

Anchor Lines

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What seeds will you sow?

How do we prepare for the future as a church?

Honi the Wise One was also known as Honi the Circle Maker. By drawing a circle and stepping inside of it, he would recite special prayers for rain, sometimes even argue with God during a drought, and the rains would come. He was, indeed, a miracle maker. As wise as he was, Honi sometimes saw something that puzzled him. Then he would ask questions so he could unravel the mystery.

One day, Honi the Circle Maker was walking on the road and saw a young man planting a carob tree. Honi asked the young man, "How long will it take for this tree to bear fruit?"

The fellow replied, "Seventy years."

Honi then asked the young man, "How foolish! Do you think you will live another seventy years and eat the fruit of this tree?"

The young man answered, "Perhaps not. However, when I was born into this world, I found many carob trees planted by my father and grandfather. Just as they planted trees for me, I am planting trees for my children and grandchildren so they will be able to eat the fruit of these trees."

Stories like this are intended to cause us to think about our own lives. They cause us to question the way we choose to live. The questions call us to consider the blessings we have received from those who came before us, and wonder about what we are leaving for those who follow. We are called to think of the freedoms we enjoy, and the wealth we share, even in uncertain economic times. We should remember those who spread the gospel at great risk and sacrifice so that we might understand and know salvation. We should also remember all those who sacrificed and worked diligently in acquiring, and sustaining this church. We owe much to those who came before us.

Consider, if you will, the legacy we leave for the next generation, and the generation following that one. What will they know of us? Everything we do plants seeds for tomorrow, wheat or weed, positive or negative, good or ill. Now it is our time to work for those who will come after us, lest they think we were foolish and selfish enough not to prepare for the next generation.

As a Christian, how does one go about making a positive change in the world?

Quite simply, the world is changed for the better one person at a time. Paul would remind us that it can

only happen if we have love in our hearts. Live within each present moment with the love of Christ in your heart and at the forefront of your mind. Proclaim the gospel outwardly and visibly in everything you do by letting your actions and your demeanor be your voice. Set out to usher in God's kingdom by being present to others with Christ's love in your heart and in your mind, and remember:

Love never gives up. Love cares more for others than for self. Love doesn't want what it doesn't have. Love isn't arrogant or rude, and doesn't force itself on others. Love isn't always "me first," doesn't fly off the handle, doesn't keep score of the sins of others, and doesn't revel when others fail or beg. Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth, and puts up with anything. Love trusts God always, and always looks for the best, never looks back, and keeps going to the end.

As Jesus would say, "...those who have ears, listen!" May you begin sowing the seeds for tomorrow today, and allow Christ to guide you in all you say and do, and be fruitful~

Your joyful servant in Christ,

News and Events

VESTRY NOMINATIONS

Vestry nomination forms may be picked up in the Narthex, Green Hall, or the Parish office. Nominate a parishioner who is an active member in "good standing" and has not served on the vestry in the last 3 years. Forms are due in the parish office by Thursday, November 30.

CONVENTION DELEGATES

It's time to choose our convention delegates. The delegates and alternates are representatives of St. James Episcopal Church in the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast to be held at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile, February 7 & 8, 2020. Delegates should be Confirmed Communicants in good standing,

worshippers, and regular contributors in the Congregation. If you are interested in serving as a Convention Delegate, please contact the parish office at 251-928-2912.

SUNG COMPLINE

November 17 at 7 pm

You have another opportunity to experience sung Compline before the year ends. On Sunday, November 17 at 7 pm in the church, come, listen, and enjoy. If you are uncertain about what Compline is all about, go to our website under the worship tab and watch the video from last month.

Planning ahead? Mark your calendar for Sunday, December 15 for a Taizé service in the chapel at 7 pm.

Thanksgiving Day

Worship Service

Thursday, November 28

10:00 am in the chapel

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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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
October	430
Year-to-date	421

Figures from the Finance Office

	October 2019 Actual	October 2019 Budget	Year-to-date 2019 Actual	Year-to-date 2019 Budget	October 2018 Year-to-date Actual
Income	\$88,457	\$94,308	\$969,810	\$944,930	\$855,985
Expense	\$114,502	\$105,708	\$970,364	\$995,354	\$965,931

School operating income \$40,592 with operating expenditures of \$31,409.

Note: preliminary results

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Ladies' Seasonal Soirée

Sunday, 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.

Flower Guild Brunch

Wednesday, November 13th

11:00 am

at Elizabeth Redditt's Home

6920 Oak Lane, Montrose

All Flower Guild members and anyone who loves working with flowers and wants to learn more about what we do, you are cordially invited to join us for brunch on November 13. We will discuss preparations for Thanksgiving and Christmas Services and Chapel altar flower arrangements. Contact Elizabeth Redditt at eredditt@gmail.com or 251-928-0960 if you plan to attend.

