

Anchor Lines

St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama



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A letter from the rector...

A few months ago, we began discussing God's mission here at St. James and whether we are on the right path: do we need additional space for fellowship, meetings, and classrooms? Many of you have asked whether we are still talking and planning. The short answer is that we are beginning to resume the conversation after it was put on pause back in March, when my health issues came to light. Allow me to bring you up to speed:

In January and February, we conducted a feasibility study through Horizons Stewardship. As you may recall, surveys were shared to help us better understand the thoughts of the parish on the proposed \$15 million dollar revitalization and expansion project. At the March 16 vestry meeting, the vestry, school board, parish staff, and finance committee met with Kristine Miller from Horizons Stewardship to discuss her findings.

On the very positive side, the survey results indicated there is significant support for our parish leadership, the direction we are heading, and that most people feel a strong sense of connection to St. James. The majority of those who responded to the survey (76%) believe the proposed plans support God's mission for our parish, and that a majority (69%) would financially support an endeavor like the one we are discussing. However, most who responded (74%) feel that, while nearly everything we discussed is part of God's mission for us, the \$15 million goal is larger than we can currently afford. Nearly 100% of the survey results expressed a goal of around \$5.5–7 million is likely a more attainable goal. In the gospel of Luke, Jesus reminds us to plan for what we can afford. So this is where we currently are - reviewing the feedback from the fall so that we might better prioritize our "needs" versus our "wants".

Our next steps will be to revisit with WAV Architects to seek more affordable solutions, and to cultivate and solicit more leadership from the parish. This is an exciting time to be a part of our church community on the hill, with opportunities abounding for people looking to get involved- *"the harvest is plentiful but the laborers few"*. **We need your help.**

Since I'm talking about the survey, let me start a second section, because many of you wanted to know more about our school. How is it funded? What portion of the project is for "us" and what is for "them"? What are the long-range plans for the school? First, there is no "us" or "them". The school is a ministry of St. James Episcopal Church, no different than the Meal Ministry, Altar Guild, Outreach Committee, etc. Money collected by the school is church income; money paid by the school is church expense.

The school itself was initially formed with two basic ministry goals: outreach and evangelism. **Outreach** is covered by offering high quality, well-rounded, Christian education to any child, regardless of what they can afford. This means that each year the school will break even, with the exception of money it sets aside for the scholarship fund. In 2022-2023, "we" awarded outreach funds in the amount of \$72,000 for scholarship assistance. The school is currently scheduled to award \$46,000 for scholarship assistance during the 2023-24 school year. That reduction has more to do with a lack of space than a lack of enrollment. With **evangelism**, our church school provides the love of Jesus Christ each and every day to children who might otherwise never see the inside of a church, including children from other denominations, faith backgrounds, and even atheists. God grants us an opportunity through the school to reach outside the walls of our church, and even bring new families into our midst.

The long range plan for our school (the only Episcopal school in Baldwin County) is to extend through 6th grade onsite here at St. James, with the hopes of finding an offsite location in the future to take the school through 12th grade.

I thank you for your continued prayers and thoughtful consideration of these plans for our parish as we consider our path forward and God's plans for our mission.

In Christ's love,

Vacation Bible School 2023

Thank you!

VBS 2023 was a huge success thanks to our “stellar” volunteers! Children of all ages enjoyed an outer space-themed VBS with fun activities all over the church campus. Our 5th and 6th graders, aka “Service Squad” visited various locations in the community to help with service projects.

We are grateful for the time, creativity, and energy supplied by our amazing adult and youth volunteers!



Parish News & Events

HAVE YOU HEARD?



There's a new St. James cookbook in the works! We need your recipes, and it's easy to submit them—see instructions below. Orders are being taken now. Simply fill out the form below and return it to the church office along with payment.

ST. JAMES COOKBOOK

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR RECIPES:

OPTION 1

Type-n-Save...it's easy!

1. Go to www.typonsave.com
2. Login username: Fairhope
3. Contributor password: jelly326
4. Fill in your name and email and submit.
5. Enter your recipes!
6. Preview: see what the finished recipe will look like.
7. Be sure to save after each one you add.



