

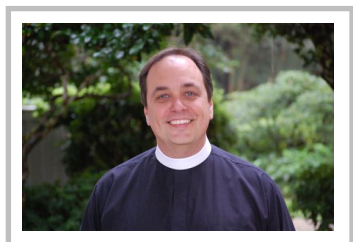
Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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You're Invited

Our community continues to expand and grow. With all of the coming and going we do, and the new faces showing up to worship with us, it seems that we don't get many opportunities to just socialize and visit. Opportunities to get to know each other better are few and far between. That's why we have scheduled a series of fellowship and

social gatherings that will begin in August and September. The events have been divided into age demographic groups and will take place off-site in an informal setting. They are designed to be friendly gatherings for single adults, couples, and adults with youth or children, as well. I hope you will take this opportunity to come out for some

food, fellowship, and fun and at the same time, get to know some of the people in the pews around you.

Your joyful servant in Christ,

St. James' Social Gatherings

3:30 - 5:30 pm

at The Mill, 85 N. Bancroft Street, Fairhope, AL



Meet St. James parishioners in your age group.

The ice cream is on us!
Beer & wine is available for purchase.

Children are welcome.
No need to sign-up. Casual attire.



Adults in their 20s & 30s...
Adults in their 40s & 50s...
Adults age 60 and up...

Sunday, August 18
Sunday, August 25
Sunday, September 22

More Food, Fun & Fellowship ~ Coming this Fall

St. James' Small Plate/Brunch/Restaurant Groups are forming now. Sign-up now through Rally Day, September 8! Detailed information about each group is on the sign-up form. Forms are in Green Hall and the Parish office. Drop off your form or mail it to the church, (ATTN: Supper Clubs) by September 8. *Emailed submissions will not be accepted.* Questions? Contact Bruce Stone at bbraxstone@aol.com or Mary Hopkins Chamblin at 251-709-9273.

From St. James' Music Ministries

Taizé



Sunday, August 11

7 pm in the Chapel

Come as you are for this special time of worship. Services last approximately 30 minutes.

St. James Concert Series 2019-2020

Benjamin Rollings, Piano

Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 4 pm

**St. James Choir
with Strings and Timpani
Franz Schubert Mass in G**

Sunday, November 3, 2019

at 9 & 11 am

Isabelle Demers, Organ

Friday, January 24, 2020 at 7 pm

**Annette Heim, Brian Brown
& Bret Heim**

Flute, Viola, and Guitar Trio

Friday, February 28, 2020 at 7 pm

*Concerts are free and open to the public.
Bring a friend!*

Canterbury Choir

Rehearsals begin
Wednesday, September 4
from 3:30 - 4:15 pm
For children in grades 2-5

Why should your child join the Choir?

It's fun and singing builds a healthy soul.

Choir teaches love and helps children develop as church leaders.

Learning music stimulates the brain.

Studies show that the study of music boosts IQ and grades.

There are no tryouts; all are included.

There is no cost for this priceless music training.

It is an opportunity to make friends.

Choir teaches teamwork.

You can wear shorts under your choir robe!

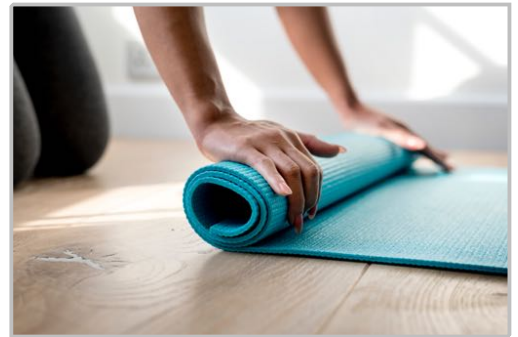
We also have a choir for girls in grades 6-12. They sing 2 times a month and rehearse at 10:30 am on the Sunday morning they sing.

lost & found

In cleaning the library this summer, we have discovered several family Bibles. In hopes of reconnecting these treasures with their families, we are displaying them in Green Hall during the rest of August along with lost and found items from the kitchen and around the church. If you lost a ladies ring, please contact Elizabeth at 251-928-2912.

MONDAY YOGA CLASSES

Resume on September 9



Parishioner Jane Tucker's yoga classes resume on Monday, September 9 in the classroom above Green Hall. Yoga is open to St. James parishioners and friends.

