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ARE
YOU
READY?

RALLY DAYS
ARE ALMOST
HERE!

St. James 
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RALLY
DAY 1


08.20.23

OUTREACH
PARISH LIFE

RALLY
DAY 2

08.27.23

FORMATION,
WORSHIP, &
PASTORAL CARE

What are Rally Days? Rally Days are a time to learn about the many ministries of our church, and hopefully get involved! Tables will be set up in Green Hall where you can learn about the many groups, studies, and learning opportunities our church has to offer. Our first Rally Day will focus on **outreach** (Neighborhood Bridges, Christmas Giving, Alabama Free Clinic, Family Promise, etc) and **parish life** (breakfast volunteers, Men of St. James, Small Plates and Brunch Groups, Rose Garden, etc.) Our second Rally Day will focus on **formation, worship, and pastoral care**. Volunteers from groups such as Sunday school, Cursillo, adult Bible studies, Daughters of the King, acolytes, Altar Guild, and more will be on hand to share about their ministries and help you find your place. Whether you have a little or a lot of time to give, there's a place for you! 

Parish News & Events

Thank you from the Huckabay family...



Dear St. James Family,

Thank you for the beautiful, emotional, spirit-filled send-off service and reception you held for us on July 9. We continue to be overwhelmed by the outpouring of love from our congregation when we reflect on that day. Every single detail, the food, flowers, decorations, gifts, sermon, and toasts, were specifically meaningful to our family. And then, through the flutist in the service and the Communion hymns, God reminded us that George's mom, Georgia, is still very near to us. We know those things weren't just coincidences.

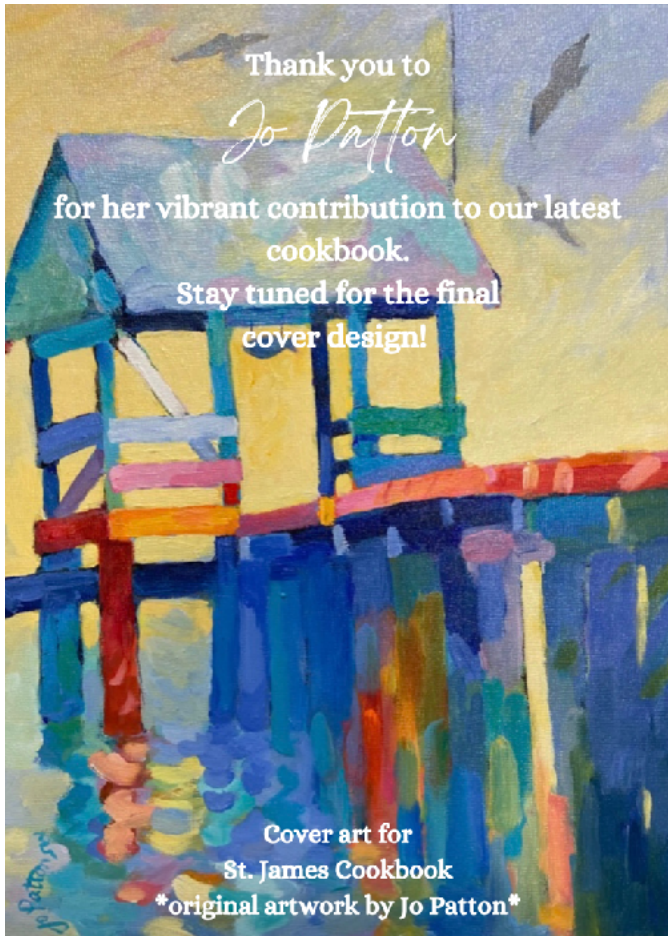
Mary Katherine sent us a picture from the choir loft that was made during the send-off prayer. This image of the congregation in the shape of a cross with our family at the center is a powerful reminder that all three of us are being held by God and by the loving prayers of St. James. I imagine it will see us through many days ahead.

Thank you all, again, from the bottoms of our hearts, for being a part of our story and supporting us on this journey to Seminary. We carry each of you in our hearts and prayers and look forward to seeing you soon.

Love,
Ellen, George, and Will



Parish News & Events



Cookbook Updates

We've had an overwhelming response to our updated cookbook project! Thank you to the many families and friends of St. James for submitting recipes. We are still taking orders! **Prices will increase on September 1.** The cover of our St. James Cookbook will feature original artwork by St. James parishioner, and beloved local artist, Jo Patton. These beautiful cookbooks will be available in November, which makes them perfect for holiday gifting. The form below may be dropped off at the church office or given to one of our cookbook team members on Sunday mornings. Look for the table in Green Hall if you have questions. Order your copy today!



