

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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HOLY WEEK

Services at St. James

Sunday, April 14

Palm Sunday

Service at 7:30 am, in the Chapel

Services at 9 & 11 am, in the Church

Sung Compline at 7 pm, in the Church

Tuesday, April 16

Healing Service

with Celtic harp

6 pm, in the Chapel

Wednesday, April 17

Holy Eucharist

7 am, in the Chapel

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

The stripping of the Altar & the ceremony of the washing of feet, with the St. James Choir

6 pm, in the Church

Friday, April 19

Good Friday Service

12:30 pm, in the Church

Stations of the Cross

6 pm, begins in the Chapel

Saturday, April 20

Easter Vigil

with the St. James Choir

6 pm

Service begins outside, in front of the Church.

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

Services at

7:30, 9 & 11 am

All services in the Church

Nursery available at 9 & 11

Choir & Brass at 9 & 11

CONFIRMATION

Sunday, April 7 at 11 am

Come and Support our Confirmands

Bishop Russell will be our guest celebrant and preacher at 11 am. He will hold a forum in Green Hall from 10:15 - 10:50 am. Make plans to attend the forum and have breakfast too!



Parish breakfast is the first Sunday of every month, unless otherwise notified. Breakfast is \$3 per person or a maximum of \$10 per family. Complimentary coffee is always available.

Sung Compline

Sunday, April 14

7:00 pm

in the Church

Come as you are!

Final Wednesday Evening Lenten Series

The Wonder of the Word

Dinner at 5:30 pm in Green Hall - Program from 6 - 7pm

April 10 - The Reverend De Freeman

Sign-up in Green Hall, call the parish office at (251) 928-2912 or [make your reservation online](#).

Dinner is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child or \$15 maximum per family. Please sign-up so that appropriate quantity of food can be prepared.

Age-appropriate activities for children in grades K-6th grade will begin at 6 pm in the Christian Education Building. A nursery is available for children pre-k and younger. Remember, if you plan to eat dinner or if you are bringing a child, you must register.



Palm Cross Making
Saturday, April 13
8:00 - 10:00 am in Green Hall

Please join us for this "once a year" gathering for fellowship, food and fun preparing Palm Crosses for our Palm Sunday services. Come and go as your schedule permits. No experience needed! For more information, contact Jane Jackson at (251)990-0637.



Easter Sunday
7:30, 9 & 11 am
April 21
in the church

Choir & Brass at 9 & 11
A nursery is available every Sunday at 9 & 11

Remember your flower for the flower cross.

Fellowship, Education & Worship

Palm Sunday Evening, April 14
 Special Guest Speaker & Author

Richard Simmons

discussing his book, **Wisdom**
 5:30 pm ~ Dinner in Green Hall
 6:00 pm ~ Program Begins
 7:00 pm ~ Compline in the Church

If you need childcare or if you plan to join us for dinner, you must register by either calling the Parish office at (251) 928-2912, signing-up in Green Hall, or [by using the online Sign-up Genius link](#). Sign-up is necessary only if you need childcare or plan to eat. **Dinner** is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child or \$15 max per family.

UNITED THANK OFFERING

During the season of Lent, UTO boxes are available for pick-up in Green Hall. Please remember to return your UTO box on Easter morning.

"The United Thank Offering (UTO) is a ministry of The Episcopal Church for the mission of the whole church. Through UTO, individuals are invited to embrace and deepen a personal daily spiritual discipline of gratitude. UTO encourages people to notice the good things that happen each day, give thanks to God for those blessings and make an offering for each blessing using a UTO Blue Box. ...100% of what is collected [goes] to support innovative mission and ministry throughout The Episcopal Church and Provinces of the Anglican Communion."
 —from the website episcopalchurch.org

SAVE THE DATE

Take Care

May 14 at 5:30 pm

Make plans to attend **Take Care**, a parish forum to explore pastoral and family planning for aging and end of life. On Tuesday, May 14 at 5:30 pm in Green Hall come hear from our expert panel of parishioners who understand the medical, legal, psychological, and financial areas. In addition our clergy and others will provide guidance when planning for a funeral and making Memorial Garden arrangements.



HAVE YOU HEARD?

*Congratulations to
Kenneth White-Spunner*



Kenneth will attend the Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas this fall.

If you would like to help with associated costs, write "Seminarian Fund" on your check or contribute online through our website at stjamesfairhope.org. Go to the "Online Giving" tab. Having trouble with first time login? Contact Jim Ketchum in the parish office at (251)928-2912.

St. James' Annual Easter Egg Hunt

for all ages
Sunday, April 21
at 12:15 pm

Bring your basket!

