergy and licensed by the bishop.

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The voluntary for Sunday’s services was composed by Larry King, Director of Music of Trinity Episcopal Church NYC in 1981. Here are notes from the composer:

RESURRECTION portrays in freely structured fragments the four aspects of the resurrection experience: Lament – The Rising – The Ecstasy – Reflection....

“Lament” combines the liturgical mourning of the plainsong *Vinea me electa* (O my vineyard, I planted and tended thee... and thou hast prepared a cross for thy Saviour) with a soulful expression of contemporary grief. “The Rising” grows quietly from this grief, using 12 tone rows and techniques to express its cosmic nature. “The Ecstasy” develops a populist alleluia strain with embellishments not unlike those used in the music of the Aquarian Age. “Reflection” combines the liturgical rejoicing of the plainsong introit for Easter Day *Haec Dies* (This is the day which the Lord has made) with the alleluia fragments.

The closing voluntary is an Improvisation by Charles Tournemire, organist of St. Sulpice in Paris. He did not write the score but it was recorded on wax cylinders and some years later Maurice Duruflé painstakingly transcribed them into written music while he listened to the recordings. The improvisation is based on the chant our choir sang this Easter, *Victimae Paschali laudes* "Christians, to the Paschal Victim, offer your thankful praises...."



Unique, Contemporary
Organ Music
for the Easter Season

Presented
on
Sunday, May 15



Special thanks to Selah Dryer for faithfully serving as the leader of the Parish Breakfast Ministry for the past 4 years. She has been a dedicated volunteer, preparing and enthusiastically serving breakfast with a smile each and every month. Thank you Selah!

Mary Statkewicz has taken over the role as leader and we look forward to working with her. If you would like to assist Mary on the Breakfast Ministry, contact her at marys@gulfshores.com.




Next Parish
**Breakfast at
St. James**

MAY 15

8:30 - 11:00 AM
\$3.00 per person or \$10 max per family
Reservations not necessary - Pay when you eat

*Start your day with a delicious breakfast and leave the
cooking and cleaning to us!*

The photo in this advertisement is not meant to be a representation of what will be served at the breakfast.

News & Events

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RECOGNIZING OUR

Seniors

May 15th

St. James would like to recognize all of our High School Seniors on May 15 at the 11 AM service.

Please email Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org if your child is a graduating senior this year.



St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Waterville, USA



Email Ellen Huckabay
at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org
if you plan to attend!

Sunday, May 22

Youth in Grades 7-12

Leaving from the Church parking lot at 12:30 PM. Cost is \$20 plus cash for snacks.



We plan to return from Waterville to the Church parking lot by 6 PM on Sunday evening. Please call or email Ellen Huckabay if you need more information (251-928-2912 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org).

Columbarium Expanding



Construction begins this month for new columbarium walls on the north and south sides of the Memorial Garden. Each wall will initially have 36 niches installed with available space for an additional 36 when needed. The new walls will architecturally be the same as the existing wall with matching brick and granite surfaces. Anticipated construction time is 8 to 10 weeks. During this time, access to the Garden will be restricted because of safety concerns. Please contact me – Ed Shell – at 251-767-7013 or email me at wargle68@gmail.com or find me at coffee hour between services on Sundays, if you have questions or would like more information on the Memorial Garden.

Summer SCHEDULE

TWO SERVICES:

8:30 and 10:30 AM

Both in the Church

Beginning May 29



If your St. James ministry, group, or Bible Study has news or events that you would like to have included in the Anchor Lines newsletter, please email information to Jennifer Glover, at communications@stjamesfairhope.org, no later than 5:00 PM on the Thursday prior to the published date. The next Anchor Lines will be published on June 8, 2022.

