

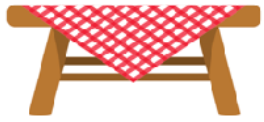
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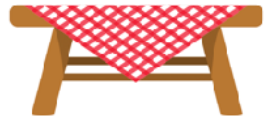
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St. James Annual Picnic



Huge thanks to everyone who planned and helped with this fun event! We had a record crowd, beautiful weather, delicious food, live music, and new Cornhole champions!

Congratulations, Team Huckabay!



Parish News & Events

**Men's Sung
Compline**

JUNE 18

in the church at 7:00 PM

Come pray with us

Compline is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace, and is a relaxed come-as-you-are service. We ask only that you listen. There are no bulletins, no hymnals, no prayer books; it is a time for you to disconnect from the cares of life and be with God. Children are welcome. This service lasts about 30 minutes.



St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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VBS 2023

Vacation Bible School will take place June 26-29 and will run from 9:00 - 11:30 each day. Our Service Squad (5th and 6th graders) are collecting items to fill area "blessing boxes". Please help these kids help others in the community! See below for needed items and bring donations to Green Hall.

**SUMMER YOGA
SCHEDULE**

Monday
9:30 AM Gentle Yoga in Green Hall
with Sara Majors



YOGA WITH STACY

Thursday
5:45 PM Flow Yoga in Green Hall

VBS Service Squad
**OUTREACH
Project**

HELP OUR SERVICE SQUAD PROVIDE
SUPPLIES FOR LOCAL
"BLESSING BOXES"

ITEMS NEEDED:
NON-PERISHABLE FOODS LIKE INSTANT NOODLES, INSTANT
GRITS, TOILETRIES, AND HYGIENE ITEMS.
LOOK FOR THE COLLECTION BIN IN GREEN HALL.
ITEMS ACCEPTED NOW - JUNE 25TH



St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

	April	April	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	ACT
Church Income	\$103,153	\$120,000	\$439,308	\$480,000	\$474,706
Church Expense	\$109,350	\$116,495	\$444,235	\$474,804	\$425,486
School Income	\$59,506	\$88,672	\$328,903	\$354,688	\$207,623
School Expense	\$76,545	\$79,780	\$309,031	\$314,993	\$212,280
St. James Income	\$162,659	\$208,672	\$768,211	\$834,688	\$682,329
St. James Expense	\$185,895	\$196,275	\$753,266	\$789,797	\$637,766

From
the
finance
office...

School News

St. James

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL




All current and new students are invited to join us for a fun summer kickoff on Friday, June 16! Look for your postcard in the mail this week.

St. James parishioners are also welcome to join us!

Come see what our parish school has to offer and enjoy dinner from one of Baldwin County's most popular food trucks.



We finished our school year with athletic awards and a super fun Field Day. We hope everyone has safe and enjoyable summer!

Congratulations to our 2023 Kindergarten graduates!



**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
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

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
12:30 PM Centering Prayer

THURSDAYS:

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

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

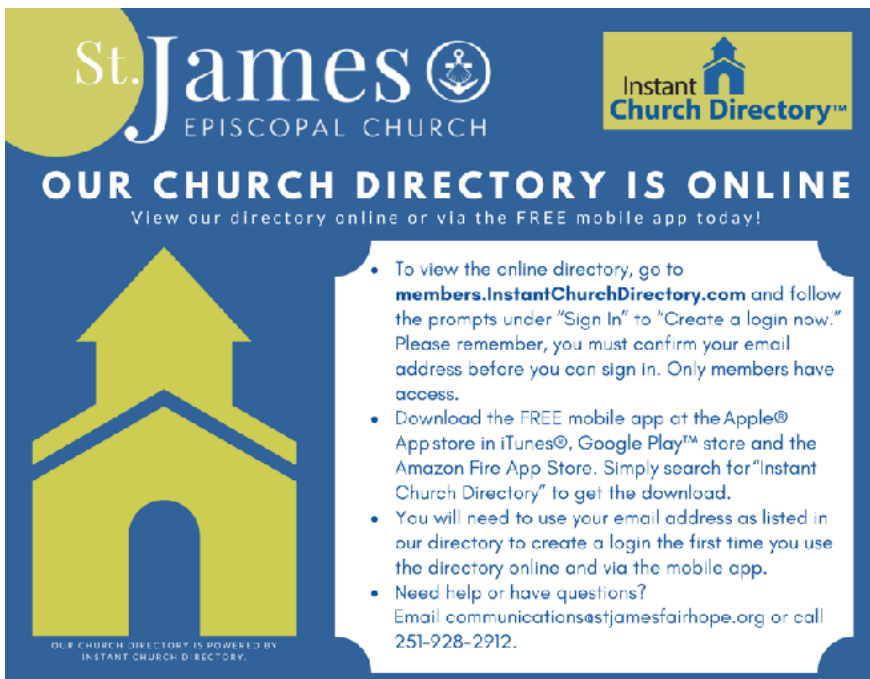
9:30 - 10:30 AM Breakfast
7:00 PM - Compline on 6/18

*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.*

From the office...

