

# Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*



Rev. Deacon Amanda Doshier

## **VESTRY MEMBERS**

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Elizabeth Erwin  
Shannon Pesnell  
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Mary Statkewicz

## **Class of 2023**

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Earl Jackson  
Chris Nelson

## **Class of 2024**

Ben Codding  
Peter Gaillard  
Laura Jones  
Matthew Myrick

Dear St. James Family,

Over the past few weeks, a few astute parishioners have noticed that a crucifer has not always been present during the processions on Sunday mornings and several have asked questions about this practice and even the procession itself. First of all you should understand that not having the cross in procession has not been intentional. Simply stated the absence of the cross on those rare occasions has been evidence that our acolyte participation is low and indeed still recovering from the disruption that Covid caused us. Not all of our acolytes can carry our large processional cross, nor are they adequately trained to be the lead server during the Eucharist, but out of practical necessity the Gospel Book has led the procession on several occasions. Please know that we are working on this issue but we are in need of volunteers.

Someone stated that we are used to bowing when the cross passes us, and that is absolutely correct! When we have competing images of Jesus in procession, it can be confusing. But theologically, we understand that the Gospel Book and the Cross are both icons of Jesus Christ. The Gospel Book itself represents the Word of God. The empty Cross represents the resurrected Christ, and even the torches are symbolic of the light of Christ. It is then appropriate to bow or reverence either leading icon during the procession. This is really no different than reverencing the icons of Christ at the front of the church when you enter or exit your pew. The empty cross, the altar, the reserve sacrament and even the lighted candles all act as icons or symbols of Jesus in various ways, but we

don't stop to parse them before we act out of reverence.

In fact the rule of thumb for our Sunday procession is as follows: if one acolyte, the Cross leads; if two acolytes, Cross then Gospel Book; if three acolytes, Gospel Book and two torches is preferred, but can also be Cross, Gospel and Clergy Cross, or Cross and two torches; if four acolytes, Cross, then torches and Gospel Book; if five acolytes (our standard), Cross, torches, Gospel Book and Clergy Cross. During certain occasions you will note that we may add flags, streamers, banners, thurible (incense pot), palm branches and even the Paschal Candle. All are liturgically and theologically correct but are changed to serve various purposes and mark special occasions, just as a third clergyperson on our staff will also change how the symbols are arranged during the procession.

I encourage you to pay attention to the symbols we use in our liturgy and when you have questions I hope you will take time to ask me, Forbes or Amanda. Everything we do or say revolves around our theology and beliefs in Jesus as Lord, and how we understand our ritual, symbols and practices only serves to increase the value of our liturgy and to reinforce the depths of our faith.

Reverend De Freeman

# Upcoming Special Events

## TONIGHT



**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 TONIGHT, 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](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org), or sign up in Green Hall.

## THIS SUNDAY

Make your Sunday morning *better!* Have breakfast at **St. James** EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**Next** BREAKFAST BUFFET

**July 17**  
8:30 - 11:00 AM

- \$3.00 per person
- \$10.00 per family
- Pay when you eat

*Reservations are not necessary.*

If you would like to help with the breakfast ministry, contact ministry leader, Mary Statkewicz, at [marys@gulfshores.com](mailto:marys@gulfshores.com).

**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](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org) or sign up in Green Hall.

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

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**

Parents of 7th - 12th graders, we would appreciate your input. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. Thank you!



## Upcoming Special Events

REVEREND **AMANDA DOSHER,**  
DEACON *will preach*

St. James  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**SUNDAY, JULY 24**  
Come show your support for our new clergy member.

**LOOK OUT VTS**  
**Here Comes Drew!**

Drew Downey is headed to  
Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS)  
*and we want to send him off in style!*



*Come say farewell and wish him luck!*  
**Sunday, July 24, 2022**  
*between the services in Green Hall*

# Feast of St. James



**Celebrated on July 31**

**Casual Sunday**

**and Pot Luck Lunch**

*following the 10:30 service*

**Wear your St. James T-Shirt!**

*Don't have a T-shirt? Purchase one on Sunday, July 17 or 24  
in Green Hall before or after services.*

Church provides Fried Chicken, Drinks & Dessert

You sign up to bring a salad:  
pasta, green, fruit, or potato

Sign up in Green Hall, call the church office at 251-928-2912, or email [info@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org).



