

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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St. James' Summer Sunday Worship Schedule Begins May 12

8:30 am & 10 am—in the Church—nursery available at 10 am

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 2 - 5



Sign-up in Green Hall at the information table, call the Parish office at (251) 928-2912, or sign up on our website at

stjamesfairhope.org/vbs-registration-2019

Sung Compline
 Sunday, May 12
 7:00 pm
 in the Church
 Come as you are!

Take Care
 May 14
 5:30 pm



Register 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 age-related medical, legal, psychological, and financial issues. In addition, our clergy will provide guidance when planning for a funeral, our Memorial Garden Committee will explain how to make arrangements, and outside resources will also be available. Sign up in Green Hall, call the parish office at (251) 928-2912, or email Elizabeth at info@stjamesfairhope.org.

The Summer Schedule is now available online. Log in to the Ministry Scheduler Pro App or website to see full schedules, request subs and more!

Opportunities to Serve

Vacation Bible School ADULT VOLUNTEER WORK DAY



Meet our Associate for Children's Ministries, Sarah Ford, in Green Hall on **Sunday, May 19** following the 10 am service for a VBS work day. Adults and youth ages 16 and up are welcome to attend.

If you cannot make it on Sunday, May 19, but would like to volunteer, email Sarah at childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org. Sign-up in Green Hall at the information table, call the parish office at (251) 928-2912, or *use the online sign up form on our website*. Thank you in advance!

Vacuum the Church 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, that translates into a

once-per-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.

Sunday Servants

Beginning in September, St. James will need more servants for the 7:30 am Sunday service: ushers, lay readers, and chalice bearers. This summer, take time to prayerfully consider if this is something you would like to do. Sign-up at our Rally Day event in August, call the parish office at 928-2912, or email Jennifer Glover at communications@stjamesfairhope.org.

Sunday Teachers

Teachers are needed for **Summer Sunday school** for grades K-6th grade. The subject for the summer is **Jesus' Miracles**. A different miracle will be discussed each week. Serve for one week or all! You pick. Leaders are also needed for **Children's Chapel** during the 10 am church service. If you are interested in serving in this way, contact Anne McEniry at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

THANK YOU St. JAMES!

Our Ecumenical Ministries Food Drive for the month of March was a huge success! St. James donated approximately 1,200 pounds of food and non-perishable items for the community.



St. James' Music Ministries

The Canterbury Choir concluded a wonderful year of music ministry at St. James with their musical presentation of "Oh Jonah!" as the sermon for the 9 and 11 am services on May 5, 2019.



Emma McCree Marlowe played the role of Jonah. King of Ninevah was Riley Wooten. Narrators: Emmie Freeman, Bailey King, Mary Eden Marlowe and Mary Marshall Roberts. These members as well as Hudson Brogan, Ella Gray Lambert, Will Huckabay, Conner King and



Wesley Wells sang and acted as sailors, the whale, and residents of the city of Ninevah.

You can find the Bible story in the Old Testament book of Jonah.

I am always thankful and dependent on my music assistant **Asheton Greene!**

The Canterbury Choir will resume on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 3:30-4:15 pm and all children grades 2-5 are welcome to join!

The Coventry Choir (grades 6 - 12) concluded a year of singing on April 28. I am so pleased with the way this group has developed. During the school year, we sing 2 times a month and our rehearsal is at 10:30 preceding the 11am service. These members earn scholarship points for every Sunday they rehearse and sing, and we are so proud to present our first scholarship to High School Senior **Helen Deakle** who will attend Sewanee this fall. Shalom!



If you have questions about either of these choirs please email me, Helen Rodgers, at hvar@bellsouth.net.

~ Helen Rodgers



The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The Old Testament	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
May 12 The Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
May 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9
June 2 The Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26

SUMMER at St James

All-Church Read

A 7-Week Summer Book Study

Together as a parish this summer we will read, study, and discuss *Bryan Stevenson's Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* AND *Just Mercy Adapted for Young Adults: A True Story of the Fight for Justice*.

For seven weeks, **Sunday, June 16 to Sunday, July 28**, immediately following the 10 am service (from 11:15-ish until noon), facilitator-led small groups will explore the memoir of an attorney who is affecting positive change in our judicial system by representing people who were wrongfully incarcerated.

For over two years Stevenson's book appeared on the New York Times hardcover nonfiction best sellers list, and now the paperback, currently on the list, has been listed for over 150 weeks. The

movie is scheduled to be released January 17, 2020, and we plan to set a time to attend as a parish. In addition, this October we are planning a parish-wide field trip to the *EJI (Equal Justice Initiative)* memorial and museum in Birmingham.