Meet at the circular, covered drive by the school entrance following the 11 am service, at approximately 12:15 pm.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Children will be divided into age groups.

The Children's Ministry is collecting plastic Easter Eggs filled with small toys or candy. Please bring eggs to Green Hall. The deadline is Thursday, April 18th. Thank you for your support!

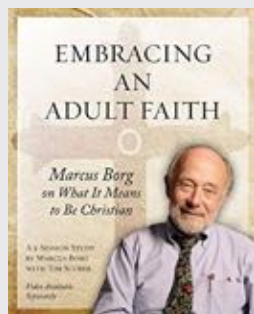
Wednesday Morning Bible Study
Beginning a New Book on April 24
Embracing an Adult Faith

by Marcus Borg

WAMBS is beginning a new study for those who seek a richer understanding of issues in contemporary Christian practice and theology. Author and Bible scholar Marcus Borg invites us to join him in revisiting Christianity's most fundamental questions: Who is God? What does salvation mean? What place does Jesus hold in contemporary Christian faith? In this five-session, faith-formation resource, participants listen to and watch theologian Marcus Borg stimulate thoughtful and heartfelt conversation among a small group of participants. Each study session will first include his 10-minute DVD presentation followed by interaction with the group.

The study will address fundamental questions that adults struggle with as faith matures. Topics include:

- God, Jesus, Salvation,
- Community, Practice



Contact Elaine Pannell at pannell3264@yahoo.com if you wish to participate. The workbook is available through churchpublishing.org for \$10.95.

The study begins promptly at 9:30 am on Wednesdays in the Vestry room. If you're able, arrive early for fellowship and/or to help set-up water and coffee trays.

It has been an exciting year of "firsts" at St. James School. On Wednesday, March 6, the school children participated in our first Ash Wednesday Chapel service with Father De.



School News

NOW IS THE TIME TO SPREAD THE WORD!

St. James School needs your help in letting your fellow parishioners, neighbors, friends and family members know that we are currently conducting enrollment for children (30 months and older), Pre K-3, Pre K-4 and Kindergarten classes for the 2019 – 2020 school year. The Kindergarten class will be a new addition next year as we continue to grow our school. Your help is always appreciated!

Special thanks to Fairhope's Cactus Cantina and to everyone that came out to support our first School Spirit



Night. It was a beautiful evening and so fun! With your help and the help of the St. James School families we were able to raise \$245.00 from food and beverage purchases.

Summer Day Camp at St. James School

Summer Camp is a special time for children to be creative, build, explore, meet new friends and so much more! St. James' Summer Camp will include weekly camp sessions that begin June 10 and run through August 2. The week of July 4 will be a shortened 3-day camp. Children 3 years old through rising 1st graders are invited to join us for camp. Full (7:30 am-5:30 pm) and half day (9:00 am - 1:00 pm) options are available. Choose whichever weeks you like. Camps will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Our campers will be taught by well-qualified and energetic teachers and staff. For more information, call me at (251) 928-2912 or go to our website at stjamesprek.org.

Shelley E. Miller

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Director of School

Youth & Children

Holy Week Activities

for you and your family!

Parents: If you are looking for meaningful activities while your children are out of school during Holy Week, click on the link above which will take you to an article on buildfaith.org. Check it out!

Youth Sunday & Rite 13 May 19 at 10 am

Ushers, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Youth Sunday. **Seniors:** If you would like to address the congregation during the sermon time, please contact Anne McEniry. **All youth:** If you are interested in serving as an usher, reader or chalice bearer, email Anne McEniry at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Kindergarten Graduation and Bible Presentation

On Sunday, May 5 at the 11 am service, our Kindergarten class will be recognized and presented with a Bible from our Church family. We hope you will join us for this special, annual event.

Kindergarten parents, please email Sarah Ford at childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org at let her know how you would like for your child's name to appear in the Bible.

EYC Summer Trip to Atlanta, GA July 23-25

EYC (7th-12th grade) will attend a Braves Game, volunteer at the Atlanta Community Food Bank, and also go to Six Flags in Atlanta, GA from Tuesday, July 23rd to Thursday, July 25th.



The cost is \$135 and includes transportation, room, and tickets to the Braves Game and Six Flags.

Anne McEniry is looking for parent volunteers to chaperone. The number of youth able to attend will be dependent on the number of adult chaperones. Thanks in advance for your help. To reserve your place on the trip, please email Anne at saintjameseyc@gmail.com and pay the \$135 online or by check. Make checks payable to St. James with "EYC Atlanta" on the memo line.

Senior Recognition Sunday Congratulations to the Class of 2019!

Senior Recognition Sunday is May 12th at the 10:00 service. We hope you will be present to say farewell and good luck to our graduates.