# Children and Youth News

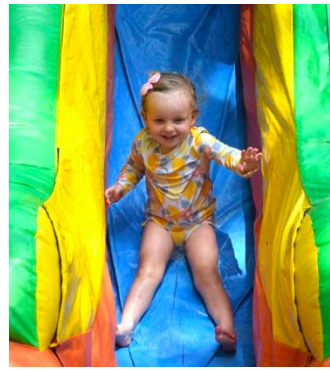
Our Champions in Life VBS was a great success, thanks to an All-Star Team Effort! We combined VBS with the school summer camp this year and had around 90 kids each morning. The days began and ended with praise and worship led by Ms. Mary Katherine; then participants

rotated through snacks, crafts, games and story activities.

This year we also brought back Service Squad for rising 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders. On Monday and Tuesday, Father Forbes and Amy Ramagosa took the group to Fairhoppers Community Park where



they partnered with the city to spruce up that public space. On Wednesday, they loaded the church van with non-perishable food and hygiene items and refilled the Blessing Boxes around town. These service projects led to deeper conversations about what it means to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our communities.



We wrapped up the week on Thursday with water slides, popcorn, and Frios popsicles. From all accounts I've heard, the children (and adults) had a wonderful week.



VBS would not have been possible without the tireless help of many volunteers. To the group leaders, kitchen crew, decorators, story-tellers, and activity leaders: THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! I can't say it enough. THANK YOU!



~ Ellen Huckabay



# Youth News

Near the end of June, St. James took rising 7th-12th graders on a mission trip to Atlanta, Georgia. I, Virginia Guilian, went along on this trip and had an amazing time! The majority of the first day was the drive up, but even just being with all of my friends was such a blast. At night, we attended a Braves baseball game which was so much fun. The next morning, we got up bright and early to make our way to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Being able to work in the food bank was such a blessing knowing that no matter what I did I was helping a family in need. The environment and all of the staff were so friendly. It was truly a gift from God to have

helped at the food bank, doing something amazing for a community in need. After our time at the food bank, we drove over to Six Flags Over Georgia. Six Flags was so much fun! Every roller coaster was such an experience to be remembered. My personal favorite was Goliath, arguably the scariest coaster at the park.

The St. James mission trip is an awesome way to get to know other kids in the church, spend time with God and the people you love, and a perfect way to have some summer fun! I will definitely be going again!



# Christian Formation

## The L e c t i o n a r y S c h e d u l e

Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 17, 2022	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 24, 2022	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 31, 2022	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-11	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2022	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, August 14, 2022	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56

# Christian Formation



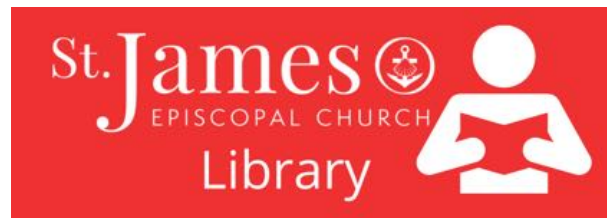
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September 15 - 18, 2022

**Taking applications NOW!**

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.

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



Book Donations! We love that the congregation wants to donate gently used books to the St. James library. Your interest and support is greatly appreciated. But, please do not just arrive at the church with a bag or box full of books you want to donate... it just doesn't work that way. We need your help...please follow the established procedure for donating listed below:

- Parishioners with books to donate should contact the Library Committee at:

[stjameslibrarycommittee@gmail.com](mailto:stjameslibrarycommittee@gmail.com)

to discuss the donation and arrange a time to drop off the books. Please include your first and last name and phone number in your email. A committee member will contact you within 3 days to discuss the donation. Parishioners may also speak with a library committee member to discuss their donation.

- PLEASE DO NOT JUST DROP BOOKS OFF AT THE LIBRARY. We have very little room, there is no storage space, and books that appear anonymously are an unknown entity that create a problem.

On Sunday, June 12, St. James parishioners, Nancy Bush, Deanna Dalrymple, and René Mead were admitted to the Mary and Martha of Bethany Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King.



Following a three-month period of study and discernment, 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](#).





## Music News

Come as you are for  
Compline  
**Sunday, July 17**  
7:00 pm, in the church

The last of the four services in the Daily Office (BCP, p. 127), Compline is descended from the night prayers said before bed at the end of the monastic round of daily prayer. Compline is a simple office including a confession of sins, one or more psalms, a short reading from scripture, versicles and responses, the Lord's Prayer, collects which ask for God's protection during the night to come, and the canticle Nunc dimittis. A hymn for the evening may follow the short reading from scripture. The collects may be followed by a time of silence, along with free intercessions and thanksgivings.



