

Anchor Lines



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SAVE THE DATE!

St. James Picnic

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2023

FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE

FOOD, FELLOWSHIP,
CORNHOLE & MORE!

More information coming soon! If you'd like to help man the grill or get involved in any way, big or small, email our Outreach Committee at outreach@stjamesfairhope.org

Parish News & Events



St. James Great Day of Service -
May 13 Roll up your sleeves and bring your work gloves. The St. James Great Day of Service IS BACK! Please join us as we complete service projects on and off campus that will enhance our community. We need volunteers of all skill levels. If you are able to volunteer your time, please contact [Randy Sternenberg](mailto:r.sternenberg@highlandgroup.org) at r.sternenberg@highlandgroup.org

Projects will include work in the rose garden, repair of sacristy stairs, work at Baldwin Family Village (adults only), and a project at Ecumenical Ministries (all ages).

Parish Breakfast - May 21, between the services, in Green Hall.

Kindergarten Recognition - May 21 at the 10:30 service. Please email christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org if you have a kindergartener who will attend.

Vacation Bible School - June 26 - 29

St. James School - Our parish school is now enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year. Please contact [Shelley Miller](mailto:schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org) at schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org for more information or visit our website [here](#).

An outer space-themed VBS kicks off on Monday, June 26. Each day will run from 9:00 to 11:30 AM. Cost is \$25 per child. Volunteers are needed to tell stories, lead groups, help in the kitchen, decorate, etc. Registration is open now! Email [Ellen Huckabay](mailto:Ellen.Huckabay@stjamesfairhope.org) with questions at christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org, or if you'd like to volunteer. Register [here](#).

*Registration will close on
June !!*



Outreach News

New Outreach Opportunities!

St. James for Baldwin Family Village

Supporting opportunities for fellowship, volunteering, support services, meal ministry, etc.

St. James Annual Picnic Planning

Adult and youth volunteers/participants needed

St. James for Neighborhood Bridges

Organizing and providing transportation support

Coming June 4!
Sign up to help now!

The St. James Outreach Committee is currently looking for parishioners to join several new subcommittees to enhance our efforts in the community. If you can join us, please email outreach@stjamesfairhope.org or call or text Michelle Roberts at 318-294-6288. Multiple levels of participation available! We are looking for volunteers of all ages, talents, and abilities.

What is Baldwin Family Village?

Baldwin Family Village will be the first of its kind in Baldwin County, Alabama.

The 13-unit facility will provide **transitional housing and support services for women and children experiencing homelessness**. The Baldwin Family Village will operate as a program of the Dumas Wesley Community Center and is slated to open in April, 2023.

The Dumas Wesley Community Center has been operating the Sybil Smith Family Village transitional housing program in Mobile since 1999. The Sybil Smith Family Village boasts an 88% success rate among residents moving into permanent housing. This statistic is 17% higher than the national average, according to HUD. Dumas Wesley will replicate the Sybil Smith Family Village model at the Baldwin Family Village, which is expected to house approximately 100 homeless women children annually. Learn more at baldwinfamilyvillage.org

What is Neighborhood Bridges?

The mission: To bridge communities and schools by providing basic needs, removing barriers, and seeking equity for students so they can engage and succeed in school and life. Neighborhood Bridges is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that utilizes social media and technology to meet the needs of K-12 students in Baldwin County. Advocates are enlisted in area schools and those advocates help share the needs of students within their schools. Needs are anonymous and shared with the community through social media in order to be met by members of the community in a timely manner. A list of specific needs can be found anytime on their Facebook page or website. neighborhoodbridges.org

The quickest way to get involved and start making an impact is by signing up for their emails. Emails are ONLY sent when there is a need posted. Scan the QR code to sign up and help make a difference in the lives of local students!



Parish News & Events



DOK members with their Care Bags. Thank you to all who contributed to this special project!

The Mary & Martha of Bethany Daughters of the King chapter of St. James Parish were recently alerted to a very special need. Children involved in domestic crises are often suddenly removed from familiar surroundings and necessarily placed in temporary custody of total strangers. The experience clearly can be traumatic.

