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JANUARY NEWSLETTER



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ANNUAL

Parish Meeting

HELD JANUARY 7



Thank you to those who attended our annual Parish Meeting in Green Hall, held on January 7.

Reports from our parish committees, as well as info about our new Vestry members, can be found on our website

www.stjamesfairhope.org

For Your CALENDAR

January 14

Instructed Eucharist - all services

January 21

Parish Breakfast
Compline

February 13

Shrove Tuesday

February 14

Ash Wednesday - Lent Begins

February 18

Concert Series: Schubert's
Trout Quintet

March 17

Confirmation Sunday

March 24

Palm Sunday

March 28

Maundy Thursday

March 29

Good Friday

March 31

Easter Sunday

Stay tuned for information regarding our
Lenten programming, starting in February!

St. James Welcomes New Vestry Members



Misty Hudson Whitehead

Misty grew up in Tifton, GA and graduated from Valdosta State University with a degree in Public Relations. Misty joined St. Anne's Episcopal church in Tifton, GA at the age of 18. Misty was raised by a Catholic father and Baptist mother and the Episcopal church seemed to fit her perfectly. She lived in Atlanta, GA and Raleigh, NC where she was a pharmaceutical and medical device representative. Misty and her 2 boys were active members of St. Michael's Episcopal where both Hudson and Mason were baptized.

Misty, Hudson, and Mason moved to the Eastern Shore in 2012 to open the Chicken Salad Chick franchise. They joined St. James that same year and have been active members of the parish. Both Hudson and Mason have served as acolytes throughout their high school years. Misty and her husband Peter were married five years ago at St. James, and Misty became a stepmother to Lauren and Katie.

Misty enjoys giving back to her community through the Ronald McDonald House of Mobile, Quick Chicks for a Cause, CURE childhood cancer and serving on the Chicken Salad Chick foundation board to raise money for cancer research. Peter and Misty now run 7 Chicken Salad Chicks in Mobile and Baldwin Counties.

I was raised in Trussville Alabama – and am a business school graduate of Auburn University. I have been married to Winky Dowdle for 18 years this April. Winky and I lived in Walton County, Florida for 11 years before moving to Fairhope in 2021. Between the two of us, we have 5 children and 5 grandchildren scattered across 4 states, and one more grandchild on the way. At 70, I am finally fully retired from a 42-year career in international manufacturing, sales, and marketing of industrial products and equipment.

I was confirmed into the Episcopal Church in Montgomery in 2006 at Church of the Ascension, where Winky and I were married. I served as junior warden of the vestry at Christ the King Episcopal Church in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida from 2018 thru 2020 where I sang in the choir, was a member of the men's breakfast group, and served as a LEM and lay reader. While at Christ the King, I was the church's project manager for the construction of a new 6,500 square foot building for The Treehouse Episcopal Montessori School on the church's campus. The Treehouse school is Christ the King's largest outreach program, currently serving about 95 students ranging from 18 months thru kindergarten.

Here at St. James, I enjoy serving as a LEM, lay reader, usher, flower guild helper, and am currently training to become an official altar guild member.

Bill Dowdle



*Vestry News**St. James Welcomes New Vestry Members***Dan Campbell**

I grew up in North Alabama, Cullman County, and graduated from Hanceville High School. I went to work after High School for Bellsouth in a computer center as a manager on night shift and attended college full time at UAB. I obtained a BS in Business Marketing and left Bellsouth to go to law school at the University of Alabama. After graduating law school in 1994, my father and I started a law practice from scratch in Birmingham (he took an early retirement from Bellsouth). He was passed away in 1999 after an automobile accident and I moved my law practice to Fort Payne. In 2012, I decided to leave private law practice to work for the Social Security Administration in Mobile as an Attorney Advisor. In 2017, after an 18-month vetting process including two trips to DC for testing and panel interviews, I was fortunate enough to become an Administrative Law Judge for the Social Security Administration. I had to move to Saint Louis, Missouri for the job. I got on a transfer list as soon as I could and was able to transfer back to Mobile in late 2019. I met my wife, Misty, in Saint Louis and brought her back to Alabama with me in 2019. We joined St. James in January of 2020 - just in time for COVID. I currently participate in the meal ministry, small plates group, brunch group, and small group, and sometimes teach the Sunday lectionary class. Misty and I love St. James and Fairhope and it is our forever home. I appreciate the opportunity to participate in the Vestry and look forward to helping.

**Jennifer Lambert**

My name is Jennifer Lambert, and I have been a parishioner at St. James Episcopal Church since 2013. I am honored to have been nominated as a potential vestry member. I live in Fairhope with my husband Jake and our two daughters, Ella Gray (13) and Claire (12). I'm a Women's Health Nurse Practitioner and work for Urology Associates where I get to fulfill my passion by improving the quality of women's lives by providing care to women throughout their lifespan.