Looking ahead to June



PENTECOST FISH FRY and first ever

CORNHOLE CHAMPIONSHIP

THE PENTECOST FISH FRY & CORNHOLE CHAMPIONSHIP will take place on the parking meadow following the 10:30 AM service, on Sunday, June 5. The tournament will begin at 12:00. This is a **WINNER TAKE ALL EVENT**. Two person teams should register by emailing outreach@stjamesfairhope.org. **Be prepared with your team name and an awesome attitude!** Please help us make this a fun activity and **SIGN UP TODAY!**

Remember to wear red to symbolize the flames of the Holy Spirit.

Please let us know you are attending the fish fry... Sign up in Green Hall, call 251-928-2912, or email info@stjamesfairhope.org.



Mondays - 9:30 - 10:30 AM - Gentle Yoga at Creative Outlet with Jane Tucker. *This class will not meet after May 31. It will pick back up in the fall.*

Thursdays - 10 AM - Chair Yoga in the choir room with Jane Tucker. *This class will not meet after May 31. It will pick back up in the fall.*

And 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. Class continues this summer.

Fridays - 7:30 AM - Yoga Flow in Green Hall with Jane Tucker. Class continues this summer.



Ready, Set, GO with GOD!



June 12 - 16

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW

Contact Ellen Huckabay. Call 251.928.2912 or email her at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

REGISTRATION AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

at www.stjamesfairhope.org

Deadline to Register for VBS is May 20

LIMITED SPACE AVAILABLE

VBS takes a league of volunteers! We need players, coaches, and cheerleaders. On which team will you sign up?

VBS needs:

- Age group leaders
- Story-tellers
- Games Leader and helpers
- Crafts Leader and helpers
- Decorations committee
- Snack committee
- Service Squad Leader

You may not be able to commit to the full 3 hours every day, but could you make and drop off snacks for one day? Could you tell the story one day? Could you head up or help with the decorations committee? Many hands make light work, and we guarantee you'll get a blessing in the process!

Looking ahead to June



The mission of Family Promise is to provide temporary shelter, transitional housing, related services and nurturing support to families with children experiencing homelessness and to assist them with obtaining suitable and permanent housing.

They offer these direct services to families in crisis who are participating in their program:

Day Center with access to laundry facilities, computer & wi-fi, bathroom, kitchen & resources, Case Management, Community Resources for jobs, housing, childcare, education, parenting, financial literacy, etc., Shelter through our Interfaith Hospitality Network, Meals, Furniture, Clothing, Basic Necessities, Gas Card Incentive Program

From parishioners providing snacks and meals to overnight hospitality, we need all sorts of volunteers. Pray about how you might help, then sign up in Green Hall. Call Nickie Olson at 251-401-2022 or email her at nickie@homesbynickie.com, or contact Margaret Cadden at 251-610-6696 if you have questions.

Rising 5th and 6th graders will go out into the community Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday, June 13, 14 & 15, doing good works! On Thursday, June 16, you will stay on campus and have lots of fun on the waterslide.

Sign up using the online VBS FORM on our website at stjamesfairhope.org or use the paper form in Green Hall.

Questions? Contact Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.



Current 7th -12th Graders

Join us for a Mission Trip to Atlanta
June 21-23

What will we be doing?

- Atlanta Braves v. San Francisco Giants
- Service Project at the Food Bank of Atlanta
- Six Flags Theme Park

Depart from St. James
at 10 AM on Tuesday, June 21

Return Thursday, June 23

Cost is \$50

plus money for food & treats/souvenirs

Contact Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org if you would like to attend.

From the Parish Office



New Iron Work in Front of the Church

Have you noticed the new wrought iron stair railings, out in front of the church? Special thanks to parishioners Joe and Pam Strange of The Iron Shop, LLC for handcrafting and installing these for us at St. James. They truly are a work of art!

Father Forbes writes...

“Haden and Thomas are doing well and are happy and healthy. We are so thankful to bring Thomas into the world in the midst of our St. James family. We want to thank you all for your outpouring of love and support and can’t wait to introduce Thomas to all of you soon.”



Convocation II Gathering, May 22 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM at Beckwith

This is an exciting opportunity to bring our Baldwin County families together for an afternoon filled with music, activities, dinner, and fellowship. Thack Dyson and the St. Paul’s Men’s group will be sponsoring the music and the meal and Alyson Jackson is hosting the family fun event that begins at 3:00 PM.