Our diocesan Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation commends all parishes to read *Just Mercy*. The people of St. James are the first parish in our diocese to organize this effort. Bryan Stevenson is the scheduled guest speaker for the celebratory 50th anniversary convention of our diocese in 2020.

St. James' Official T-SHIRT Design Competition

This summer, St. James is having a T-shirt design competition. The St. James decal will be used on the front of the

shirt. **The competition winner's design will be printed on the back of the shirt.** Individuals, teams, artists ... all are welcome to submit an entry **by June 30, 2019**. Voting will be done by the parishioners of St. James during the month of July, with the winner being announced in early August. T-shirts will be available for sale at the end of the summer.

Where in the world is St. James?

This summer, take photos of you and your family—near and far—on vacation or just hanging out around town. **We want to see the St. James decal in your photo.** Use the hashtag

#stjsummer

when you post to social media. Need another decal? Stop by the Parish office and pick one up.



Wednesday Summer Evening Programs

Fun for the whole family!

JUNE 19

Field & Board Games

Tug of war
Sack races



Wheelbarrow races

Jenga

Connect 4

Cards



in the parking meadow

JULY 10

Sandwiches, Sundaes
and LEGO Movie II



in Green Hall

JULY 24

BINGO NIGHT



in Green Hall

All evenings include dinner and start at 5:30 pm. Cost is \$3 per child, \$5 per adult or \$15 max per family. Sign-up in Green Hall, call the parish office at 928-2912, or email info@stjamesfairhope.org.

School News

“Often when you think you're at the end of something, you're at the beginning of something else.” This quote by Fred Rodgers (aka Mr. Rodgers) really sums up where we are with the school at St. James.

The first school year is quickly coming to a close at St. James with many reasons to celebrate.

I would like to thank all of you who had a part in helping us build the foundation for a successful school year, and by doing so you have given us the ability to move into the Summer and the 2019-2020 school year with confidence that even greater things are yet to come.

This summer we will be offering



Egg Hunt



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our first Summer Day Camp. The program will be June 10th through August 2nd. Space is still available, so reach out to the School office for more information.



Egg Hunt

Looking forward to 2019 – 2020, we continue to reach out to the needs of our community. St. James school will offer, in addition to the regular scheduled classes, a Monday/Wednesday/ Friday class for the 2 ½ year olds. Your help is always appreciated in getting the word out about our school offerings. Remember, we will be having classes for 2 ½ yr. olds, 3 yr. olds, 4 yr. olds and new this year, a Kindergarten. Please encourage prospective families to contact the school office at (251) 928-2912.

Shelley E. Miller

Shelley Miller, Director of School

Spirit Night for
St. James
 EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

Thursday, May 16
5-9pm

When ordering, mention that you are there for Spirit Night and 20% of your sale will be donated to our school. The classroom that gets the most in donations will also win a TACO PARTY! Join us at Cactus Cantina in Fairhope on Thursday, May 16th!

Successful Lenten Series at St. James

The theme for our Wednesday Evening Lent program this year was ***The Wonder of the Word***. Each week we heard from a different clergy on how the Word has influenced his or her life. We had fabulous participation from our parishioners this year and we want to thank you for your support. We especially want to thank our wonderful cooks for preparing, serving and cleaning-up for our dinners each week: **the Welcome Committee, Community of Hope, Sunday Night Small Group, Friday Night Small Group, and the St. James Vestry.**



Rev. Christie Hord



Dean Johnny Cook



Rev. Steve Bates



For more photos, like our facebook page @stjamesfairhope or follow us on instagram @stjamesfairhope.



Youth & Children

EYC to Serve at PRODISEE PANTRY

On Wednesday evenings in May, St. James' EYC will serve by packing boxes at Prodissee Pantry. Meet by the church van at 5:30 pm. We will return to the church parking lot around 7:30 - 7:45 pm. Bring money to eat at Chick-Fil-A on the way home. The dates are: **WEDNESDAY, May 8, 15, 22 & 29. Please mark your calendar.**



Kindergarten Bible Presentation

On Sunday, May 5, our graduating Kindergarteners were presented with a Bible from St. James. Pictured L-R above are: Finn Schlesinger, Mary Helen Swift, Henderson Arington, Marion Smith, and of course Father De. We hope the children will cherish their new Bibles for years to come!

