

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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Thanks be to God!

Thank you for joining us on October 6 for our Consecration Sunday. It was a joy being together

as we took time to celebrate the abundant blessings God has bestowed upon us as a community of believers.



Consecration Sunday and the two Sundays prior to that date are the beginnings of rethinking our approach to stewardship.

Normally our annual stewardship program begins with the process of building a budget for the coming year and then asking you to



help us fulfill the goal with financial commitments. We would then spend the year tracking how closely your monetary giving came to the perceived needs of our church leadership.

This year, however, we are taking a different approach, that is from the perspective of your spiritual growth, where our operating budget is



built upon the spiritual gifts with which we are provided. The

method was simple: First, we invited everyone in our parish to come together for a shared, catered meal—



freely given on the third Sunday. Then, for the next two Sundays, the message from the pulpit focused on giving from our abundance, interspersed with personal stories of blessing and giving. Reporting of our steps uncovered our trends of weekly giving that were broken down in roughly \$10 increments over the past year.

On the third Sunday we invited a guest leader to speak to us about stewardship.

Estimate of Giving cards were distributed after the sermon with instructions to return them during Communion. We were amazed.

We are happy to report to you that on Consecration Sunday, 409 people came to our services, and approximately 350 (we honestly lost count) joined together to share brunch. The most amazing piece is that 156 households turned in

pledge cards totaling \$680,646.00. Why is that amazing, you ask?

Because 156 households responded and 128 of those households took a step-up in their giving.

Thanks be to God for the people of this parish!



If you would like to access the online pledge card, go to our website at stjamesfairhope.org under the "Give to St. James" tab —"Online Giving." Online readers, [click here.](#)



News and Events

Men of St. James Boston Butt Fundraiser



Pick up your pre-ordered Boston Butts THIS SATURDAY, October 12, from 9-11 am. Come to the circle driveway under the portico.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Training

If you signed up to be a Lay Eucharistic Minister at Rally Day and you have never served in this capacity at St. James, please come to one of the training sessions: Monday, October 14 at 1:00 pm, or at 5:15 pm in the Church.

Even if you did not sign up at Rally Day, if you would like to serve as a Lay Eucharistic Minister, you are invited to the training. All who want to serve are welcome!

WOW Group Friday, Oct. 25

WOW Group of St. James takes off on Friday, Oct. 25 for Mobile and a tour of **The Temple Downtown**. The Temple, built in 1922, is a historic former Masonic lodge and now a venue for special events such as the Mobile Opera. After the tour, we will have lunch at Three Georges Candy Shop on Dauphin St. The cost is \$10.00. We will carpool from St. James leaving at 11:00 am. Scott Gonzalez will be our guide and provide a special lunch.

For reservations call Rita Wells at 251-929-3493 or Martha Smith at 901.834.1368.

SUNG COMPLINE October 20

Come experience a different form of worship. On the third Sunday of each month, St. James offers either Taizé in the Chapel or Sung Compline in the Church. Each of the services lasts approximately 30 minutes, is casual, and open to everyone. Bring a friend!

Compline is descended from the night prayers said at bedtime. It includes a confession of sins, one or more psalms, scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, and collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come. Come as you are. Children should feel free to wear pajamas and lie down in the pews.

Prayers & Squares



Prayers and Squares is a ministry of St. James that combines the making of a hand-tied quilt with the gift of prayer for someone in need. The next quilting session will be **October 22** from 10 am until 2 pm in Green Hall. All are welcome. You do not need to be an experienced quilter or seamstress to join this ministry. For more information, contact Elaine Estefan at eestefan@bellsouth.net.

Next Parish Breakfast NOVEMBER 3

The parish breakfast is a great way to meet fellow parishioners or get to know them better! The next breakfast is **November 3** from 8:15 am until 10:15 am. The cost is \$3/person or a maximum of \$10 / family. Reservations are not required. If you would like to help with the parish breakfast, contact Selah Dryer at 334-467-0831.

St. James' Small Groups *Study and Fellowship*

We currently have four small groups—one for adults in their 20s & 30s, one for adults in their 30s & 40s, and two for adults in their 40s & 50s. Participants meet in the home of their group leader once a month for study and fellowship. We are looking for people who are interested in starting a new group and/or being a group leader. If you would like to join an existing group or start a new one, call Anne McEniry at the church office or email her for more information at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org

RenewalWorks

Could your spiritual journey use some support or guidance? RenewalWorks for Me is a free new resource offered by RenewalWorks, a ministry of Forward Movement. It acts as a personal guide to strengthen your spiritual life. Learn more about this free resource at renewalworks.org/resources or for online readers, [CLICK HERE](#).