This fun event is for all ages and not just those with families. Beckwith will sponsor the lemonade, beer and wine, so everything is covered for a fabulous day. Bring your lawn chair and join us at the Chapel Undercroft for this afternoon of convocation fellowship.

Interested in helping that day? Reach out to Alyson Jackson @ 251-751-0084.


RSVP by May 18 to rhona@BeckwithAL.com

Monthly Financial Report

	April	April	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Church Income	\$102,252	\$111,853	\$474,700	\$439,010	\$422,504
Church Expense	\$105,231	\$117,161	\$425,441	\$459,685	\$416,332
School Income	\$39,726	\$40,185	\$207,623	\$160,740	\$190,167
School Expense	\$47,626	\$55,529	\$212,280	\$208,318	\$145,269


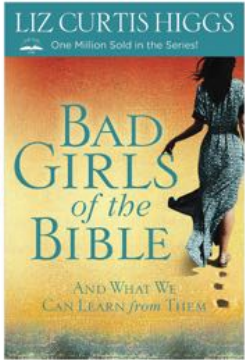
Please remember you can set up your recurring gifts online by clicking this link.
Gifts may be made by ACH or credit card. Amazon Smile is an easy way to donate to St. James

Christian Formation




St. James
Episcopal Church

*Women's Monday Night
Bible Study*

Study meets in the Vestry Room on Mondays at 6:30 PM.
Buy your book on Amazon. All women welcome.
Call Michelle Orr at 251-490-6077 if you have questions.

Lectionary Class TIME CHANGE for SUMMER



The Lectionary Class meets in the Library on Sunday mornings. During the summer, class will meet following the 8:30 AM service. Contact Jim Daniel at jdaniell917@gmail.com for more information.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study

****New Book - Just Began May 9****

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study just began a new study, *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs. Ten of the Bible's infamous Bad Girls — Eve, Jezebel, Delilah, Lot's Wife, and more—point to a God who majors in mercy.

Popular storyteller Higgs takes a look at the "Bad Girls of the Bible," searching for the lessons these wicked women have to teach. Higgs retells these biblical stories with rollicking humor and deep insight as she teaches about the nature of sin and goodness. *Publishers Weekly*

The author says,

Think you've gone too far? Done too much? Take heart. You're not alone. Eve had food issues. Potiphar's Wife and Delilah had man trouble. Lot's Wife and Michal couldn't let go of the past, Sapphira couldn't let go of money, and Jezebel couldn't let go of anything. Yet the Woman at the Well quenched her thirst for the truth, while Rahab and the Sinful Woman left their sordid histories behind.

The group will study the first five women then break for summer. Next fall the group will learn about the last five women. They begin at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room in Green Hall, and usually finish around 8:10 PM. The book may be purchased from Amazon, and used books (which Michelle recommends) cost about \$6.00 including shipping. For more information, Michelle Orr can be reached at 251-490-6077.



Our Kindergarteners who are graduating this May were presented with a Bible on Sunday, May 1 at the 11:00 service. Congratulations and may God always bless your path.

Pictured L-R above: Marion Sirmon, Alora Belli, Aliah Baez, and Porter Arington

Christian Formation

The Lectonary Schedule

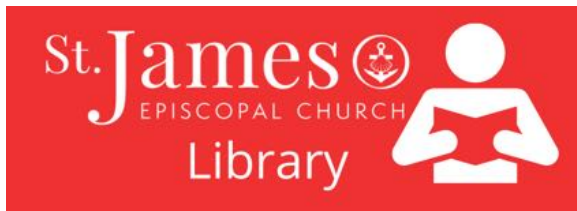
Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Sunday, May 15, 2022 The Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Jubilate (Psalm 100)	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
Sunday, May 22, 2022 The Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29
Sunday, May 29, 2022 The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21	John 17:20-26
Sunday, June 5, 2022 The Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9	Psalm 104:25-35, 37	Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21	John 14:8-17 (25-27)
Sunday, June 17, 2022 Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8 or Canticle 13	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Sunday, June 19, 2022 The Second Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:18-27	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39