8:00 am - Flow Class

9:45 am - Gentle Beginners Class

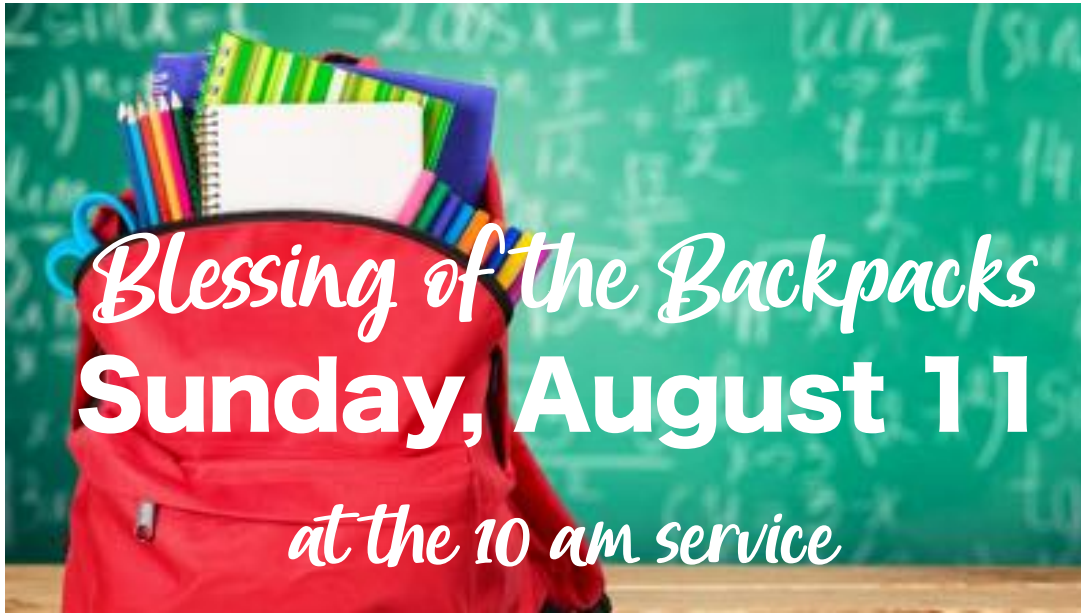
We also have a yoga class Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm in Green Hall, for all ages and levels, led by parishioner Stacy Reckeweg. All yoga classes are free of charge.

PARISH BREAKFAST First Sunday of Every Month



The parish breakfast is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners and get to know them better! The next parish breakfast is September 1 from 8:15 am until 10:15 am. Thank you to

our August cooking crew for the delicious breakfast (pictured above L-R: Deanna Dalrymple, Rocky Osgood, Scott Gonzalez, DJ Elmore, Selah Dryer, David Roberts and Jeb Arington)! If you would like to help with the parish breakfast, contact Selah Dryer.



At the 10 am service, this Sunday, August 11, children, from pre-K to graduate school, teachers, and administrators, bring your backpack and receive a blessing!

Blessing of the Backpacks
Sunday, August 11
at the 10 am service

Flower Guild Godly Play Intercessory Prayer joy Acolytes Altar Guild

THANK YOU St. JAMES

FROM CHARLES JOHNSON:

Thanks to all for sharing our grief. Your many cards, phone calls, and verbal expressions were radiant. Verna was a good person. She loved everybody. She is now at rest. Our family requests your prayers.

Thanks to all.

Peace be with you,

Charles Johnson

FROM VIRGINIA STABLER:

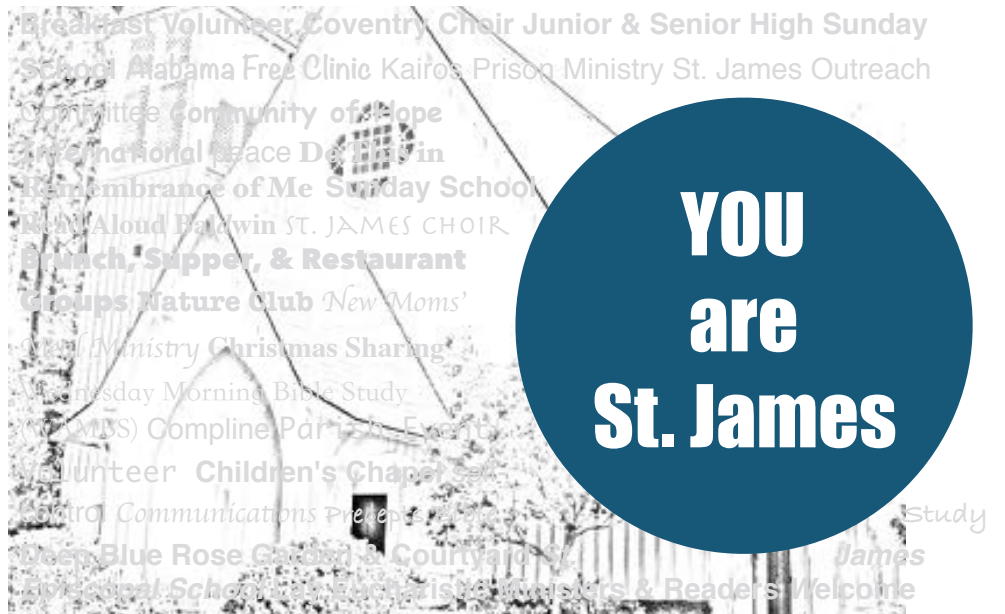
To all my St. James family and friends,

Thank you for my wonderful birthday celebration. I'll be on Cloud 9 for months. It was unbelievable!

Love and blessings,

Virginia Stabler

RALLY DAY
SEPTEMBER 8

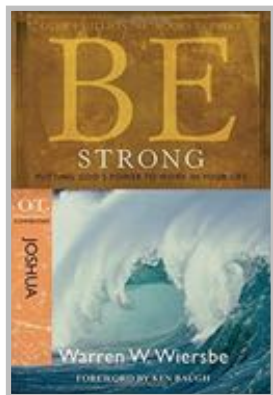


YOU are St. James

Rally Day is your opportunity to sign-up for christian formation and for the ministries of the Church for the coming school year. Join us in Green Hall immediately following the 10 am service on Sunday, September 8. Pick up a copy of the new Ministry Guide to preview the offerings BEFORE Rally Day! Copies are available in Green Hall, in the Narthex of the Church, and on our website at stjamesfairhope.org.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study



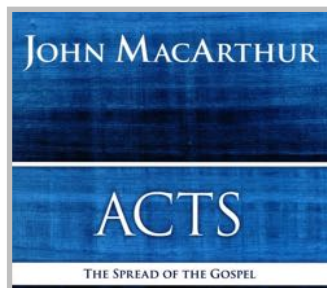
Calling all ladies! The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will be studying **Be Strong (Joshua): Putting God's Power to Work in Your Life** by Warren Wiersbe this fall. The author describes the study the following way:

God isn't looking for volunteers, because every Christian is a soldier in the army of the Lord. Some are "good soldiers of Jesus Christ" while others are AWOL or casualties on the battlefield of life.

Joshua was one of God's early soldiers on the winning side. Thrust into leadership when Moses died, Joshua took to heart God's instructions about the keys to victory. Putting fear aside and realizing the Lord was his true source of strength, Joshua became God's instrument for bringing the Israelites safely into the Promised Land.

The study will begin on Monday night, September 9, at 6:30 in Green Hall. The books are \$10.86 and the Kindle version is \$9.99 from Amazon Prime. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite dish for a true "pot-luck" dinner. For more information, call Michelle Orr at 251-990-6077.

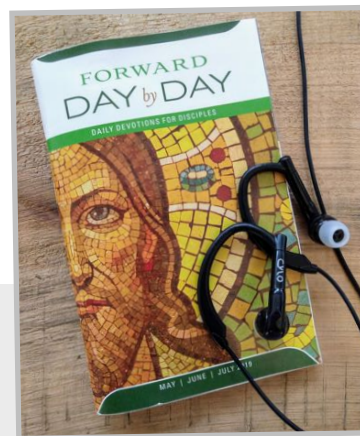
WAMBS Wednesday Morning Bible Study



WAMBS will begin a new study in September, **ACTS The Spread of the Gospel** by John MacArthur. We will begin our study on September 18 for about 10 sessions. Meet at 9 AM for fellowship. Study begins promptly at 9:30 and goes until 11:00am. Everyone is welcome and each session stands alone, so come as you can. Study guides are available through Amazon for less than \$10.

Rector's Forum
Sunday mornings
beginning September 22
Led by De Freeman
 10:20 - 10:50 am
 in the Chapel
 Details coming soon!

Forward Day by Day is now available by podcast. Listen on Spotify, iTunes or on their website, forwardmovement.org.



Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Book of Exodus

The exodus of God's people from Egypt begins— "Joseph died, and all his brothers and all that generation... now there is a new king of Egypt, who did not know Joseph."

Getting free is only half the story. Freedom is a central theme in our world. It's become a rallying cry for people, groups, even entire nations. But freedom without boundaries can be costly. Based on the book of Exodus, this study offers an eye-opening look at the pitfalls of deliverance without discipline, and shares the freedom found through a loving submission to God and His will for us. All are welcome to attend this class which will be led by Bruce Stone and Evelyn Garrett in the classroom above Green Hall. Classes begin on September 22 following the 9 am service from approximately 10:15 until 10:55 am.

WHERE DID YOU FIND GOD THIS SUMMER?

We have enjoyed seeing all of the places our parishioners have been this summer, through our "Where in the World is St. James" campaign. If you want to see pictures of our parishioners, search the hashtag "#stjsummer" on social media. On the website, pathwaystogod.org, there are short reflections shared by people who are seeking God in all things and have been surprised by what they find as they travel their pathways. If you would like to share a story about where you found God this summer, email it to communications@stjamesfairhope.org and we may share it on our website, our facebook page, or in the newsletter.

Welcome Ellen Huckabay

Our newest staff member

Associate for Children's Ministries



Ellen received a BS in Agronomy & Soils, MS in Plant Science, and Ed. S. in Adult Education from Auburn University.

She has worked for the Alabama Cooperative Extension System for 12 years in several capacities. Since April 2017, she has served as the County Extension Coordinator in Baldwin County.

Ellen is married to George Huckabay, also an Auburn College of Ag Alumni, and they live in Fairhope with their son, Will, and bulldog, Bella. She is an active member of St. James Episcopal Church in Fairhope where she serves as a lay minister and reader, is on the Altar Guild, teaches Sunday School, and is the parish liaison for Cursillo. Ellen enjoys Auburn football and basketball, Mardi Gras, reading, boot camp workouts, being on the water, and crafting.

Ellen states that she is excited to begin working more closely with the children and their parents as the Associate for Children's Ministry. Ellen officially joins the staff later this month. Please welcome her aboard!

Senior Silver Cross Sunday

On Sunday, August 18, at the 10 am service, the senior acolytes will be

presented with silver crosses. Please join us as we support our young church leaders at this special service.

Acolyte Training

Acolyte training for all new and returning acolytes will follow the 10 am service on August 18. Please meet in the Church. If you plan to attend the training, contact Anne McEniry at 251-928-212 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

If you are currently on the acolyte roster and do not wish to participate as an acolyte this coming school year, please notify Anne McEniry at 251-928-212 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Rite 13 Interest Meeting

for Parents of 7th & 8th grade students

On Sunday, August 25, following the 10 am service, we will meet with 7th and 8th grade *parents* to discuss the Rite 13 program. This program is designed to celebrate the individuality of each young person, while exploring stories of God and God's people. At the end of the 8th grade year, the program culminates with a liturgy that serves as a community expression of the passage from childhood to adulthood. The service is the tangible beginning of the young person's individual spiritual journey. Parents, please come to the meeting on August 25 if you would like for your child to participate in this program.

You Group

Fifth and Sixth graders and their parents—mark your calendar for the start of **You Group** on September 4. You Group meets the first Wednesday of each month from 6-7:30 pm. If you



Become Yourself

plan to participate, please contact Anne McEniry at 251-928-2912 or

christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Communion Instruction for Children



Communion instruction for children, led by Father De and Anne McEniry, is taught on three consecutive Wednesdays in September. In the Episcopal Church, all baptized children are welcome to receive communion. The classes are meant to be supplemental, taken when your child is ready for a deeper understanding of our basic faith. If you have an elementary aged child interested in participating, please contact Anne McEniry at 251-928-2912 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Figures from the Finance Office

	July 2019 Actual	July 2019 Budget	Year-to-date 2019 Actual	Year-to-date 2019 Budget	July 2018 Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$97,405	\$94,308	\$682,896	\$662,006	\$619,311
Expense	\$90,941	\$106,675	\$630,201	\$671,721	\$632,704

School Operating Income (Summer Camp) \$24,176 with Operating Expenditures of \$20,695.