VAPING PRESENTATION

by Pulmonary Associates of Mobile

Wednesday, November 20

5:30 - 6:30 in Green Hall

All adults and youth in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend.

Altar Guild Meetings Scheduled

Saturday, November 16

Monday, December 9

All Altar Guild members are requested to be present on Saturday, November 16 for a meeting in the Church. We will have a "refresher" course and sign-up for cleaning/polishing day, Monday, December 9 from 10 am onwards. Please make plans to attend on November 16 from 10 am until noon. Coffee and snacks will be served. Lunch will be provided on polishing day, December 9.



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.



ADVENT

LESSONS @ CAROLS

with Holy Eucharist

Sunday, December 8 at 9 & 11 am

The Adult and Canterbury choirs sing at both services December 8.

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St. James T-shirts

St. James T-shirts would make a great Stocking stuffer - only \$15.00. Get yours in the parish office!

Parking Lot Issue

Please remember, the circle driveway/covered portico area is for drop off and pick up only. Please do not leave your car unattended in the circle drive.

PERSONAL HEARING AMPLIFICATION UNITS MISSING

We are missing two 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!

Thank you from our Associate for Children's Ministries

Ellen Huckabay

Thank you so very much to everyone who helped make the All Hallows' Eve Festival a huge success! We had the best attendance ever. It would not have been possible without our wonderful volunteers and church staff. Special thanks to those who helped set-up, worked a booth, cooked, served and cleaned-up.

Upcoming Events for Children:
Christmas Cookie Day - 12/23/19
Epiphany Feast of Lights - 1/5/20



Storytime
 with Saint Nicholas
Sunday, December 8
 10:15 - 10:50 am in Green Hall

- * Visit with Saint Nicholas *
- * Hear a story * Make a craft *
- * Take home a special surprise *

Women's Christmas Party

Monday, December 9 at 6:00 pm



The Women's Annual Dirty Santa Christmas Party, will be Monday, December 9, at 6 pm in the Vestry Room of Green Hall. Bring a gift for Dirty Santa, either naughty or nice (\$5 limit please). Bring food to share, either sweet or salty. We will provide libations, coffee, and punch. Poinsettias or gifts will be given to participants to take and deliver to our homebound parishioners before Christmas. Please feel free to invite guests. **All women are invited!** Contact Michelle Orr at 990-6077 for more information.

Programs for Children and Youth

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. Friday evening is for all 7th-12th grade acolytes.

Attendees will stay in the dorm-style cabins. **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.

If you have not already done so, please email Anne at saintjameseyc@gmail.com to RSVP as soon as possible.

Christmas Parade

Friday, December 6

Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade begins at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 6 at the intersection of Morphy and Section Street and continues north up Section Street. The parade includes over 60 groups.

Both the church youth and the St. James school children will have a float this year. Come out and show your support.

Youth Readers & Chalice Bearers

If you are interested in serving on Sunday mornings at 11 am as a reader or as a lay Eucharistic Minister, please contact Anne McEniry at 251-928-2912 or christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org. Lay Eucharistic Ministers must be confirmed.

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!**

VBS Board of Directors

A VBS Board of Directors is forming soon—if interested in serving on the VBS board, please contact Ellen Huckabay at 251-928-2912 or childrensministries@stjamesfairhope.org.

GroupMe App

If you would like to be added to the EYC/Youth GroupMe, please email Lanham DiMartino at lanhamdimartino@gmail.com.



COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP

June 6-13, 2020

Any youth 16 or older may travel to Costa Rica without a parent. Anyone under 16 years of age, must have a parent escort. The cost is \$1,500. During the week, participants will continue the construction work that was begun last summer on a church in Palmares, and provide an afternoon VBS to the children. For more information, contact christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org or 251-928-2912.

Youth Calendar of Events

DATE	WHO	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE/INFO
Every Sunday in November	Youth in grades and 7 & 8	Rite 13	Following the 11 am service from 12:10 - 1 pm	In the youth room. Lunch is provided.
Wednesdays, November 6 & 13	ALL YOUTH in grades 7 - 12	Volunteer at Prodissee Pantry	Meet at 5:25 pm Return between 7:30 & 8 pm	Meet by the church van in the parking lot. Bring money for dinner at Chick Fil-A.
Sunday, November 20	Any adult and any youth in grades 7 - 12	Vaping Presentation	5:30 - 6:30 pm	Green Hall
Sunday, November 24	ALL YOUTH in grades 7 - 12	"Friendsgiving" Dinner	5:30-7:00 pm	Green Hall—Turkey provided by the church. Please bring a favorite side item or dessert to share.