Youth Sunday, May 19 at 10 am

Ushers, Readers & Eucharistic Ministers are needed for Youth Sunday. **All youth:** If you are interested in serving as an usher, reader or chalice bearer, email Anne McEniry at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Rite 13

Rite 13 is a two-year program for 7th and 8th graders that meets each Wednesday 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 12 at 10 am to celebrate their journey into adulthood.



During the Rite 13 retreat this past weekend, the middle schoolers volunteered at the Nature Center at the Gulf State Park. (Pictured L-R: Katie Drummond, (leader), Dylan Freeman, Trey McKean, Katherine Luce, Chloe Ayres, Sophia Holliman. Not pictured: Jack Grimsley and Ceci Howard.)

Upcoming Events for Youth and Children

Date	Time	Activity	Location
May 12	10:00 am	High School Senior Recognition	Church
May 18	5:30 pm	Rite 13 Rehearsal and Dinner	Green Hall/Church
May 19	10:00 am	Youth Sunday & Rite 13	Church

A note about stewardship from vestry member Sallie Smith:

I call on God in prayer each day, sometimes very, very frequently, and I ask Him for a lot, trusting that He will bless food or wrap someone in His love or give me discernment. I take this gift of His grace for granted because I am one of His and, as one of His, I try to follow His Word.

In our choice to be part of St. James we worship God collectively. As individuals we are limited in our ability to share the good news, to help the least of these, and to bring others to find Jesus Christ, but as a corporate body, we can accomplish amazing things. Every Sunday we say the words “and of Thine own have

we given Thee.” Returning these gifts of our treasure provides us with not only the opportunities for such meaningful and glorious worship, but also for outreach action for God’s great glory. Please join me in re-examining both the amount and the ways we give back to Our Father.

Sallie Smith

St. James Vestry Member

Note: Each month, a member of our vestry will share their insights from the “stewardship corner.”



Mark your Calendar

Pentecost Parish

Celebration

Sunday, June 9

Immediately following the 10 am service, in Green Hall

Church provides fried chicken, tea, lemonade, water & desserts.

Sign-up to bring one of the following:

- Green Salad Potato Salad
- Pasta Salad Cole Slaw

Wear red to symbolize the flames of the Holy Spirit!

Sign-up in Green Hall, call the Parish office at (251) 928-2912, or email Elizabeth at info@stjamesfairhope.org.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

UNITED THANK OFFERING

Thank you to those parishioners who collected their change during Lent for the mite box this year. We donated \$151.12 for the UTO. Thank you for saving your change this Lent and bringing in your mite box on Easter Sunday. If you forgot to bring your mite box on Easter,

it’s not too late. Just drop it off at the Parish office anytime during business hours (Monday-Thursday 8:30 - 5:00 pm).

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know you can pledge or pay for most things at St. James through our online portal? Go to our website, stjamesfairhope.org,

and click the “Give to St. James” tab at the top of the page. If you are logging in for the first time, your name and email address must match the information we have for you in our church database.

If you have trouble logging in, contact our Director of Finance, Jim Ketchum, in the Parish office at (251) 928-2912.

Figures from the Finance Office

	April 2019 Actual	April 2019 Budget	Year-to-date 2019 Actual	Year-to-date 2019 Budget	April 2018 Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$96,045	\$96,150	\$397,921	\$379,050	\$383,294
Expense	\$88,271	\$89,017	\$354,053	\$363,784	\$347,048

School Operating Income \$14,745 with Operating Expenditures of \$14,647.

Note: Preliminary Results

Average Sunday Attendance

January	502
February	430
March	384
April <i>(includes Easter)</i>	674
Year-to-date	498

Worship Schedule

Sundays in Summer: 8:30 & 10 am, in the Church

Nursery available at 10 am

Second Sunday of the Month at 7:00 pm:

Taizé in the Chapel or Sung 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

Parish Administrator: Meghan Fancher

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

Director of Finance: Jim Ketchum

Director of Communications: Jennifer Glover

Administrative Assistant: Elizabeth Phelps

Director of St. James School: Shelley Miller

Housekeeping: Rose Collins

Sexton: Mike Costigan

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

Recurring Weekly Events

- Sunday, 8:30 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Church
- Sunday, 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Church
- Sunday, 11:15 am, Christian Formation, beginning in June
- Monday, 8:00 am, Yoga Flow, Upstairs Green Hall
- Monday, 9:45 am, Beginner Yoga, Upstairs Green Hall
- 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
- Wednesday, 7:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Chapel
- 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, 6:45 pm, Adult Choir practice
- Thursday, 6:00 pm, Yoga, Green Hall
- Thursday, 7:00 pm, Chess, Library



The Parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27 in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday.

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **JUNE 5, 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.

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