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St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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Reverend De Freeman, *Rector*



Reverend Forbes Sirmon,
Associate Priest

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Class of 2023

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Thank you from the Sirmons

Dear St. James Family,

Many blessings to you as we enter into this season of Pentecost! It is great to be ‘back at it’ here at St. James. As many of you know, I have been away for a couple of weeks on paternity leave, helping to welcome our third child into this world. I am elated to share with you that we have a happy, healthy baby boy named Thomas and we could not be more thrilled.

Thirteenth-century theologian, philosopher, and church mystic, Meister Eckhart, has recently found his way into my prayers. Eckhart says, “If the only prayer you say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.” While I largely agree with Meister, when I reflect on the outpouring of love, support, and prayer, (and the copious amounts of good eats!) this parish has bestowed upon my family, a “thank you” does not seem sufficient. We’ve truly felt an overwhelming sense of care and love from all of you. Most profoundly, your gift of time has allowed me to be fully present with my family and to dwell in all the joy and laughter that come with



sleepless nights, diapers, and a little spit-up here and there. My family and I will cherish this gift for the rest of our lives. It has truly been a blessing.

Haden and I look forward to introducing you all to Thomas. Big sisters Marion and Anne Haden are eager to tell you all about their new baby brother. Until then, though these words cannot fully convey our gratitude, our prayer remains, “Thank You!”

Reverend Forbes Sirmon

Pentecost Celebration

Thank you to all who helped provide a wonderful Pentecost celebration for our parish! It was a beautiful afternoon filled with fellowship, live music by our own Robert Sully, face painting by Moonpie Mama, refreshing Frios Pops, delicious food, and even some friendly competition.

Our Outreach Committee coordinated this successful event that drew a spectacular crowd! Special thanks to Kristen Wooten, Michelle Roberts, Anne Sclater, Jane Barnette, Matt Myrick, Mary Pilcher, Teddy Faust, Lori White, Penn White, and Randy Sternberg for their hard work. Thank you also to our Official Fish Fry Team of George Huckabay, John Glover, Peter Gaillard, Bruce Stone, Jeb Arington, Paul Cadden, Bryce Wooten, and David Roberts, and to Bon Secour Fisheries for providing the fish and hush puppies!

Perhaps the highlight of the afternoon was the corn hole tournament that took place following the feast. As the cleanup crew returned Green Hall to its usual state of perfection, Robert Sully serenaded our corn hole competitors as they stretched and mentally prepared for the showdown. The blazing sun was no

match for the determination of our teams who vied for the title of St. James Cornhole Champs. Congratulations to victors De and Dylan Freeman, who defeated team Sternberg to secure bragging rights and the shiny, gold trophy.



First Annual Cornhole Championship



Next Parish
Breakfast at St. James
 June 19
 8:30 - 11:00 AM
 \$3.00 per person or \$10 max per family
 Reservations not necessary - Pay when you eat
 Start your day with a delicious breakfast and leave the cooking and cleaning to us!



The photo in this advertisement is not meant to be a representation of what will be served at the breakfast.

News & Events

Please remember, we have begun our Sunday Summer Schedule... Now through August 7th!



TWO SERVICES:
8:30 and 10:30 AM
Both in the Church

Summer SCHEDULE

The 10:30 AM service is streamed live on our website, [Facebook page](#) and [YouTube channel](#).

Children's Chapel is also available at 10:30 AM!



CHESS CLUB
Thursday Nights
7:00 PM
 in the Library or Green Hall
All are welcome!



BINGO!
St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Wednesday, July 13 at 5:30 PM

DIDN'T GET ANY GOOD PRIZES	PLAYED WITH PARENTS	PLAYED WITHOUT SCREAMING
DIDN'T WIN ONE SINGLE TIME 😞		PLAYED WITHOUT JUMPING UP & DOWN
STAYED UP ALL NIGHT PLAYING	ATE ALL THE GOOD PRIZES	PLAYED WITHOUT CHEATING

Join us for BINGO and a light supper in Green Hall on Wednesday, July 13. Please let us know you are coming so that appropriate dinner accommodations can be made. Call 251-928-2912, email info@stjamesfairhope.org, or sign up in Green Hall.



