

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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Consecration Sunday
October 2
Worship & Celebrate

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Loved Ones,

St. James is a special place, touched by God and I think you all know what I mean. You can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit when we come together. As the old Christian folk hymn goes, *"Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His mighty power and His grace./ I can hear the brush of angel's wings/ I see glory on each face;/ Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place."* It is powerful and the Spirit has been at work in this parish, guiding and encouraging us back together. If you've been in church recently, you know how wonderful it has been to see people returning to fill the pews and to hear the chorus of our shared voices in joyful song and faith-filled prayers. It is an exciting time in the life of our parish, and I pray that you will engage in one or more of the many vital ministries and group studies we share, on top of being with us on Sundays and Wednesdays.

The flyers and posters have been up around the campus announcing that "it's coming" on October 2. This will be Consecration Sunday, or Blessing Sunday. This is the day that we really celebrate and acknowledge all of the blessings God has bestowed upon us individually and corporately. We'll give thanks for the gift of our church and most especially for the gifts Jesus has bestowed upon us. This is our annual time to renew our dedication and commitment of our resources, placing these on the altar as an act of faithful sacrifice and gratitude to God. We remember that we give back to God from the many blessings God has so generously given to us and in turn, deeper spiritual development takes place.

An agape meal will take place for the entire parish following each service. I hope to have everyone join us on this special day. RSVP's can be made by calling the church office at 251-928-2912 or sending an email to info@stjameafairhope.org. Some of your fellow parishioners will be calling about your RSVP, but they will not be asking you about pledging.

Mark it on your calendar now and plan to join us. *Surely the presence of the Lord will be with us.*

Your joyful servant in Christ,

Reverend De Freeman

RSVP for Lunch by September 22

The Consecration Sunday lunch will take place after the 8:30 AND 10:30 services.

When RSVP'ing, please let us know which lunch you plan to attend, along with the number attending.

Call 251-928-2912, email info@stjamesfairhope.org or sign up on one of the clipboards in Green Hall, or in the narthex of the church and chapel.

Thank you!

Sunday Adult Christian Formation

Formation & Fellowship for all Ages

Begins September 11

between the 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM services (approximately 9:40 - 10:20 AM)

Foundations of the Christian Faith

Connecting the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer



An 8-week curriculum led by Gerry Lester and Sara Majors
Class begins Sunday, September 11, between the 8:30 & 10:30 AM services

PRAYER & STUDY GUIDE

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LEAD ME,
HOLY
SPIRIT

LONGING to HEAR
the VOICE of GOD

Class	Location	Leader
Reading Round Table	Library	Jim Daniell
Foundations of the Christian Faith	Vestry Room	Gerry Lester and Sara Majors
Clergy Forum	Chapel	Father De, Father Forbes, Rev. Amanda
Sunday Book Study for Adults	Classroom #6 (upstairs in the school)	Holly McKinney and Scott Gonzalez
Godly Play (prek-4 thru 6 th grades)	Classroom #2 (last room on left in the school downstairs)	Rotates
Rite 13 (7 th & 8 th grades)	Classroom #5 (upstairs in the school)	Ellen Huckabay and Karen Myrick
Senior High (9 th -12 th grades)	Classroom #7 (upstairs in the school)	Meg Willett and Bettsie Norton

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

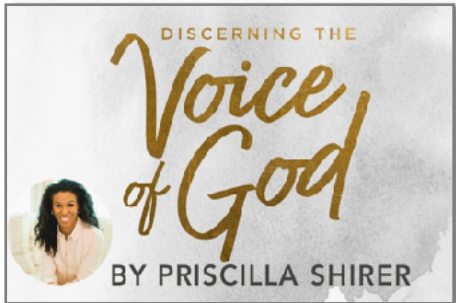
Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel
14th Sunday after Pentecost, September 11, 2022, Proper 19	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 51:1-11	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
15th Sunday after Pentecost, September 18, 2022, Proper 20	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
16th Sunday after Pentecost, September 25, 2022, Proper 21	Amos 6:1a,4-7	Psalm 146	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
17th Sunday after Pentecost, October 2, 2022, Proper 22	Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4	Psalm 37:1-10	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10

Adult Christian Formation During the Week

Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study Begins September 14

The group meets in the Vestry Room from 9:30 - 11:30 AM.

Contact Elaine Pannell for more information.