As a family, we have been very involved with the church. Through the years, our roles have varied, but we've always found opportunities that allow us to serve both as a family and individually. Some of the ways I've

served is through our coffee ministry, volunteering in the nursery, assisting with children's formation, helping to organize Family Promise, being part of the Welcome Committee, assisting with fundraising for St. James Episcopal School, and being an active member of the School Board. Currently, I am at the end of my term serving as President of the school board for the past five years. I believe it's important for us to seek ways for us to do the work we are called to do. I'm excited about our thriving community and look

Epiphany Feast of Lights

From the tiniest sheep to the readers at the lectern, our children and youth did a wonderful job of telling the Epiphany story on January 7! This wonderful tradition was made special not only by our children, but by the dedicated choir members and our cooking volunteers who provided dinner after the service. Thank you to all involved! ✨



Parish News & Events

Spotlight on: Thursday Night *Yoga*

THURSDAY NIGHT FLOW
yoga
with
STACY RECKEWEG
THURSDAYS
5:45 PM
GREEN HALL
beginners welcome!

Did you know St. James offers a free yoga class on Thursday evenings in Green Hall?

This class is beginner-friendly and is taught by Registered Advanced yoga instructor, Stacy Reckeweg, RYT 500. Stacy has been teaching yoga for 10 years and is happy to answer any questions about the class at stacy.reckeweg@gmail.com or 251-490-6684

This class uses yoga movement as a way to move into calm and quietude by the end of class. When we can

slow down and calm our mind, we can hear our heart. The class is full of warm, welcoming people (women and men). Feel free to bring a friend!

The Mary & Martha of Bethany Chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King
January Coat Drive
The Daughters of the King is collecting new and gently used coats to help those experiencing homelessness.
COLLECTION BOXES ARE LOCATED IN GREEN HALL

Parish BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21
Following the 7:30 service
AND between the 8:30 & 10:30 services
Green Hall
\$3 per person
\$10 max per family
Reservations not necessary
Venmo now accepted!

DONATE

Used Athletic Shoes
men • women • children
A non-profit project of
Gently Used Shoes (GUS)
Bob Douglas
bdouglas104@gmail.com

Coming Soon!

Save those old athletic shoes!
We'll be collecting them beginning in February.
More info to come.

Parish News & Events

Have you ever sat in your pew on Sunday mornings wondering why some people make the sign of the cross or genuflect at certain times during the service? Or wondered “What exactly is the Eucharist? What’s a collect? Why do we say the Peace? An **Instructed Eucharist** service is designed to answer these questions and more. Join us on January 14!



Instructed Eucharist

JANUARY 14 AT ALL SERVICES

Confirmation

CLASSES

BEGINNING
JANUARY 21

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN
CONFIRMATION CLASSES, EMAIL THE
CHURCH OFFICE
INFO@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by a bishop. Confirmation classes are open to all adults (Inquirer’s Classes), and youth 9th grade or above. If you are interested in being confirmed, received, or re-affirmed into the Episcopal Church, please email the church office at info@stjamesfairhope.org

Confirmation will be celebrated on March 17.

Save the Date!

ST. JAMES WOMEN’S RETREAT

APRIL 19-20
CAMP BECKWITH

EMAIL AMANDA DOSHER FOR MORE INFORMATION
ADOSHER@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG

Adult Formation

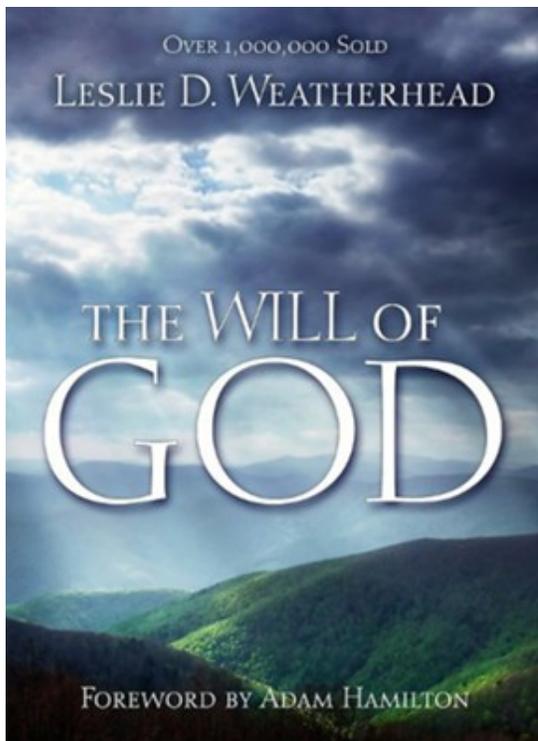
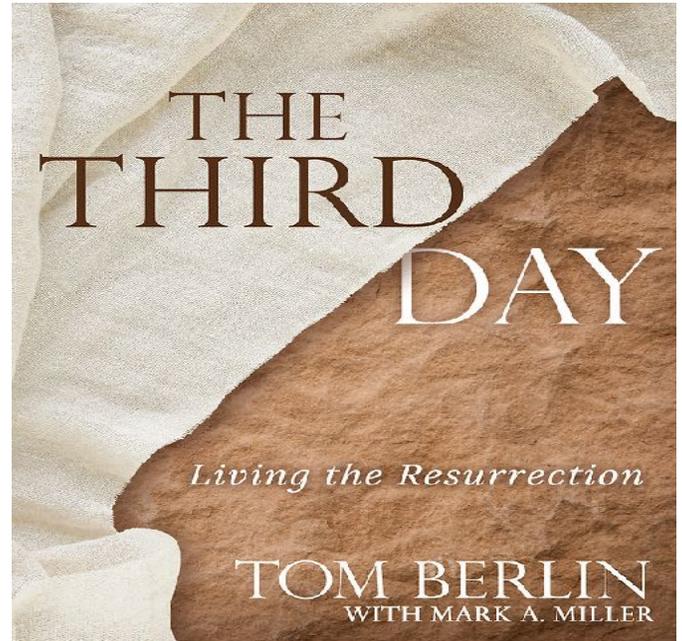
The Monday Night Women's Bible