News and Events

Mark your Calendar for these November & December Events



Daylight Savings Time Ends—Sunday, November 3

All Saints' and All Souls' Day—Sunday, November 3

Next Parish Breakfast—Sunday, November 3

Ladies Seasonal Soirée—Sunday, November 10

Taizé Service in the Chapel—Sunday, November 17 at 7 pm

Thanksgiving Service—Thursday, November 29 at 10 am

Fairhope Christmas Parade—Wednesday, December 4 at 7 pm

Lessons & Carols—Sunday, December 8

Family Promise—December 15 to 22

Recycle your Halloween Candy!



Bring your left-over candy to Green Hall and place it in the bin as labelled. The youth will throw the candy in the Fairhope Christmas parade.



**Fall Back
Sunday,
November
3**

Ladies' Seasonal Soirée

November 10

Ladies of St. James, mark your calendars for this special gathering at The Mill on Sunday afternoon, November 10 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Join Mother Mary Jayne for creative ideas for family Advent wreath making and recipe sampling and sharing.

And, ladies, plan ahead to attend the Women's Lenten Retreat March 13-14, 2020, at Beckwith led by the Venerable Jennifer McKenzie, Archdeacon of Wigan and West Lancashire in the Diocese of Liverpool.



Photo from the website *His Mercy is New*

A Note to the St. James Parish

Dear St. James Family,

I wanted to let everyone know how utterly grateful I am for the love you have showed me throughout my walk with Christ! I am still very emotional when I think about the tremendous send-off you gave me. Each and every one of you is very special to me.

The drive to Austin was an adventure, but I made it here safely & have moved in to my apartment. My SSW family has embraced me & we're looking forward to our next 3 years together. I've already become close to many of my classmates. Orientation starts on the 17th, so things are moving forward quickly.

You remain in my prayers & I would humbly ask you to continue praying for me. I will check in again in a couple of months.

Love,

Kenneth White-Spunner

*Please remember our
Seminararian in your prayers!*

Programs for Children and Youth

First Communion

October 13

at the 11am Service



A few of our young parishioners recently completed Communion Instruction with Father De, Christian Formation Director, Anne McEniry, and Ellen Huckabay, Director of Children's Ministries. They learned about the Eucharist, baked bread, learned new words that we hear on Sunday, practiced their manners at the communion rail, and were reminded how to receive the bread and wine. This Sunday, October 13, these children will be recognized at the 11 am service. We hope you will support them with your presence.

Acolyte Training

October 20

for 5th - 12th Graders

Acolyte training for all new and returning acolytes will follow the 11 am service on **October 20**. Please meet in the Church. Acolytes must attend ONE of the training sessions. If you attended one of the prior training sessions, you do NOT need to attend the October session.

If you plan to attend the training, contact Anne McEniry at 251-928-2912 or by email at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Acolyte Retreat

Overnight November 15-16

Father De and Anne McEniry are looking forward to the upcoming Acolyte Retreat on November 15th and 16th at Camp Beckwith!

The retreat will begin at 4 pm on Friday the 15th. We will have dinner, games, a fire pit with s'mores, and Compline. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship with new and old Church friends. Friday evening is for all 7th-12th grade acolytes. Attendees will stay in the dorm-style cabins.



Beckwith

Saturday will begin with breakfast, acolyte instructional stations, games, a ropes course, and lunch. We will finish at 1pm. **Saturday is MANDATORY for all acolytes in grades 5th-12th.** If you are not planning to spend the night, or if you are a 5th or 6th grade acolyte, please arrive at Camp Beckwith by 9 am on Saturday.

Please email Anne at saintjameseyc@gmail.com to RSVP to the Friday overnight and Saturday activities. Anne needs to hear from every acolyte no later than **October 28th**.

During the first week of November, Anne will email a packing list and additional details.

Thank you in advance to the parent chaperones. If you would like to chaperone for any or all of the retreat, or if you have questions, please contact Anne McEniry. Extra hands are always welcome.

Youth Ski Trip

January 18-21, 2020

Beech Mountain, NC

For 8th - 12th graders



The deadline to register for the January 2020 EYC Ski trip is December 1. The cost of the trip is \$400 and that includes the ski rental and most meals. The cost for snowboarding is \$435.