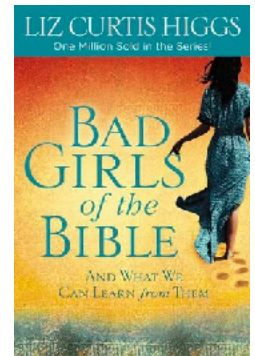
Women's Monday Night Bible Study

The Monday Night Women's Bible Study will resume its study of *Bad Girls of the Bible and What We Can Learn from Them*, by Liz Curtis Higgs with Chapter 4, on September 12. Meet at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room in Green Hall. The group usually finishes around 8:10 PM. All women are welcome to join, even if you did not participate in the pre-summer portion.

The author says:

Think you've gone too far? Done too much? Take heart. You're not alone. Eve had food issues. Potiphar's Wife and Delilah had man trouble. Lot's Wife and Michal couldn't let go of the past, Sapphira couldn't let go of money, and Jezebel couldn't let go of anything. Yet the Woman at the Well quenched her thirst for the truth, while Rahab and the Sinful Woman left their sordid histories behind.

The books may be purchased from Amazon, and it is recommended that you purchase a used book. The cost is around \$6.00 including shipping. For more information, call Michelle Orr at 251.490.6077.



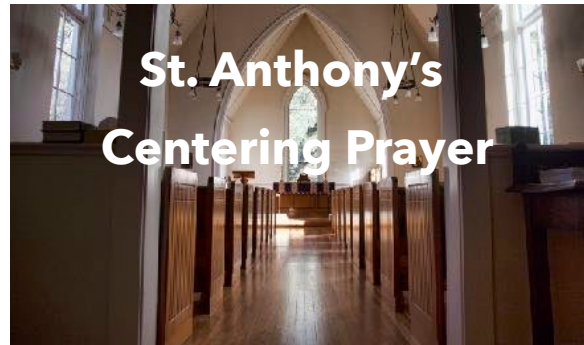
Men's Evening Bible Study



with
Father
De Freeman

Coming soon!

St. Anthony's Centering Prayer



Centering Prayer is a method of meditation used by Christians placing a strong emphasis on interior silence. It is also an ancient form of meditation with roots in monastic traditions of St. Teresa of Avila and St. John of the Cross. We begin with a prayer, are silent for 20 minutes while returning our focus to God, and end with a prayer. This takes 20-25 minutes and we meet at 12:30 on Wednesdays in the Chapel. Anyone is welcome to come regularly or drop in at that time.

Contact Shannon Spinks at shannon@gatewaysourcing.com if you have questions about Centering Prayer.

Small Groups Gathering - September 16 from 6 - 8 PM

Already a member of a Small Group? Interested in joining a Small Group? All are welcome on September 16 from 6 - 8 PM in Green Hall for a gathering of all current and future small group members. Bring a dish to share.

Questions about Small Groups? Contact Ellen Huckabay, Director of Christian Formation at 251.928.2912 or email her at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

"Small Groups" is a fellowship and study format and is not to be confused with Small Plates Supper and Brunch Groups.

Christian Formation for Children & Youth

Please see below for ages and locations for children and youth formation.

These classes will begin September 11.

Senior High EYC will be studying the book "Faith and Science in the 21st Century"

Children & Youth Formation

Godly Play

Ages: PreK-4 through 6th grade.

Location: Classroom #2 - last room on the left in the 1st floor of the school

Rite 13

Ages: 7th & 8th grades

Location: Classroom #5 - 2nd floor of school

You Group

Ages: 5th & 6th grades

Location: 1st Wednesday of each month in Green Hall (will begin in October)

Senior High

Ages: Grades 9 - 12

Location: Classroom #7, on the 2nd floor of the school

News & Events

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

HARVEST

festival

SEPTEMBER 18

Bring fresh produce and non-perishable food items
for the offering at

8:30 & 10:30 AM

English Tea
following the 10:30 service

SIGN UP NOW

LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE.
FIRST 80 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP
FOR THE TEA WILL GET A SPOT.

Sign up for the tea in Green Hall,
email info@stjamesfairhope.org,
or call 251.928.2912.



Please use the
**Church Office
Door!**

For the safety of our church and
school staff and students, please
use the front office door during
business hours.

We appreciate your
understanding!

Monthly Financial Report

	July	July	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
Church Income	\$95,709	\$109,053	\$776,254	\$766,168	\$704,162
Church Expense	\$118,175	\$122,331	\$770,595	\$815,572	\$775,264
School Income	\$45,470	\$33,250	\$364,743	\$267,425	\$293,103
School Expense	\$67,995	\$67,639	\$382,888	\$389,256	\$272,255

*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*

Youth News



Who? 7th-12th Graders

What? Kayak Trip

Cost is \$35 plus money for your lunch.