St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH
SUMMER SCHEDULE
Yoga

Mondays - 9:30 - 10:30 AM - NOT MEETING DURING THE SUMMER- This class will pick back up in the fall.

Thursdays - 10 AM - NOT MEETING DURING THE SUMMER- This class will pick back up in the fall.

Thursdays - 5:45 PM - Flow Yoga with Stacy Reckeweg in Green Hall or via Zoom. Contact Stacy at stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com if you'd like the Zoom link. Class continues during summer.

Fridays - 7:30 AM - Yoga Flow in Green Hall with Jane Tucker. Class continues during summer.

Youth News

YOUTH MISSION TRIP
St. James
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH
June 21-23
 Current 7th - 12th Graders

Current 7th -12th Graders
Join us for a Mission Trip to Atlanta
June 21-23

What will we be doing?

- Atlanta Braves v. San Francisco Giants
- Service Project at the Food Bank of Atlanta
- Six Flags Theme Park

Depart from St. James
at 10 AM on Tuesday, June 21

Return Thursday, June 23

Cost is \$50
plus money for food & treats/souvenirs

Contact Ellen Huckabay at
christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org
 if you would like to attend.

VBS Champions in LIFE

Ready, Set, GO with GOD!

VBS Begins this Sunday

June 12

If you are coming to dinner Sunday night at 6:00 PM, please let Ellen know (if you haven't already). Thursday is a water day, so bring your towel and wear your sunscreen!

Let's talk about Youth Programming
and build it back better!

Date changed to:

**SUNDAY,
 JULY 17**

Parents of rising 7th - 12th graders, are you interested in Youth Programming? We want to hear from you!

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Informational Meeting / Open Discussion
Green Hall



St. James
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH
WANTED:
Service Squad
VOLUNTEERS
5th & 6th Graders
JUNE 12-16
9 - 11:30 AM



The best way
 to find yourself
 is to lose
 yourself
 in the service
 of others.

Call Ellen if you would like to participate 251-928-2912 or email her at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Music News

Trinity Sunday, June 12



Trinity Sunday offers me the exciting opportunity to play Bach’s fugue on the Holy Trinity, often called the St. Anne fugue because the first fugue subject is the opening melody to the hymn we know as O God our help in ages past and therefore the theme for God. The second theme has a rising motive for God the son, and the third theme sounds fiery! God the Holy Spirit. All themes come together for a dramatic ending.

Helen Rodgers



J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

What is Taizé?

Taizé is the style of Christian worship originated in and practiced by the ecumenical Taizé community in France. It is characterized by the repetitive singing of simple harmonized tunes, often in various languages, interspersed with readings, prayer and periods of silence.

Come as you are
Sunday, June 19
7:00 pm, in the chapel



Monthly Financial Report

	May	May	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Church Income	\$112,202	\$109,053	\$586,909	\$548,063	\$520,154
Church Expense	\$104,303	\$107,650	\$529,789	\$567,336	\$552,311
School Income	\$75,883	\$40,185	\$283,506	\$200,925	\$231,944
School Expense	\$53,696	\$53,029	\$265,976	\$261,348	\$179,773

Please remember you can set up your recurring gifts online by clicking this link.
Gifts may be made by ACH or credit card. Amazon Smile is an easy way to donate to St. James

From the Parish Office

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Your email must match what we have in our records.

Please upload your photo so we can all get to know one another.

Having trouble? Call Jennifer at 251-928-2912.

Download the Free Mobile APP for iPhone or Android!

Create a login **FIRST** on the website **BEFORE** signing in or downloading the mobile APP!

Go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com.

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Instant Church Directory™

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We need your photo!