ST. JAMES COOKBOOK

ORDER FORM

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

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

Parish News

St. James SMALL PLATE "SUPPER CLUB" & RESTAURANT BRUNCH GROUPS 2023-2024

Small Plate Supper Club

Meet one Saturday evening a month, October through May. The host provides drinks, beverages, and a heavy hors d'oeuvre. Other members bring an additional appetizer and/or beverage. These groups are expected to consist of 14-16 participants, which is smaller than in past years. For those who wish to participate but whose home may not accommodate the group, it may be possible to co-host with other members. Every attempt will be made to balance each group with couple and single participants. We will make all attempts to include you with other couples/singles you might request. Adults only.

Deadline to sign up for these groups is Sunday, August 27. Signup forms can be found in Green Hall.



Restaurant Brunch Groups

Meet on Sunday mornings after Church services. Host selects a different restaurant each month. These groups usually consist of 10-12 members. Adults only.

Questions?
contact

Bruce Stone Jeanie Smith
bbraxstone@aol.com or (251) 599-4596 or flynn57205ebellsouth.net or (251) 591-6622

Supper Clubs and Restaurant Groups are signing up NOW. Look for forms in Green Hall, or download it [here](#).



August 23, August 30, and September 6
4:15 - 5:00 PM

Kindergarten - 4th grade

Upon completion of these classes, children will celebrate their First Communion on September 10 at the 10:30 service.

Contact Natalie to sign up stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

BLOOD DONATION SAVES LIVES

Scan to make your appointment

LIFE SOUTH
Community Blood Centers

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 7
10:30 AM - 5:30 PM

Sponsored by St. James Episcopal Church & School
860 N. Section St.
Fairhope, AL 36532

Parish BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
Between the services
in Green Hall

\$3 per person . \$10 max per family . Reservations not necessary



The people in this photo are your fellow parishioners. As Lay Chaplains, they are here for you during times of need. If you are struggling with grief, loneliness, illness, depression, or any circumstance that prevents you from enjoying life, Community of Hope can help. **Everything discussed is kept strictly confidential.**

Community of Hope Lay Chaplains:
Forbes Sirmon, Bonnie Gulshy, Bebe Goetter, De Freeman, Nancy Dennis, Jim Daniell, Scott Gonzalez, Amanda Dasher, Beth Moore, Susan Bridges, and Elaine Estefan.

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

Children & Youth News

BACKPACK BLESSING



SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 DURING THE 10:30 SERVICE

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JR. AND SR. HIGH EYC
PRODIGEE PANTRY
Volunteer Night

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16
MEET AT THE CHURCH AT 5:00 PM TO RIDE IN THE CHURCH VAN



St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Email our Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, Natalie Smith, at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org, or click [here!](#)



National Acolyte Festival Trip

Washington National Cathedral

October 6 - 8

Grades 9 - 12
Deadline to sign up is August 14.
Email Natalie to register
or for more information
stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org




St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

JR. & SR. HIGH EYC
BACK TO SCHOOL
POOL PARTY!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20
5:00 - 7:00 PM

HOME OF TED & RENE MASHBURN
59 N. SUMMIT
FAIRHOPE, AL

Want to sign up for an event? Got questions?

Natalie can be reached at the email above or by calling the church office at 251.928.2912 or scanning the QR code below.



School News



St. James Episcopal School will return to class next week and opening our doors for year six! Over the past 5 years, St. James Episcopal School has continuously evolved from 2 classes in 2018 to 7 classes starting 2023 - 2024, in addition to offering 6 enrichment classes plus our after school programs.

St. James is a special place and we have been blessed to afford many great opportunities to our students. We have spent the summer diligently working to strengthen and enrich our academic and school program while fortifying our Episcopal identity. Our outstanding staff have been working hard preparing classrooms and attending workshops and professional development throughout the summer.

We welcome new staff members.

Sophia Soliday, PK- 4 Teacher

Sophia joins us from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Sophia recently graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.S. Degree in Child Psychology. While in school Sophia worked at Trinity Episcopal School as the After School Director and a Teacher Assistant.

Alyson Pouncey, PK-3 Teacher

Alyson joins us from across the bay. Alyson was the former Director of Mother's Day Out at Christ United Methodist Church of Mobile and has worked as a Physical Therapy Aide.