When? September 25. Reserve your spot by Sept. 15 by emailing christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.

Where? The Sepulga River in Milton, FL. We will ride together in the St. James van.

Questions about the ski trip or the kayak trip? Contact Ellen Huckabay, Director of Christian Formation at 251.928.2912 or email her at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org.



Music News



Canterbury Choir is open to students in **grades 1 – 6**. Rehearsals this year will be on Monday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in the choir room beginning September 12. The children will learn basic music skills, find their singing voice, and have fun making music together with their peers.

Canterbury Choir will sing periodically throughout the year in worship and lead music at the 4:00 PM Christmas Eve service.

Please contact [Mary Katherine Kilgore](mailto:choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org) at choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org for more information.



Concert Series 2022-2023 DATES ANNOUNCED



October 6

Amanda Mole, organ

November 13

*Quintessential Duo & Rockland Osgood
harp and tenor*

December 18

*Pergolesi Magnificat
St. James Choir*

January 29

Edisher Savitski, piano

March 19

Choral Evensong, St James Choir

If you would like to be added to our Concert Series mailing list, email info@stjamesfairhope.org and request to be added.

Parish Life ~ Fellowship

BAYLIGHTS AT BECKWITH SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2ND MUSIC, FOOD & FUN ON WEEKS BAY

Register and Purchase Tickets @
www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights

Friday, Sept. 30th

6:30pm - \$25.00

Music by Casey Kearney
(with Fr. Richard Proctor on the drums)
Includes dinner, beer & wine
Bring a lawn chair
www.BeckwithAL.com/BayLights

Weekend Includes

Friday Sept 30th

6:30pm Music and dinner

Saturday Oct 1st

12:00pm Bishop's BBQ

2:00pm Diocesan Ultreya

5:00pm Music by Robert Sully

6:00pm Low Country Boil

8:00pm Last ticket drawn

Fun activities for the family
Football games shown in Wilson Hall

Sat. - Oct. 1st
Live ticket draw down
\$100

www.TuscanResort.com
www.AntiguaCaribbeanBliss.com



We have so many parishioners who still haven't emailed their photo in for the directory. It would be great if we could get 100% participation for the church directory. Please email your photo to 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.

Need to stop by the office for more help? Be sure to make an appointment.

Haven't tried the Instant church directory app yet for your phone? You really should. It works great!! You can search for parishioners and send them messages directly with a click. Even pull up a map when you need directions to their home.

Give it a try!

Parish Life ~ Fellowship



STACY'S 

Yoga SCHEDULE

Thursdays

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

If you'd like the Zoom link, contact Stacy
at stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com



No Breakfast in September

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

Make your Sunday morning *better!*
Have breakfast at

BREAKFAST BUFFET

October 16

Between the services
Reservations are not necessary.

No breakfast in September
due to the Harvest Festival Tea

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Jane Tucker's

Yoga SCHEDULE

Beginning Sept 12

Mondays - 9:30 AM - Gentle Yoga in Green Hall

Mondays - 1:30 PM - Chair Yoga in Green Hall

Fridays - 7:30 AM - Yoga Flow upstairs in the Choir Rm



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Need a name tag?

Call Meghan at 251.928.2912
or email her at
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.

School News

Back to school has been smooth sailing for the students and staff at St. James Episcopal School. Everyone is enjoying their new teachers, assistants and classrooms along with new enrichment classes, Art and STEM. In addition to our current afterschool dance class, we have added Art Explorations, Let's Kick Soccer for our younger students and YDL (Youth Development League) Flag Football for the older students (K through 3rd grade).

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We are asking our school and church community to collect aluminum can tabs. A collection container is located in Green Hall. (See graphic below for more information.)

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on campus September 14th - 20th. The book fair will be located in the church library and open on Sunday, September 18th after church services for shopping. A percentage of the funds raised from the book fair will be returned to us for the purchase of new books for our school library.

We are gearing up again for our 3rd annual Zebedee-Do-Dah Fest on Sunday, November 6! This is our biggest fundraiser for our school. We hope that everyone will join us again this year for