Please upload it directly into Instant Church Directory or email it to Jennifer at communications@stjamesfairhope.org.

Help us all get to know one another.

Instant Church Directory

Instant Church Directory is our online directory, but we know that computers aren't for everyone. If you need a printed copy, call us at 251-928-2912 and we will be happy to walk you through printing your own copy at home—or we can get one ready for you to pick up. Just let us know.

St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH Our offices will be closed on



**Monday,
June 20**

in observance of

**JUNE
TEENTH**

FREEDOM DAY

If you have a pastoral emergency while the office is closed, call 251-928-2912, and follow the prompts. The on-call priest will return your call.

GRILL
The Priests



Wednesday, July 20
5:30 PM in Green Hall

Let us know you are coming! Call 251-928-2912, email info@stjamesfairhope.org or sign up in Green Hall.

Come prepared with an empty stomach and a list of questions!

Family Promise going on now - June 5 - 12!

If you have issues, questions, or suggestions concerning Family Promise, remember to contact one of our ministry leaders: Nickie Olson and Margaret Cadden.

Nickie—251-401-2022 or nickie@homesbynickie.com
Margaret—251-610-6696

From the Parish Office

Volunteers Needed



You may have seen our recent pleas for more chalice bearers. Not only do we need more chalice bearers, but we are currently in need of more ushers, readers, greeters, children's chapel volunteers, and coffee ministers. If we have more volunteers, the scheduling will become less frequent for everyone. **Many hands make light work!** If you feel so called to help in any of these areas, please contact the ministry leaders listed at the right. Thank you in advance!

Chalice Bearers & Lectors (readers) call the parish office at 251-928-2912 or email info@stjamesfairhope.org.

Ushers call John Glover at 251-422-0160 or email him at johnlglover3@gmail.com.

Welcome Ministry (greeters) contact Nancy Dennis at nanhall2001@yahoo.com.

Children's Chapel contact Ellen Huckabay at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Coffee Ministry contact Sara Majors at saramajors@aol.com.

The Lectionary Schedule

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Trinity Sunday June 12, 2022	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
The Second Sunday after Pentecost Proper 7, June 19, 2022	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:18-27	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
The Third Sunday after Pentecost Proper 8, June 26, 2022	1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 9, July 3, 2022	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-8	Galatians 6:(1-6)7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10, July 10, 2022	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-9	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 11, July 17, 2022	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42

Christian Formation



“I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.”

Profound words from British writer C. S. Lewis, who might be best known to many of you for his fantasy series, *The Chronicles of Narnia*. A former atheist, Clive Staples Lewis became a Christian after many discussions, questions and conversations with his friend, J.R.R.

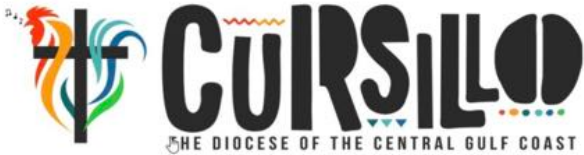
Tolkien. He went on to author over 30 books and his religious conversion greatly influenced all of his writing after 1930.

We are fortunate at St. James to have many of his books available in our library. You won't have to look hard to find any of them—they can all be found under the category: C.S. Lewis.

Two more quotes from Lewis for you to think on: “To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you.”

“The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us.”

The Order of the Daughters of the King® is pleased to announce the celebration of an Admission Service on June 12. Following a three-month period of study and discernment, new members Nancy Bush, Deanna Dalrymple, and René Mead will be formally admitted to The Mary and Martha of Bethany Chapter. Daughters pledge themselves to a lifelong commitment of Prayer, Service, and Evangelism. They are dedicated to the spread of Christ's Kingdom and the strengthening of the spiritual life of their parish. Each new member takes vows to uphold the two Rules of The Order: the Rule of Prayer and the Rule of Service. Membership in The Order is open to women in all stages of life. To learn more, visit the [DOK National Website](#).