YOU CAN EVEN
INCLUDE A
PERSONAL NOTE!
(FAMILY TRADITION,
HISTORY OF YOUR
RECIPE, ETC.)

OPTION 2

Drop your recipe off at the church office. Be sure to include your name and phone number!

QUESTIONS?

Andy Burton 251-422-3431
Jackie Sheldon 850-543-8126



ST. JAMES COOKBOOK

ORDER FORM

1 COOKBOOK- \$20 EACH
2-4 COOKBOOKS - \$18 EACH
5 + COOKBOOKS - \$15 EACH

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____

PHONE _____

NUMBER OF BOOKS ORDERED _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

**AVAILABLE IN NOVEMBER
FOR HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING
COVER ART BY JO PATTON**

Parish & Diocesan News



It's HOT! The church office A/C is currently down and we are anxiously awaiting its repair. Do you have a window unit air conditioner you wouldn't mind lending us? **We are well-stocked with fans**, but would appreciate a couple window units to cool things off during these record temps. Any units borrowed will be returned promptly as soon as repairs are made. Thank you!

THE HUCKABAYS
ARE LEAVING FOR
AUSTIN!

JOIN US FOR A
SENDOFF RECEPTION
SUNDAY, JULY 9
IN GREEN HALL
AFTER BOTH SERVICES

ELLEN WILL BE ATTENDING THE SEMINARY OF THE SOUTHWEST IN AUSTIN, BEGINNING IN AUGUST.
LET'S SHOW SOME LOVE TO ELLEN, GEORGE, AND WILL!

SCHOOL SUPPLY Drive

OUR DOK CHAPTER IS COLLECTING SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND NEEDS YOUR HELP! ITEMS LISTED BELOW CAN BE DROPPED OFF IN THE DESIGNATED AREA IN GREEN HALL:

3-RING BINDER PENCIL POUCH, CRAYONS, WHITE GLUE AND GLUE STICKS, #2 PENCILS, SCISSORS, COLORED PENCILS, ASSORTED COLORS MARKERS, SHARPIE MARKERS, CONSTRUCTION PAPER, ZIPLOC BAGS (GALLON AND QUART), PAPER TOWELS, BOXES OF KLEENEX, MAGIC ERASERS, PACKS OF WHITE CARDSTOCK, CLOXOK OR LYSOL WIPES, COMPOSITION NOTEBOOKS, SPIRAL, NOTEBOOKS, REFILLABLE WATER BOTTLES, 1 1/2 AND 2 INCH BINDERS, PACK OF 5 DIVIDERS WITH POCKETS

The Order of the Daughters of the King

SUPPLIES WILL BE DONATED TO A BALDWIN COUNTY SCHOOL IN NEED.
DONATIONS CAN BE MADE NOW THROUGH JULY 30.



Join us for our annual trip to participate in
Jonathan Myrick Daniels
and the
Martyrs of Alabama
26th Pilgrimage
August 12, 2023 • Hayneville, AL



Drive your own car and meet up with our group in the courthouse square in Hayneville at 10:30 am, or, to arrange car pools, please email mcdanieljoe43@yahoo.com. Participants should bring/wear comfortable walking shoes, a hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a water bottle. You will be able to purchase a box lunch following the procession for \$10.

For 25 years, the life and martyrdom of Jonathan Myrick Daniels has been remembered through an annual pilgrimage to Hayneville, Alabama, sponsored jointly by the Episcopal Dioceses of Alabama and the Central Gulf Coast. Jonathan Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian killed while working in the civil rights movement in 1965. He had come to Alabama in answer to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s appeal and pursued work sponsored by the Episcopal Society for Cultural and Racial Unity. He was one of a group of protesters arrested on August 14 and held in the Hayneville jail for six days. Upon his release, Daniels walked to a nearby store with a small group and was confronted by Tom Coleman, an auxiliary sheriff's deputy wielding a shotgun. When Coleman pointed the gun at 17-year-old Ruby Sales, Daniels pushed Sales out of the way and was killed instantly by the shot.