RITE 13 Sunday May 22 at 11:00 AM

Rite 13 is a two-year program for 7th and 8th graders that meets on Sunday mornings throughout the school year. In Rite 13, we focus on building a community, honoring each person's gifts and talents, developing a basic understanding of the call of God on all of us to live in accordance with God's word, and learning how, as middle school members of the church, to support and to nurture one another along the way. The program culminates with a dinner and service where both the children and parents receive a blessing. We hope you will join us on Sunday, May 22 at 11 am to celebrate their journey into adulthood.

*Thank you to our 2021-2022
formation volunteers & teachers!
We appreciate you!*

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| Jim Daniell | Michelle Orr |
| Drew Downy | Elaine Pannell |
| Selah Dryer | Amy Randle |
| Anne McEniry | Chris Roberts |
| Holly McKinney | Haden Sirmon |
| Alex Miller | Jane Tucker |
| Bettsie Norton | Meg Willett |
| Elizabeth Orr | |



We hope you have sought out the church's library in recent weeks. Sundays after the service is a great time to visit and check out some wonderful books. But, you can also stop by any time the church is open. You will find a treasure chest of goodies waiting to be discovered. Our library is a vital and relevant ministry supporting the church's mission. We welcome you to pick up a copy of our brochure to learn more about how our library can help you in your spiritual growth.

A couple of books to share this month include:

One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp: A guide to giving thanks and finding joy in all aspects of life. (Inspirational)

Becoming Mrs. Lewis: The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis by Patti Callahan: A historical Christian fiction that tells the inspirational love story between C.S. Lewis and his wife Joy Davidman. (Fiction)

Let's Talk about Youth Programming
and build it back better!

**SUNDAY,
JUNE 26**

Parents of rising 7-12th graders, are you interested in Youth Programming? We want to hear from you.

5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
informational meeting /open discussion
Green Hall

School News

It is hard to believe we are only two weeks away from the end of another successful year at St. James Episcopal School. We recently held our first Night of the Arts showcasing our students' creativity. The children had been studying different artists styles and techniques and the evening gave them the opportunity to share their work with parents and guests. Each class made a collaborative piece for auction. The event raised \$2000.00 for our school.

Teacher Appreciation Week was celebrated the week of May 2 - 6. A special thank you to our fabulous teachers and staff for all their dedication to our school. The parents showered the school staff with special gifts and treats all week.

We enjoyed a beautiful Mother's Day picnic and were thrilled to have so many of our moms on campus. Our youngest students, the PK2 class presented special songs (some included fingerplays) that they have been learning throughout the year.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Whieldon Smith, a junior at Fairhope High School and member of Boy Scout Troop #47 Mobile Area Council. Whieldon chose St. James to be the beneficiary for his Eagle Scout project and built a tree bench for our playground. The bench is a great addition to our beautiful outdoor space.

As our school continues to grow we still have space available for the 2022 - 2023 school year in our PK3 through 3rd grades. We will host an Open House on May 22nd from 3:00pm - 5:00pm. This is a great opportunity to come and see our school. Please tell your friends and neighbors about our hidden gem.

Our last day of school will be May 26th. We look forward to having old and new friends for our Summer Camp program that will begin June 13th for 6 weeks.

Thanks again for your continued support and prayers of our parish school. Please feel free to come by and see all the wonderful things we have going on at our school. I would love to personally show you our school!

Blessings,

Shelley Miller

Shelley E. Miller

School Director



Art Walk



School News

New Tree Bench



Mother's Day Picnic



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

12:15-1:15 PM Rite 13

*Summer hours begin May 29 (see pg 4)

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

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

For staff email addresses or other contact
information go to the About Us tab on our
website at stjamesfairhope.org
or [click here for St. James Staff.](#)

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday ~ CLOSED



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