Upcoming Events for Youth and Children

Date	Time	Activity	Location
April 7	10:15 am	Bishop's Forum	Green Hall
	11:00 am	Confirmation Service followed by a reception in Green Hall	Church
	12:15 pm	Lunch and Easter Egg Assembling	Youth Room
April 14	9 & 11	Palm Sunday	Church
April 21	9 & 11	Easter Sunday and Egg Hunt	Church
May 12	10:00 am	Senior Recognition Sunday	Church
May 19	10:00 am	Youth Sunday & Rite 13	Church

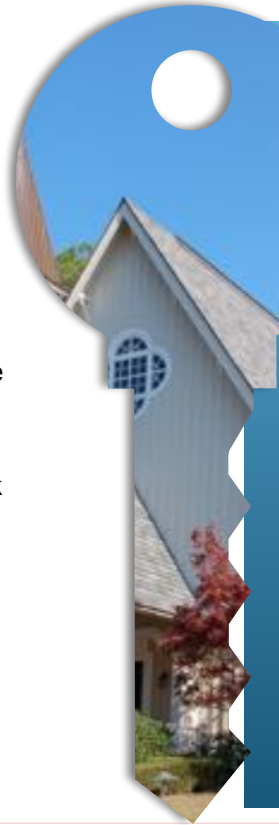
Stewardship

"It has been said that the modern American dream is to use money you don't have; to buy things you don't need; to impress people you don't even know.

Since we are bombarded with that message of scarcity day in and day out, can the church be the one place where we talk about the abundance God has given us? Can it be the place where we celebrate that God has given us 'enough?' Isn't that what the gospel message is all about? "I am come that you may have life, and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

That abundant life is here and now, revealed in how we look at what we have (recognizing our lives are filled with gifts from God and from others); celebrating what we have instead of complaining about what we do not have. Generosity comes from the heart that is overflowing with a sense of abundance. It is to the generous that Christ promises abundant life."

The above is an excerpt from the sermon titled "How much is enough?" by Fred Osborn of the Episcopal Church Foundation.



Bucket key, oh, bucket key,
Wherefore art thou, bucket
key?

Gone to pocket or to
purse?

Lost in the rose garden, or
something worse?

Bucket key, oh, bucket key,
Won't you please come
home to me?

**If you have inadvertently
taken the bucket key, please
return it to the basket in the
front office.**

No questions asked! 😊

Figures from the Finance Office					
	March 2019 Actual	March 2019 Budget	Year-to-date 2019 Actual	Year-to-date 2019 Budget	March 2018 Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$117,022	\$103,846	\$301,286	\$311,538	\$292,982
Expense	\$94,356	\$105,027	\$265,782	\$315,588	\$261,651
<i>School Operating Income \$17,258 with Operating Expenditures of \$15,505.</i>					
<i>Note: Preliminary Results</i>					

Average Sunday Attendance	
January	502
February	430
March	389
Year-to-date	440

The L e c t i o n a r y S c h e d u l e

Date	The Old Testament	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
April 7 The Fifth Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
April 14 Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 22:14-23:56
April 21 Easter Sunday	Isaiah 65:17-25	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Acts 10:34-43	Luke 24:1-12
April 28 The First Sunday after Easter	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 118:14-29	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31

E A S T E R F L O W E R S

Remember a loved one with flowers on the Altar at Easter. Please **print** your dedication neatly on the form below. Flower dedications received by **Monday, April 15** will be included in the Order of Service available at all Easter services. The cost is \$25.00 *per dedication name*. Please use a separate form for each dedication. Additional forms are available in Green Hall or on the home page of our website at www.stjamesfairhope.org.

Completed order form and checks payable to **St. James Flower Fund** may be mailed to the church, returned to the parish office, placed in the "Drop Box," or placed in the Sunday offering. *Please turn in your check and your form at the same time.*

***** PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION *****

Circle one: In memory of In honor of In thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

Please use a separate form for additional listings.

Mailing address: St. James Episcopal Church, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.

Volunteer Opportunities

Vacation Bible School To Mars & Beyond



Explore where God's Power
can take you!

June 2 - 5

We are currently looking for volunteers to help make VBS the best year yet! Email Sarah Ford at childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org if you would like to volunteer in any way and she will find a place for you to serve! Sign-up in Green Hall at the information table, call the parish office at (251)928-2912, or use the [SIGN-UP GENIUS LINK](#). As always, we appreciate your time and service to our St. James children's ministry!

Registration for VBS is currently open. Materials are in Green Hall.