Mary Ellis, PK-3 Assistant

Mary Ellis worked as a substitute and joined us this summer at St. James in our summer camp program. She has experience working in Montessori style learning. Mary Ellis is a graduate of Samford University. She will be assisting in Miss Alyson's PK3 class.

Lucy Moore PK-4 Assistant

We are excited that Lucy is returning to St. James Episcopal School and will be working again as an assistant with Miss Chasta's PK4 class.

Yamini Amin - YOGA

We are delighted Yamini is joining us not only as a parent but as part of our staff. Yamini has recently completed her 200 hours of teacher's training through Soul Shine Yoga that complies with the YOGA Alliance. She also has a Masters degree in Environmental Science from the University of West Florida and a Masters degree in Environmental Biology from the F.P. University of India.

If anyone is interested in helping out as a volunteer at St. James School, please let me know.

We are looking forward to a successful school year as we welcome all of our new and returning students and staff back to school.

Shelley Miller

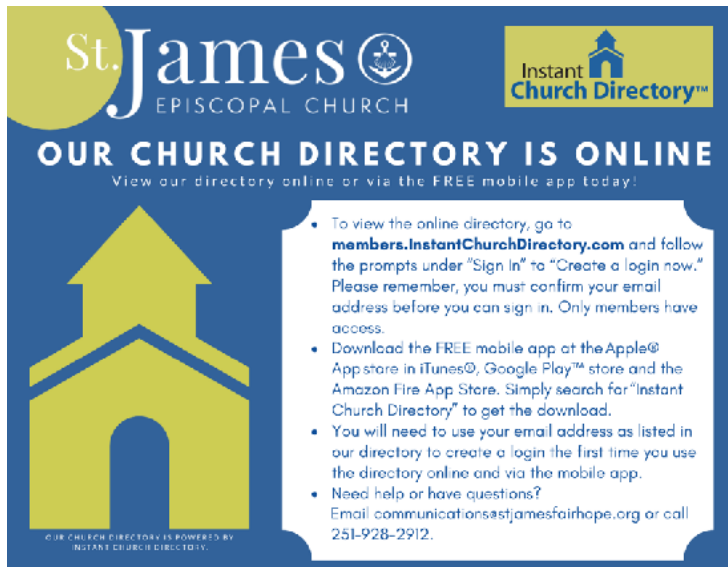
Director of School



*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.



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- Download the FREE mobile app at the Apple® App store 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.

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

Service times update:

Beginning September 10, we will offer a 7:30 service in the chapel on Sunday mornings.

If you're interested in serving at this service, please contact Meghan at parishadmin@stjamesfairhope.org or click [here](#).

Yoga Update:

There will be no Thursday evening yoga with Stacy Reckeweg on 8/17, 8/24 and 8/31. This class will resume on September 7.



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

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The office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 5 at 8:30 AM.

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
7:30 AM **beginning September 10**

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:

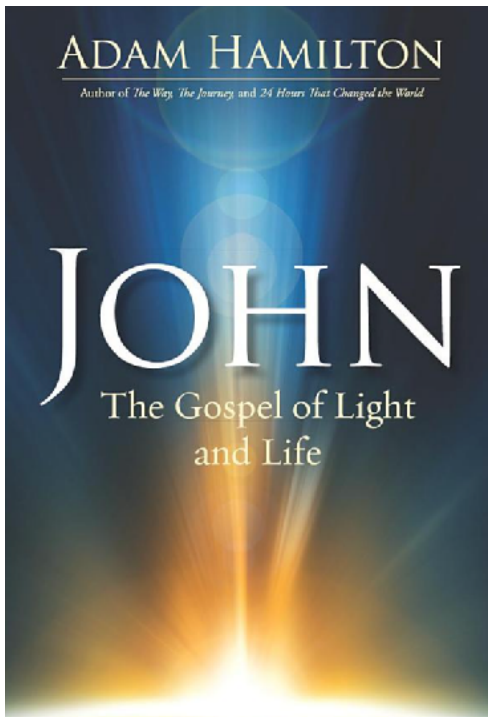
9:30 - 10:30 AM Breakfast
7:00 PM - Compline on 6/18

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 **SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**. PLEASE EMAIL INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE TO [COMMUNICATIONS@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG](mailto:communications@stjamesfairhope.org), NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE PUBLISHED DATE.