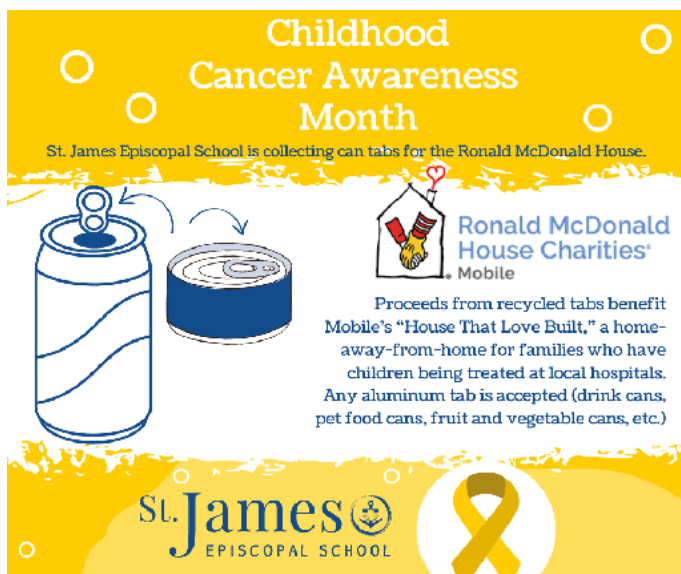
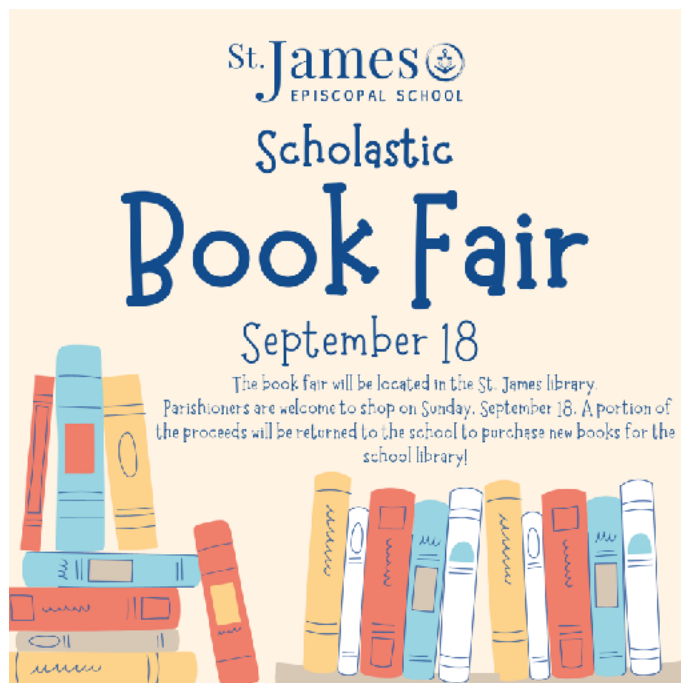
this fun-filled event to support St. James Episcopal School.

Thank you for all your support of our growing parish school!

Shelley E. Milner

Director

St. James Episcopal School



Meet the Teachers

We are excited to welcome these new teachers to the St. James Episcopal School family for the 2022-2023 school year!



Caroline Ingle
PK2 Teacher



Chasta Ortstadt
PK3 Teacher



Franchesca Luthje
PK3 Assistant



Tammy Bailey
PK3 Assistant



Emily Byrd
PK3 Assistant



Deanna Jansen
PK4 Teacher



Mayelys Baldovino
PK4 Assistant



Kirsten Allen
Kindergarten Assistant



Amy Randle
Kindergarten Teacher



Marsha Chinal
STEM/Environmental Science



Farrah King
Yoga



Michelle Birchwell
Aftercare



Ashley Harkins - Aftercare

*Not pictured:
Kate Maxey - Aftercare

**Parish Office
Hours**

Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday ~ CLOSED

OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon, *Associate Priest*



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Deacon*

OUR VESTRY

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*
Lauren Arington, *Junior Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Clerk*
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2022

Elizabeth Erwin
Shannon Pesnell
Tracy Corte
Mary Statkewicz

Class of 2023

Bebe Goetter
Earl Jackson
Chris Nelson

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:40 - 10:20 AM Christian Formation & Fellowship
*see our Christian Formation section for all of the different
classes offered on Sunday this year
10:30 AM* Holy Eucharist in the Church *also online
Children's Chapel at 10:30 AM
Nursery available at both services

MONDAYS

9:30 - 10:30 AM Gentle Yoga, Green Hall (begins 9/12)
1:30 - 2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall (begins 9/12)
4:00 - 5:00 PM Canterbury Choir rehearsal
6:30 PM Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room (begins 9/12)

TUESDAYS

5:45 PM Men's Bible Study, Vestry Room (start date TBD)

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:30 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
12:30 PM Centering Prayer
7:00 - 8:30 PM Adult Choir rehearsal

THURSDAYS:

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

FRIDAYS:

7:30 AM Yoga Flow, upstairs in the choir room

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

8:30 - 11:00 AM Breakfast (*no breakfast in September*)
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.*