Prepare the Anchor Lines for mailing

Did you know that St. James mails out approximately 475 Anchor Lines Newsletters each month? We have several ladies who come to the Parish office to fold, label and sort all 475 newsletters and prepare them for bulk mail. They have been helping with this task for over 25 years! Now the ladies need some help. Normally, they meet on the first Wednesday morning of the month. On-the-job training is provided. Please contact the parish office at (251)928-2912 if you would like to volunteer your time in this way.

Vacuum the Kneelers

We need 3 young families who would be interested in vacuuming the kneelers in the Church. They need to be vacuumed once a month, so with 3 families, it would be a once a quarter job. It takes about 20 minutes and can be done at your convenience. Call the parish office if you would like to help with this task.

Parish Breakfast

The parish breakfast is a wonderful fellowship opportunity. On the first Sunday of the month, gather before or after church and have breakfast with friends, old and new. Would you like to help organize, shop, prepare, serve, or clean-up for our Parish Breakfast? If so, please contact Evelyn Garrett at evelyntgarrett@gmail.com.

Ministry Scheduler

We need additional volunteers for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Please refer to the Ministry Scheduler for available positions.

Also, it's time to put in your "can't serve dates" for the June-July-August (Summer) Ministry Schedule. The new schedule will be generated in early May. **We will move to our summer schedule of 2 worship services at 8:30 & 10:00 am (both in the church) on May 12.**



Attention All Parishioners: We are collecting plastic easter eggs filled with candy or prizes. Please bring FILLED eggs to Green Hall by April 18 at 5 pm.

Worship Schedule

Sundays: 7:30 am, in the Chapel
9 & 11am, in the Church (Nursery available)

****We will move to our summer schedule of 2 services, 8:30 & 10:00 am, on May 12 - both services in the Church.****

Second Sunday of the Month at 7:00 pm:
Taizé in the Chapel or Compline in the Church

Wednesdays: 7 & 10 am, in the Chapel

St. James' Staff

Rector: The Reverend De Freeman

Associate Priest: The Reverend Dr. Mary Jayne Ledgerwood

Director of Music Ministries: Helen V. Rodgers

Associates for Music Ministries: Asheton Green and Frank Stabler

Director of Christian Formation: Anne McEniry

Associates for Children & Youth: Sarah Ford, Katie Drummond

Parish Administrator: Meghan Fancher

Administrative Assistant: Elizabeth Phelps

Director of Finance: Jim Ketchum

Director of Communications: Jennifer Glover

Director of St. James School: Shelley Miller

Housekeeping: Rose Collins

Sexton: Mike Costigan

For staff email addresses or other contact information

follow the link to our website: **St. James Staff**

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 - 5:00

Friday: CLOSED



Recurring Weekly Events

- Sunday, 7:30 am, Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- Sunday, 9:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Church
- Sunday, 10:15 am, Christian Formation
- Sunday, 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Church

- Monday, 8:00 am, Yoga Flow, Upstairs Green Hall
- Monday, 9:45am, Beginner Yoga, Upstairs Green Hall
- Monday, 12-1 pm, Lenten Bible Study, Vestry Room
- Monday, 6:00 pm, Centering Prayer, Church
- Monday, 6:30 pm, Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room
- Monday, 6:30 pm, Men's Bible Study, Upstairs Green Hall

- Tuesday, 7-8 am, Lenten Bible Study, Vestry Room

- Wednesday, 7:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- Wednesday, 7:30 am, Lenten Breakfast, Green Hall
- Wednesday, 9:30 am, WAMBS Bible Study, Vestry Room
- Wednesday, 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist & Healing service, Chapel
- Wednesday, 2:00 pm, Chair Yoga, Green Hall
- Wednesday, 3:30 pm, Canterbury Choir practice
- Wednesday, 5:30pm, Lenten Dinner, Green Hall
- Wednesday, 6-7 pm, Lenten Lecture Series, Green Hall
- Wednesday, 6:15 pm, Rite 13, Youth Room
- Wednesday, 6:45 pm, Adult Choir practice

- Thursday, 7-8 am, Lenten Bible Study, Vestry Room
- Thursday, 6:00 pm, Yoga, Green Hall
- Thursday, 7:00 pm, Chess, Library

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **MAY 8, 2019**. FOR INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE PLEASE HAVE INFORMATION TO JENNIFER GLOVER NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE. EMAIL NEWS TO JENNIFER GLOVER AT COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG.

Read the Anchor Lines online—To have the newsletter sent via email, please call the church office or email communications@stjamesfairhope.org, requesting to be added to the distribution list. In addition, the newsletter is available on the website at www.stjamesfairhope.org. *Special thanks to Frankie Sherrin, Virginia Stabler & Barbara Arnold who volunteer to prepare the Anchor Lines for mailing.*