If you are interested in attending, please email Anne McEniry at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org. **Space is limited!**

EYC VOLUNTEERS

Every Wednesday in October



Each Wednesday in October, all 7th-12th graders are welcome to volunteer at Prodissee Pantry. Meet by the church van at 5:25 pm. We leave the parking lot at 5:30 pm. Bring money for dinner at Chick-fil-A. We plan to return to the church between 7:30 and 8:00 pm. We will text parents when we leave Chick-fil-A so you can meet us at the church.

All Hallows' Eve Festival

Sunday, October 27

4:00 to 6:00 pm in the parking meadow

Food 🎃 Fun 🎃 Games 🎃 Prizes

All ages are welcome for a haunting good time!

Storybook Pumpkin Contest

Haunted House

Hayride

Cupcake Walk

Face Painting

Photo Booth

Bean Bag Toss

Bucket Toss

Candy Corn Ring Toss

Haunted Hospital

Wear a friendly costume!



Decorate a pumpkin to look like one of your favorite children's book characters.

1. Each entry must be painted and decorated - be creative! Acrylic paint and permanent markers work best. Watercolors will run and spray paint will dissolve the pumpkin. Feel free to accessorize.
2. The pumpkin should be completely dry by the time it is brought to the church or school. Pumpkins may be delivered on Friday, October 25 by 4 pm to the school office or delivered to Green Hall on Sunday morning by noon.
3. The pumpkin with the most votes will win the contest. Each vote costs \$1.00. All proceeds go toward supplies for the St. James Children's Ministry and St. James School.
4. If you would like to donate the book that your pumpkin is representing, it would be most appreciated.



All are welcome for this free festival!

There will be a charge for the following food items:

Hamburger or Hot Dog, Chips & Drink - \$5 🎃 Cotton Candy - \$3 🎃 Drinks - \$1 🎃 Popcorn - 50¢



These photos are from the Animal Blessing Service on Sunday, October 6. For more photos of events at St. James, like our page on Facebook @stjamesfairhope.



Youth Calendar of Events

DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Wednesdays in October 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th	7th - 12th graders	Volunteer at Prodissee Pantry Dinner at Chick-fil-A	5:30 - 8 pm	Meet in the parking lot by the Church van.
Sundays in October 12th, 20th and 27th	7th & 8th graders	Rite 13	12:10- 1 pm <i>following the 11am service</i>	Youth room
Sunday, October 13	7th - 12th graders	EYC Dinner & Program - Discussion of Bullying	5:30 - 7 pm	Youth Room
Sunday, October 20	7th - 12th graders	EYC Dinner & Program Topic TBA	5:30 - 7 pm	Youth Room
Sunday, October 27	7th - 12th graders	Hosting the Haunted House for the All Hallows' Eve Festival	Set-up begins at 2 pm. Festival is from 4-6 pm. Clean-up 6-7 pm.	Christian Education Building/Parking Meadow

If you would like to be added to the weekly EYC newsletter, please email Anne McEniry at christianinformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

AMAZON SMILE

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support St. James every time you shop at Amazon, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same prices, selection, and shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases to your favorite charitable organization. So pick us as your favorite charity! Just search

"St. James Episcopal Church Fairhope" when asked to pick your charity of choice.



Average Sunday Attendance

January	502
February	430
March	384
April <i>(includes Easter)</i>	674
May	371
June	366
July	350
August	376
September	365
Year-to-date	421

Figures from the Finance Office

	Sept 2019 Actual	Sept 2019 Budget	Year-to-date 2019 Actual	Year-to-date 2019 Budget	Sept 2018 Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$103,567	\$94,308	\$880,214	\$850,622	\$789,364
Expense	\$105,172	\$112,351	\$855,863	\$889,647	\$854,752

School Operating Income \$ 36,854 with Operating Expenditures of \$40,996

Expenses include \$6,300 for two SMART Boards and \$6000 to finish three additional classrooms.

Note: Preliminary Results

School News

The fall season is an exciting time for the staff and students of St. James Episcopal School.

Our SMART Boards have arrived, and with the assistance of Randal Wright, our teachers are creating engaging lessons with this state-of-the-art technology—one of the many ways we are enhancing our curriculum for our students.

In studying Community Helpers, our children have met many visitors who shared important information about their services and organizations: the Fairhope and Daphne Libraries, the Fairhope Police Department, 911 Emergency Services, the Fairhope Fire Department, and Island Orthodontists. The children will soon be visited by the



Baldwin County Humane Society, which ties in with our unit on

pets, and coincides with the Feast Day of St. Francis. We also look forward to the celebration of Episcopal Schools Week, and of course, an all-time favorite event—All Hallows' Eve Festival.