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

School News



Autumn is here and St. James School is enjoying a very busy season. Our students and staff celebrated Episcopal Schools Week, October 14–18. Our theme was, “For God is at work in you,” *Philippians 2:13*. During the week, the children came together in our weekly Chapel service, made Episcopal shields, and wrote about what they like about St. James School. Our week ended with the addition of a new Episcopal Flag which now flies outside Wilson Hall.



Everyone had a wonderful time at the All Hallows’ Eve Festival, and the Storybook Pumpkin Carving Contest was a big success. We congratulate Ian Port who won with his pumpkin, *Pete the Cat Firefighter*. Thanks to everyone that voted for their favorite pumpkin.



Halloween was also a very exciting day. It began with Father De and Mother Mary Jayne introducing our students to a special Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Chapel Service. Everyone wore costumes and the Chapel was decorated especially for the event. Helen led the service with special songs. The service was followed by trick or treating around the St. James Campus. Andy Burton and Mother Mary Jayne made symbolic pan de muerto as a special treat for the children to enjoy during their class parties. A special thanks goes out to the Church staff for dressing up and making this day so special for our children.



I can’t wait to share the news of our First Annual Fundraiser, the Zebedee do-dah Fest in my next article. For now, I just want to wholeheartedly thank everyone that sponsored the event, made prize donations, purchased tickets, and volunteered their time and talent!



Our plans for our school continue to grow and develop with our children.



We strive to be the very best, and we want to raise the bar on what it means to be a school. With all the activities of school in full swing, we are already making plans for the 2020-2021 school year, and that means enrollment is just around the corner! As many of you have wondered about the future of our school, we have announced that we plan to offer a first-grade next year. To accomplish this goal we will need to have a minimum of seven students enrolled by February 14. Enrollment for current St. James families and parishioners begins November 4. We will open our enrollment lists to the general public on January 2, so please tell your friends. We hope you’ll join us in supporting the school, and keep us in your prayers as we move forward.

To enroll your child for the 2020-21 school year, please come by the school office and pick up an enrollment form. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any questions.

Shelley E. Miller

OPEN HOUSE:
Monday,
November 11
8 am -12 pm



Outreach and Community Events

Christmas for Veterans



In partnership with the Mobile County Sheriff’s Department, St. James continues its Christmas Ministry for Veterans. We are asking parishioners to purchase Christmas gifts for the 150 Veterans living in the Veterans’ Home in Bay Minette.

If you wish to participate, please sign-up in Green Hall on **Sunday Nov. 10, 17, and 24**. You will receive an envelope with the Veteran’s name and information about him/her. In addition, you will receive a gift box to use. Each year, individual families participate in this ministry and on Christmas morning, volunteers take the presents to the Veterans. If you would like to volunteer to take the gifts to Bay Minette, meet at the church on Christmas Day just before 8:00 am. Please remember, the coordinator at the Veterans Home, Shelly Bates, has asked that we limit the gifts to \$50 and that we use only the box provided. If you have questions, please email Nancy Bernhardt at

nbernhardt12@gmail.com or call her at 936.499.5427. We look forward to our congregation participating in this most worthwhile outreach program.

Pilgrimage to Montgomery Saturday, November 23

The Commission on Racial Justice and Reconciliation and Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church of Daphne are co-hosting a pilgrimage to Montgomery, Alabama, to visit the *Equal Justice Initiative's Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice*.

The cost is \$40. This includes transportation and tickets for the Museum and Memorial. Bring your own lunch/snacks.

Becoming Beloved Community

An Interactive Workshop
Trinity Episcopal Church, Mobile

Saturday, December 7

7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Join us for an interactive workshop which will provide insights into the causes and effects of racism. We explore unconscious bias, prejudice, white privilege, and ways to work together to Become the Beloved Community. There is no fee to

participate, but it requires the commitment to be engaged the full day. Limited to not more than 30 participants. Register on Eventbrite: <https://www.dioecg.org/racial-justice-and-reconciliation>. Before December 5, you may call or text Gary Moore at 251.928.3311 or email him at psalm82.3and4@gmail.com.

New Daughters of the King® Chapter Formed at Good Shepherd, Mobile



A new chapter of seven, dedicated, members were admitted to the Daughters of the King® on September 15, 2019. All members were initiated by the Reverend John George, who presided over the assembly with the help of our own Beth Moore, Diocesan Assembly President of the Central Gulf Coast.

The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Reading	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
November 10 22nd Sunday after Pentecost	Haggai 1:15b—2:9	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
November 17 23rd Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25	Canticle 9	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
November 24 Last Sunday after Pentecost, Christ the King	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Canticle 4 or 16	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
November 28 Thanksgiving Day	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 100	Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
December 1 The First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

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
- 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
NEXT FAMILY PROMISE
December 15-22

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **DECEMBER 4, 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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