Prayer List - Need to add someone to the St. James Prayer List? It's simple. Fill out a Prayer Request Card that can be found in the narthex of the church, chapel, or the church office. You may also call the office or email Leslie at communications@stjamesfairhope.org Please note that when adding someone to the prayer list, we ask that you have their permission in order that we may be respectful of privacy.

Prayer List Updates - If you are currently listed on the prayer list and would like to be removed, please email Leslie or call the church office. Names are generally left on the list for 2 months, unless otherwise requested.



St. James EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Instant Church Directory™

OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS ONLINE
View our directory online or via the FREE mobile app today!

- To view the online directory, go to members.InstantChurchDirectory.com and follow the prompts under "Sign In" to "Create a login now." Please remember, you must confirm your email address before you can sign in. Only members have access.
- Download the FREE mobile app at the Apple® Appstore in iTunes®, Google Play™ store and the Amazon Fire App Store. Simply search for "Instant Church Directory" to get the download.
- You will need to use your email address as listed in our directory to create a login the first time you use the directory online and via the mobile app.
- Need help or have questions?
Email communications@stjamesfairhope.org or call 251-928-2912.

OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY IS POWERED BY INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Instant Church Directory:

Instructions for using our online directory are found in the graphic to the left.

If you have any trouble at all, please call the church office and we will be happy to help you!

Directory Photos:

Don't have a blank space where your smiling face should be!

You can upload your own photo, or we can handle it for you.

Email Leslie at

communications@stjamesfairhope.org
for help.



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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 communications@stjamesfairhope.org.

A note from the rector...

I am so thankful to be back with you all, worshipping on Wednesdays and Sunday mornings. My road to recovery has been filled with ups and downs, but this parish family has certainly been a beacon of light and love for me and my family. There is something truly amazing about what's going on here.

If you've been in the church the past few weeks you can really feel the presence of the Holy Spirit, moving and guiding us during our worship. Our ministries and our mission are doing pretty well, our numbers on Sunday mornings continue to return to pre-pandemic numbers and each Sunday morning is filled with friendly faces some who have been around for many years and some that are brand new. The only real downside to any of the things going on within our church is that we seem to be running low on volunteers and our plate and pledge income has been quite a bit lower than we anticipated. I've said this before but it's almost ironic that ministries and attendance seem to be doing well, while we seem to be falling behind with our stewardship.

As a young person, I remember attending a vestry meeting at my home parish when a discussion was taking place about church finances being low. The rector was explaining how many times he had encouraged the congregation with their stewardship and how many times he had reminded them "to give until it hurts and then give a little more". Despite his efforts, the contributions seemed to remain the same. There was a long pause while the vestry reflected on next steps, when a wise old farmer finally spoke up and said, "Well I guess if they're supposed to give until it hurts, our bunch here has a very low tolerance for pain..."

The room erupted into laughter with what seemed like a quick-witted reply. But then silence quickly came as the wise old farmer finished what he was saying, "but shouldn't we give because it feels good, and it reflects our loving and generous God who gave us his Son so that we would have the opportunity to be blessed, and then bless others by sharing our blessings?"

I don't really remember what came of that conversation in the vestry, but I still remember the look of seriousness on the old farmer's face. I would like to tell you the church put this idea to use and immediately began to thrive with an abundance of income, but the reality is that I don't really know. I can only tell you that it stuck with me and it changed how I thought about giving. I give out of thanksgiving and blessing, and personal investment in MY church and the work my God has given us to do.

I am aware that many of you have been traveling, or will be beginning to vacation and enjoy the beauty of our surroundings now that summer is upon us, but I hope you hear my call for help. We need YOU and the blessings God has bestowed upon you- treasure, time and talent. Please remember this is OUR church. Give generously from the blessings that you have received. Be thankful and give until it truly feels good and truly reflects the gifts God has given you.

I am thankful for you all in this warm and welcoming community of believers.

The Reverend Denson F. Freeman, Jr.
Rector

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D.F.' with a small cross or plus sign to the right.