Open House is a great time for prospective students to see what our school has to offer. This fall, we will host two Open House events: October 14 and November 11 (8:00 a.m. to noon). Please spread the word.

OPEN HOUSE DATES:

Mondays,
**October 14 &
 November 11**
 8 am -12 pm

November 3rd brings St. James Episcopal School its first annual fundraiser—the joyfully-named Zebedee-do-dah Fest! This is sure to be a fun event. Father De and Mother Mary Jayne, along with a surprise special guest, will be our bartenders, serving-up some of Fairhope Brewery's best beer and lager—not to mention our own St. James Brew. Zebedee-do-dah includes a delicious low-country boil, live music, and a silent auction showcasing works from renowned

artist Coleman Mills and other local artists. The auction will also feature a large range of items from local businesses.

I personally invite you to mark your calendars, and purchase your tickets for this fun, exciting event to support St. James School.

Many thanks,

Shelley E. Miller

Presented by
 CHICKEN SALAD CRICK

A fundraiser to benefit
 St. James EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

ZEBEDEE DO-DAH FEST
Boil & Brews

Sunday, Nov. 3
 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 at FAIRHOPE BREWING COMPANY

Live Entertainment

Silent Auction | *Wine Pull*

Tickets available via Eventbrite. \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door.
 Includes food, two beers and a souvenir pint glass with St. James logo.

ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL

Remember a loved one on All Saints' & All Souls' Day, **November 3.**

Names of the deceased will be read at the 7:30, 9, & 11 am services and printed in the bulletin.

Deadline for publication is Monday, October 28.

Please complete this form and hand deliver or mail it to the parish office:
St. James Episcopal Church, 860 North Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.

PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

Your Name: _____ Your Phone #: _____

Please include the name of your family members or loved ones **who have died since November 1 of 2018.**

If you need additional space, please use another form. Thank you.

In memory of: _____ Date of death: _____

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ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY

For All Saints' Sunday, November 3, 2019, the mass settings and creed for the 9 and 11 am services will be from Franz Schubert's Mass in G, composed in 1815, set for Choir, Strings and Organ.

Solos will be sung by choir members Rebecca Stevens, Vaughan Luker, Earl Jackson, Rockland Osgood and Frank Stabler. The congregation too gets the opportunity to sing with the string orchestra in the traditional All Saints' hymns for this service. During communion we will all sing the beautiful hymn "Be Thou my vision" set for harp and strings.

This is a wonderful opportunity for you to reach out to someone you have been waiting to invite to attend St. James with you.



MISSING PERSONAL HEARING AMPLIFICATION UNITS

We are missing several of our hearing amplification units that are available in the Church on Sunday mornings for the hearing impaired. If you have unintentionally taken one home, please return it to the church office. Thank you!

FLOWER VASES NEEDED

Did you know that each week, parishioners deliver flowers from the altar to those who cannot attend services? If you have flower vases that you no longer need, please drop them off at the church office so we can re-use them. In addition, if you would like to help deliver flowers, contact the church office at 251-928-2912 or info@stjamesfairhope.org.

The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Reading	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
October 13 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66:1-11	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
October 20 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
October 27 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
November 3 All Saints' Day Celebrated	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31

Worship Schedule

SUNDAYS:

- 7:30 am, Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
- 9:00 & 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist in the Church
- 10:15 am - Christian Formation for All Ages
- Nursery available at 9 & 11

THIRD 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, Frank Stabler
Director of Christian Formation: Anne McEniry
Associate for Children's Ministries: Ellen Huckabay
Associate for Nursery Care and EYC: Lanham DiMartino
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 Events

- Sunday, 7:30 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Chapel
- Sunday, 9:00 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Church (nursery available)
- Sunday, 10:15 am, Christian Formation for all ages
- Sunday, 11:00 am, Holy Eucharist, in the Church (nursery available)
- Monday, 8:00 & 9:45 am 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
- Tuesday, 6:30 pm, Bible Study, Vestry Room (ending Oct. 15)
- 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, 3:30, Canterbury Choir practice
- Wednesday, 6:45 pm, Adult Choir practice
- Thursday, 6:00 pm, Yoga, Green Hall
- Thursday, 7:00 pm, Chess, Library



Save the Date

March 13-14, 2020

Women's Retreat at Camp Beckwith

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **NOVEMBER 6, 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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