READ THE ANCHOR LINES ONLINE—Call the church office or email communications@stjamesfairhope.org and request to be added to the distribution list. In addition, the newsletter is available on the website at www.stjamesfairhope.org.

Parish News



The Wednesday Morning Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, September 6. This group meets at 9:30 AM in the Vestry Room. The study's latest focus will be John: The Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. Books may be purchased on Amazon [here](#).

Thank you to everyone who contributed school supplies for our Daughters of the King Supply Drive. Your generous donations will be given to a Baldwin County school in need, and will bless many students as they begin a new year!

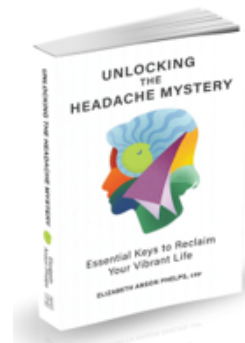


St. James' own Elizabeth Phelps is coming for a visit, and will be talking about her book, ***Unlocking the Headache Mystery, Essential Keys to Reclaim Your Vibrant Life*** at the Fairhope Library Sept. 30 at 1:00 p.m. This book was written while Elizabeth was living in Fairhope and working at St. James, so it's truly part of our own community. She is thrilled to finally be able to share the information with us, and can't wait to see everyone!

The book brings science, methods, and new perspectives to readers in accessible, friendly language, and describes Elizabeth's personal journey to find solutions. From experiences with the giants of headache research--Diamond Headache Clinic, The Cleveland Clinic, iconoclast Dr. David Buchholz of Johns Hopkins Medical—Elizabeth walks you through therapeutic and alternative solutions. Each topic is brought to life with her personal stories, including how her own experience with suffering led her to realize a spiritual gift of hands-on removal of headaches from others. The content applies to a range of chronic miseries. "It's not just about headaches. The information pertains to healing chronic emotional and physical pain in general. For me, healing requires a spiritual walk through the woods while tending to basic healing protocols."



You can learn more (or just say hi) at theheadachemystery.com or write to elizabethansonphelps@gmail.com.



Music News

2023-2024 Concert Series Dates Announced

St. James
Concert Series
2023-2024 SEASON



Nathaniel Gumbs

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26
7:00 PM

Concert organist Nathaniel Gumbs has performed at many venues in the U.S.A. and abroad. He is Director of Chapel Music at Yale University where he coordinates music for three worshipping communities: the University Church in Battell Chapel, and at Yale Divinity School in both Marquand Chapel and Berkeley Divinity School. In 2017 The Diapason magazine recognized Nathaniel as one of 20 outstanding organists under 30 years old for his achievement in organ performance and church music.

Byrd Ensemble

DIRECTED BY MARKDAVIN OBEENZA
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4 AT 4:00 PM

Described as "pure and radiant" (Gramophone), "immensely impressive" (Early Music Review), and "rich, full-voiced, and perfectly blended" (Early Music America), the Byrd Ensemble has been internationally acclaimed for its performances and recordings of chamber vocal music, particularly Renaissance polyphony. They are a Seattle-based professional ensemble made up of 10 to 12 singers. The Byrd Ensemble has also performed in London, where John Rutter described the ensemble as "a fine group that has achieved an enviable standard of tuning, blend, and ensemble." The Byrd Ensemble is named after Renaissance composer William Byrd.



Tickets are required for this event and will be available for purchase September 1. Visit the church website for information to purchase tickets: www.stjamesfairhope.org.

The Byrd Ensemble will also sing during the 10:30am worship service on November 5 at St. James.



Trout Quintet
BY FRANZ SCHUBERT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
4:00 PM

For some time we had hoped to present Quintet in A Major D667 on the St. James Concert Series. Inspired by a walking tour in Austria when he was 22, Schubert composed this quintet in the form of theme and variations using the folk song, "Die Forelle" and utilizing uncommon instrumentation. Also featured: Monteverdi's "Si dolce el tormento" with all instruments accompanying soprano, Mary Katherine Kilgore.

Performers:
Eren Yu, violin
Razvan Berindean, viola
Guosheng Huang, cello
Taylor Hollyer, string bass
Robert Holm, piano

Men's Sung
Compline
AUGUST 20
in the church at 7:00 PM
Come pray with us

Compline is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace, and is a relaxed, calm evening service. We ask only that you arrive. 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.

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Can't wait for the
Concert Series?

Join us for
Men's Sung Compline
on August 20.

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about the St. James
Concert series, or about
the music ministries at
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