The procession will begin at 11 a.m. and travel from the square to the old County Jail where Daniels was detained after being arrested for picketing white-only businesses. The procession will continue to the site of the old Varner's Cash Store, where Daniels was killed and will end in the Loundes County Courthouse, where a Eucharist will be celebrated in the courtroom where Daniels' killer was tried and acquitted by an all-white jury. The Rt. Rev. Phoebe Roaf, Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee, will be our preacher.

PARISH

breakfast

July 16

Between the services

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

Reservations are not necessary

ST. JAMES WELCOMES NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S AND YOUTH MINISTRIES!



Natalie Smith

Director of Children’s and Youth Ministries
stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

Natalie is thrilled to join the St. James staff and has many fun opportunities coming for our children and youth!

Look for children and youth news in our weekly Anchor Lines Update email that is sent every Friday, as well as our monthly Anchor Lines Newsletter.

Want to be sure you don’t miss any upcoming events? Join Natalie’s GroupMe by using the QR code below.



Questions?

Natalie can be reached at the email above or by calling the church office at 251.928.2912

SR. HIGH EYC
**MISSION TRIP
ATLANTA**

JULY 17-20

- VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES AROUND ATLANTA
- ACTIVITIES INCLUDING SIX FLAGS, TOP GOLF, AND TUBING DOWN THE CHATAHOOCHE
- COST IS \$250

RSVP BY JULY 7
ST.JAMESEYC@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

St. James
SIGN UP TODAY
for
HAPPENING #61
[HTTPS://WWW.DIOECC.ORG/HAPPENING](https://www.dioecc.org/happening)

Happening is a faith based retreat in the Episcopal Church that is led by youth, for youth. Happening is open to all 10th-12th graders.

Happening #61 will be September 8th-10th at St. Simon's on the Sound in Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Our very own **Chloe Ayres** will be leading the weekend as the Lay Rector and she will have an exceptional staff of youth helping her along the way.

Please email stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org if you have any questions about Happening

School News

St. James

EPISCOPAL SCHOOL



I am delighted to share that St. James School's 5th year of summer camp is off to another great start! We have had maximum attendance each week and have enjoyed having new and returning campers this summer. Through our summer camp program, we have been able to reach out to many of our parish families, and new families within our community. The campers have enjoyed weekly themes and we finished week three with a joint camp between VBS and school camp. 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 all of our counselors and the entire staff who have helped make this summer a success!

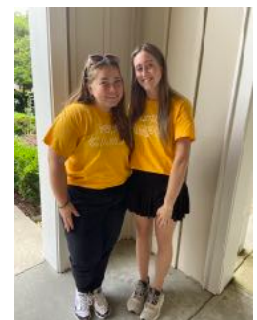
Although we have been in full summer camp mode, we are continuing to move forward planning and preparing for the start of the new school year. Once again, renovations are being made to Wilson Hall to allow optimal classroom space.

As St. James School continues to grow, there are always opportunities for your involvement. During the school year volunteers are needed for various events and van drivers for field trips. We are always looking for special talent to share with our children. You can sign-up at Rally Day or call the school office at (251) 928-2912.

Thank you,
Shelley Miller



We ❤️ our
camp counselors!
(Some of our counselors
are pictured at left)



From the Office

From the Communications 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 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.

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Instant Church Directory™

If your Instant Church Directory photo looks like this:

We need your photo!

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

From the Finance office...

	May	May	YTD	YTD	YTD
	2023	2023	2023	2023	2022
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	ACT
Church Income	\$70,660	\$120,000	\$510,388	\$600,000	\$586,909
School Income	\$111,337	\$50,000	\$440,241	\$404,688	\$265,976
St. James Income	\$181,997	\$170,000	\$950,629	\$1,004,688	\$852,885
Church Expense	\$99,346	\$111,916	\$543,582	\$586,720	\$529,789
School Expense	\$73,069	\$79,780	\$382,100	\$394,724	\$283,506
St. James Expense	\$172,415	\$191,696	\$925,682	\$981,444	\$813,295



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

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday ~ CLOSED

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Permit # 16
Fairhope, AL

SAVE THE DATES
FOR RALLY DAYS!
AUGUST 20TH
AND 27TH

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.

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **AUGUST 9, 2023**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG, NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE.

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