Cursillo (“Cur see yo”) is a three-day weekend that introduces people to simple methods for nurturing and growing their relationships with Christ. It provides an experience of living in a Christian community centered in worship, prayer, study of scripture, and interaction with other Christians. Its mission is to build up our parish churches by encouraging and empowering its members to prepare for doing the work of the church—the spreading of the Gospel.

Why go? The cost is covered by generous donations from the members of the Cursillo family.

It is relaxing.

It is fun.

It is a rare opportunity to spend three days of undistracted attention to what God has to say to us.

All your needs will be take care of.


The food is delicious.

If you ask people who have been, most will tell you that it was a very positive and valuable experience. Many will tell you that it was a starting point for important changes in their relationships with Christ.

Cursillo # 167 is happening September 15-18, 2022 so now is a good time to submit applications for prospective pilgrims.

Diane Voors, St James, Eufaula, will be the Lay Rector. So far, Dan and Misty Campbell and Peggy Hoover from St. James have signed up to attend!

If you are interested in attending Cursillo, [fill out the online application](#), or pick up one in the church office.



Formation Changes

just for summer

The Sunday Lectionary Class for adults, led by Jim Daniell in the Library is normally held between the 9 & 11 AM services. During summer, beginning May 29, class will meet following the early 8:30 service (at approximately 9:30 AM). Contact Jim at jdaniell917@gmail.com for more information.

Women's Monday Night Bible Study is on break until August 22 when the group will pick back up with their study of Bad Girls of the Bible by Liz Curtis Higgs. If you have questions, contact leader Michelle Orr at 251-490-6077.

Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study - The Men's Tuesday Night Bible Study gathers in the Vestry room at 5:45 PM. Study begins at 6 PM. They will continue meeting for now. Questions? Contact Father De at 251-928-2912.

Centering Prayer is on break for the summer. They will resume meeting on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM in the Chapel on August 31. For questions, contact Shannon Spinks at shannon@gatewaysourcing.com.

The Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study is on break for the summer. Stay tuned for a date reconvene! For questions or more information, contact Elaine Pannell at pannell3264@yahoo.com.

School News

St. James Episcopal School has just completed our 4th year since opening in 2018.

Our last week of school was full of activities for our students from our 1st and 2nd graders visiting Alligator Alley to Field Day and Kona Ice truck treats that were sponsored by our PTO for students and families.

We closed our last day with the Kindergarten Graduation program and end of year Chapel service. Emotions were high as the students were excited for the summer to begin and the joy of moving up to the next grade level.

I am so thankful for our wonderful teachers, staff, students and families. They have a true commitment to our Christian education and mission.

Thank you for your vital part in the mission of St. James Episcopal School through your prayers, financial gifts, and advocacy. Please know you are always welcome to come and see first hand all the good that is happening in the lives of our students.

We will be kicking off our Summer Camp this year in collaboration with VBS (Vacation Bible School). Our summer camp will operate for 6 weeks beginning June 13th.

Everyone has worked very hard to create a secure and promising future for our parish school.

With sincere gratitude,

Stacey E. Misen

Graduation



School News

Graduation



Happy Summer
from
St. James 
EPISCOPAL SCHOOL
SCHEDULE A TOUR TODAY!

SPACE AVAILABLE FOR
PK-3 THROUGH 3RD GRADE
FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

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Field Day



Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:30 AM Lectionary Class, Library
10:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
also available online

TUESDAYS:

5:45 PM Men's Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel

THURSDAYS:

5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall

FRIDAYS:

7:30 AM Yoga, Green Hall


3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

7:00 PM Compline in the Church &
online or Taizé in the Chapel

*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



GOT NEWS?

Does your group or ministry
have news to share with the parish?
Email your information and photos to Jennifer at
communications@stjamesfairhope.org

The next
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July 13
Please submit news by:
July 7 at 5:00 PM

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**The office
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Monday,
July 4.**

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