In an effort to assist in an easier transition, and with much enthusiasm from local law enforcement and child welfare agencies, our DOK has packed 100+ “Care Bags”. These bags contain toothbrushes, toothpaste, crayons, coloring books and a stuffed animal to be available to initial responders for these innocent victims.

Many St. James Parish ministries embraced the project with a generous overflow of supplies and stuffed animals. Many thanks to all for the support! We hope to make this an ongoing offering.

“Help us, O Lord, to continue to open our hearts and hands through our gifts to those children in our community whom we know are in great need of comfort and love as they are removed from difficult and troubling situations. May these gift bags bring comfort to these children. We ask it all for His Sake, our King and Savior, Jesus Christ”

From the finance office...

	March	March	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	ACT
Church Income	\$98,111	\$120,000	\$336,155	\$360,000	\$372,448
Church Expense	\$132,225	\$139,605	\$334,885	\$358,309	\$320,252
School Income	\$79,051	\$88,672	\$269,398	\$266,016	\$167,897
School Expense	\$89,585	\$77,480	\$232,485	\$235,213	\$164,654

Parish News & Events

The Director of Youth and Children's Ministry works to combine discipleship, programming, and fellowship while building a lasting connection with our children, youth, and their families.

We're Hiring!

Director of Youth & Children's Ministry

full-time

If you are interested in the position, please submit your resume to parishadmin@stjamesfairhope.org or mail to St. James Episcopal Church
860 N. Section Street, Fairhope, AL 36532.

If you have questions about the position please email parishadmin@stjamesfairhope.org or call 251-928-2912.

Congratulations!

We are so proud of our children and youth! On Sunday, April 23, we recognized some of our graduating seniors during the 10:30 service. The seniors introduced themselves and shared their plans for the future. Our Director of Christian Formation, Mrs. Ellen Huckabay, presented each student with a small gift from the church. We wish the best to the class of 2023 in all their future endeavors!

Later that evening, our 8th grade Rite 13 students "graduated" from this program and were treated to dinner and a special Eucharist. We wish these youth the best of luck as they prepare for their upcoming transition to high school!



School News & Events

St. James



EPISCOPAL SCHOOL

It is hard to believe we are only one month away from the end of another successful year at St. James Episcopal School. We recently held our Night of the Arts showcasing our students' creativity. The children have been studying different artists, styles, and techniques in art class and in their classrooms. The evening gave them the opportunity to share their work with parents and guests. Each class made a collaborative piece for the silent auction. In addition to art we had special performances by our after school B'Dance Ballet class and the St. James school choir. Thank you to everyone who helped with this fun event

Teacher Appreciation is being celebrated this week. A special thank you to our fabulous teachers and staff for all their dedication to our school. The parents showered the school staff with special gifts and treats all week!

During our weekly school chapel service, Mrs. Elaine Estefan presented the preschool classes with quilts that were lovingly made by the Prayers and Squares sewing group. These special quilts will be used in our classrooms' dramatic play areas. Father Forbes and Mother Amanda blessed the quilts.

Our kindergarten, first, second and third grade classes had the opportunity to visit the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Mobile. The children enjoyed the day, especially the flight simulator. Thank you to John Port for organizing this trip for our students.

Our last day of school will be May 25th. We look forward to having old and new friends for our Summer Camp program that will begin June 12th and run for 6 weeks.

Thanks again for your continued support and prayers for our parish school. Please feel free to come by and see all the wonderful things that our school has going on. I would love to personally show you our school!

Blessings,

Shelley Miller
Director of School



School News & Events



St. James
Episcopal School
Night of the Arts
April 28, 2023



**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, *Associate Priest*

OUR VESTRY

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*
Lauren Arington, *Junior Warden*
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*
Katie Smith, *Treasurer*

Class of 2023

Bebe Goetter
Earl Jackson
Chris Nelson

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

Class of 2025

Margaret Cadden
Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

8:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church
9:40 - 10:20 AM Christian Formation & Fellowship
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
1:30 - 2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
4:00 - 5:00 PM Canterbury Choir rehearsal
6:30 PM - Women's Bible Study in Vestry Room

TUESDAYS

5:45 - 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study, Vestry Room

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

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

9:30 - 10:30 AM Breakfast
4:00 - Choral Evensong 3/19

*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.](#)*