Note: Preliminary Results

Average Sunday Attendance

January	502
February	430
March	384
April <i>(includes Easter)</i>	674
May	371
June	366
July	350
Year-to-date	435

SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER CAMP



St. James School hosted its first Summer Camp this year, and with Summer quickly coming to an end we are approaching the last day of camp. Over

the past eight weeks we have offered our campers great experiences with a focus on Space and Science, Arts, Sports, Watershed Conservation and Water Wonders. Kudos to our wonderful summer staff which was comprised of college students, high school students, and teachers. Their hard work and dedication made our camp a success and gave our campers a fun summer to remember. A BIG thanks to our summer camp staff: Mary Pratt Byrd, Lauren Cole, Logan Freeman, Ashlyn Hamel, Michelle Hamel, Amanda Lisle, Chasta Orstadt, Hannah Sterndorf, Julie Sterndorf, Kamiya Watson and camp coordinator Tabitha Gelarden.



picnic tables, add a brass bell and refurbish the boat that was on our old playground as a part of his Eagle Scout project. Please take a moment to visit the playground and see his fine work.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS AUGUST 14

In just two weeks St. James will be opening its doors to new and returning students for our second year. We have spent the summer working hard to strengthen and enrich our academic and school program, fortifying our identity. We are proud and excited to launch the 2019 – 2020 school year with our incredibly talented and dedicated teaching staff and your ongoing support and partnership.

We have many new and exciting things happening. In addition to adding three classes this year, we will be integrating technology into our classrooms with new smartboards. We are planning a fall fundraiser, so be on the lookout for a fun filled event. If anyone is interested in helping out as a volunteer at St. James School, please let me know.

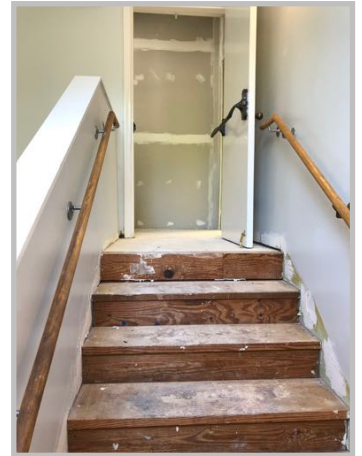
Wilson Hall will be open August 11th for everyone to tour the school classrooms. I encourage everyone to please come see our school after the Sunday Church services.

Special thanks to everyone that has volunteered their time over the summer to get the classrooms ready for our first day back in session.

Blessings,

Shelley E. Miller

Shelley Miller
School Director



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT



This Summer we were excited to have Davis Billups, a freshmen from St. Michael's build



Pledging your support for our Seminarian Kenneth White-Spunner

On Sunday July 28, we celebrated Kenneth White-Spunner's journey to seminary by wishing him Godspeed. It was a time of reflection by Kenneth and a time of prayers from many, many well-wishers. I wish to thank the hard working angels who gathered in the kitchen to prepare, serve, and clean up for the event. Before I arrived Sunday morning, angels Rita Wells, Beth and Terry Moore, and Scott Gonzales were already scooping, stuffing, and spreading items on the table. Katchie Cane prepared her "famous" fruit and coffee punches. All worked for the love of Kenneth, but no one more than Ann Fargason who set the tables and mood with her creative and beautiful cowboy boot floral arrangements.

Thank you angels,
Nancy Dennis



Kenneth will be attending Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas for the next 3 years. St. James will be financially contributing to Kenneth's education costs. If you would like to help, fill out one of the cards found in the Narthex or in Green Hall and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the church office at 860 N. Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.



The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Reading	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
August 11 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 1:1, 10-20	Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August 18 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18	Hebrews 11:29—12:2	Luke 12:49-56
August 25 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17
September 1 Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 2:4-13	Psalm 81:1, 10-16	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14



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

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Worship Schedule

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

Nursery available at 10 am.

Return to 3 Services on September 22.

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

Associate for Children's Ministries: Ellen Huckabay

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

Current Recurring Weekly Events

- Sunday, 8:30 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Church
- Sunday, 10:00 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Church (nursery available)
- 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, 6:45 pm, Adult Choir practice
- Thursday, 6:00 pm, Yoga, Green Hall
- Thursday, 7:00 pm, Chess, Library



Sunday Service Schedule

Beginning September 22

7:30 am, Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

9:00 am, Holy Eucharist in the Church

10:15 am - Christian Formation for All Ages

11:00 am, Holy Eucharist in the Church

Nursery available at 9 & 11

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **SEPTEMBER 11, 2019**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO JENNIFER GLOVER, AT COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG, NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE.

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