## Fellowship

### St. JAMES SMALL PLATES "SUPPER CLUB" & RESTAURANT BRUNCH GROUPS

*Not to be confused with SMALL GROUP Meetings, Study and Fellowship*

**2022 - 2023**

**"THOSE WHO BREAK BREAD TOGETHER GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER"**

**SIGN UP NOW THROUGH RALLY DAY**

**ADULT RESTAURANT BRUNCH GROUPS:** Meets on Sunday mornings after Church services and Host for the month selects a different restaurant to "try out" each month. These groups usually consist of 10-12 members.

**ADULT SMALL PLATE/HORS D'OEUVRES GROUPS:** These groups meet once a month on Saturday evenings at 6:30, from October through May. The "HOST" for each month provides drinks and a "heavy hors d'oeuvres," and the other members bring an additional appetizer and/or beverage.

These groups are again expected to consist of 14-16 participants. However, depending upon each particular group, for those who wish to participate but whose home may not accommodate the

group, it may be possible for you to "co-host" with other members. Every attempt will be made to balance each group with couple and single participants. If requested, we will make all attempts to include you with one other couple/single you might request.

Questions? Please contact Bruce Stone ([bbraxstone@aol.com](mailto:bbraxstone@aol.com)) (251)599-4396, or Jeanie Smith ([flynn57205@bellsouth.net](mailto:flynn57205@bellsouth.net)) (251)591-6622. **Email inquiries are preferred.**

Sign up forms are in Green Hall and at the church office. An online sign up form is coming soon. Please leave completed forms at the church, in the drop box, or mail it to the church at 860 N. Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532, ATTN: Bruce Stone. **PLEASE DO NOT EMAIL COMPLETED FORMS TO BRUCE OR JEANIE!**

# From the Parish Office

**Instant Church Directory™**

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](http://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com).

If your Instant Church Directory photo looks like this:

We need your photo!

## 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.

Email your photo to [communications@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:communications@stjamesfairhope.org) or upload it directly in instant church directory. Not sure how? Call 251-928-2912 and we will guide you through the process. Ask for Jennifer. Need to stop by the office for more help? Be sure to make an appointment.

**St. James**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Need a name tag?**

Call Meghan at 251.928.2912 or email her at [parishadmin@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:parishadmin@stjamesfairhope.org).

Please wear your name tag so that Reverend Deacon Amanda and her family (and other newcomers) can learn all of our names! If you need a name tag, please write your name on the clipboard by the name tag basket, or call 251-928-2912 and ask for Meghan. If you prefer, you may email Meghan at [parishadmin@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:parishadmin@stjamesfairhope.org).

## Monthly Financial Report

	May	May	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
<b>Church Income</b>	\$112,202	\$109,053	\$586,909	\$548,063	\$520,154
<b>Church Expense</b>	\$104,303	\$107,650	\$529,789	\$567,336	\$552,311
<b>School Income</b>	\$75,883	\$40,185	\$283,506	\$200,925	\$231,944
<b>School Expense</b>	\$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

You may have seen our recent pleas for more chalice bearers, ushers, and welcome ministry volunteers. We are currently in need of more children's chapel volunteers, and coffee ministers as well. 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, or call the parish office any time and we can put you in touch the the appropriate party. Thank you in advance!

**Children's Chapel** contact Ellen Huckabay at [christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org).

**Coffee Ministry** contact Sara Majors at [saramajors@aol.com](mailto:saramajors@aol.com).

## Welcome Ministry



**Welcome Ministry** (greeters) contact Nancy Dennis at [nanhall2001@yahoo.com](mailto:nanhall2001@yahoo.com).



**Ushers** call John Glover at 251-422-0160 or email him at [johnlglover3@gmail.com](mailto:johnlglover3@gmail.com).



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




The St. James prayer list will now be published and available in the narthex of the church and chapel on Sunday morning. Please pick up a copy and take it home with you so that you will be able to remember our parishioners and their loved ones in your prayers all week long. If you attend services virtually and would like a copy of the prayer list, please email [communications@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:communications@stjamesfairhope.org) and request a copy.



# Repeating Weekly Events

**CHESS CLUB**  
**Thursday Nights**



**7:00 PM**

in the Library or Green Hall  
*All are welcome!*

All are welcome (high school students and adults). Just stop by. Location depends on the number of people who show up.

Contact Stacy at [stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com](mailto:stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com) if you'd like the Zoom link.




**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*  
 Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM  
 Nursery available at both services  
 Summer schedule now through August 7

**WEDNESDAYS:**

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH SUMMER SCHEDULE



**Thursdays**  
 5:45 PM - Flow Yoga with Stacy Reckeweg  
 in Green Hall or via Zoom.

# Outreach

## St. James is now Supporting Neighborhood Bridges

**Who we Are:**

Neighborhood Bridges is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in Ohio in January 2017. We began working with Fairhope schools in 2019 and expanded in late March 2022 to include Daphne and Spanish Fort.

**What We Do:**

Neighborhood Bridges facilitates direct local giving to disadvantaged students and families by inviting school professionals (like school counselors and social workers) to advocate for them. Recipients remain completely anonymous.

**How We Do It:**

Neighborhood Bridges shares those needs through regular email

(never more than 1/day) and social media posts, engaging community members to fulfill them. You choose to respond to the email or social media post.

**We Need You:**

With our growth from serving 5 Fairhope schools to now 16 schools on the Eastern Shore, we need more volunteers, and that means YOU!

For more information and to sign up for our email, please visit our website

[www.neighborhoodbridges.org/community/baldwincounty-al](http://www.neighborhoodbridges.org/community/baldwincounty-al)

**Or scan the QR code at right.**

Questions? Please contact Andy Burton @ [happytravelerakb@gmail.com](mailto:happytravelerakb@gmail.com).



How do these QR codes work? Open your camera app on your phone and place it over this image. Click on the yellow link that pops up. It will take you straight to the neighborhood bridges website.



# School News



# Summer Camp

Summer Camp has been a huge success. We have had maximum attendance each week and have enjoyed having returning and new campers back for the summer. The camp director, Breanna Rencher, has done an amazing job planning the camp themes and activities. The campers have enjoyed Vacation Bible School, Mad Science, Celebrating Stars and Stripes and recently enjoyed a Pirate Adventure. Our older campers have been afforded the opportunity to have off-campus field trips visiting Eastern Shore Bowling, We Rock the Spectrum and Tortuga Adventure Golf. Our camp counselors have been remarkable role models and have led the way to a great summer for all of our campers. Each day they bring fun and energy while keeping us safe. Thanks to the entire staff who have helped make this summer a success!

Although we have been in full summer camp mode, we are

continuing to move forward planning and preparing for the start of the new school year. New staff members have been hired and we are adding classes to include three PK3 and three PK4 classes and the inaugural 3rd grade class. Throughout this summer, new students continue to enroll and the PK2 and PK4 classes are on a wait list. Classroom furniture and curriculum are arriving daily as we get set for our first day of school on August 17.

The children of our community are so very blessed to have an opportunity to attend an episcopal school. Thank you for your support and prayers for our parish school as we continue to grow.

Blessings,

*Healey E. Mien*



**Summer Camp Counselors**

**Director:** Breanna Rencher.

**K3 Teachers:** SheTarah Rencher, Katherine Luce, Isabella Tran.

**K4 Teachers:** Trey McKean\*, Grayson McKean\*, Johanna Mondrgon, Hailey Mackie.

**K Teachers:** Kiersten Allen, Dylan Freeman. Kaitlen Hunter\*.

**1st, 2nd, & 3rd Teachers:** Hunter Rencher, Ana Kangsumirth.

\*Not pictured.



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

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## Weekly Recurring Schedule

### SUNDAYS:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church  
9:30 AM Lectionary Class, Library  
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*also available online*  
Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM  
Nursery available at both services  
Summer schedule now through August 7

### WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel

### THURSDAYS:

5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall  
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

### 3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

8:30 - 11:00 AM Breakfast  
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](http://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](mailto:communications@stjamesfairhope.org)

The next Anchor Lines Newsletter will be published:  
*August 10*

Please submit news by:  
*August 4 at 5:00 PM*

**Anchor Lines**  
St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama

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

[WWW.STJAMESFAIRHOPE.SCHOOL](http://WWW.STJAMESFAIRHOPE.SCHOOL)  
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