Study will begin a 6-week Lenten study on February 19. This study takes place in the Vestry Room at 6:30 on Monday evenings. All women of the church are welcome. **Tom Berlin's *The Third Day: Living the Resurrection*** focuses not only on the final days in the life of Jesus, but also on the Resurrection. To quote the author:

*In **The Third Day: Living the Resurrection**, the reader is connected to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in his final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.*

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transforms their lives.

The book may be purchased in various formats from Abingdon Press or Amazon. For more information, contact Michelle Orr at 251-490-6077 or molleathome77@yahoo.com.



Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study

NEW! Join us on Tuesday evenings in Green Hall from 6:30-7:30 to discuss ***The Will of God*** by Leslie D. Weatherhead.

From the book: "After City Temple in London was reduced to rubble during the tumultuous days of World War II. Rev. Leslie D. Weatherhead crafted five sermons on understanding the will of God to help his congregation endure religious doubt as their city - and church - crumbled around them. His sermons were eventually published as ***The Will of God***. Having sold over a million copies, this little book has been a lifeline for persons seeking to understand the intent and will of God in the midst of painful and difficult times (our own or others.)"

Children & Youth News



2024 Camp Registration Is Now Open!



Upcoming Events

- January 14** Youth Confirmation meeting with parents and confirmands after the 10:30 service
- January 17** Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry volunteer night at 5pm with dinner afterwards
- January 21** Youth Confirmation classes begin with the kickoff at Camp Beckwith following the 10:30 service
- January 21** You Group 5:30-7
- January 26** Jr. and Sr. High EYC Ice Skating 4:45pm *must rsvp by January 19*
- January 28** Youth Confirmation class after 10:30 service



Music News

Men's Sung

Compline

January 21

in the church at 7:00 PM

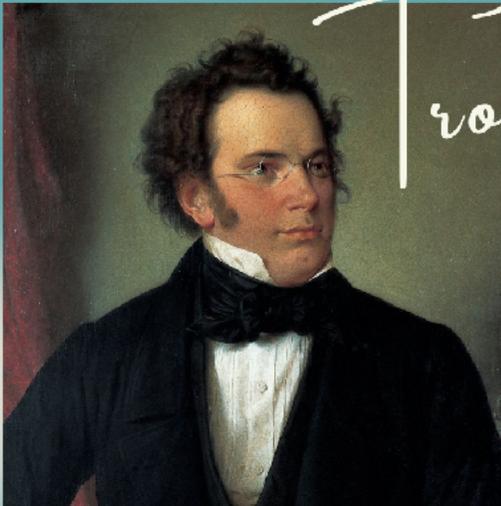
*Come pray with us*860 N. Section. St. Fairhope, AL. 36532 251.928.2912 stjamesfairhope.org**What is Compline?**

Compline is a contemplative service that emphasizes spiritual peace. It is a relaxed, come-as-you-are evening 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. No need to dress up, and children are welcome.

This service lasts about 30 minutes.

St. James Concert Series

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18
4:00 PM



Trout Quintet

BY FRANZ SCHUBERT

Performed by **Enen Yu, violin**
Razvan Berindean, viola
Guosheng Huang, cello
Taylor Hollyer, string bass
Robert Holm, piano

To learn more about the
St. James Concert Series,
visit our website at
stjamesfairhope.org

School News

Dear Parish Families,

We are enjoying having everyone back on campus well rested, healthy and ready to start the second half of our school year as we welcome in 2024.

I am delighted to inform you that we will be adding a first grade class for the 2024 - 2025 school year. **Re-enrollment** for all of our current students started January 3 and will continue through January 30. Re-enrollment is very important to secure your child's placement for the 2024 - 2025 school year.

Our school has partnered with the parish in collecting coats for the Homeless Coalition during the month of January.

We invite you all to come out and see our "lil" revelers for our Annual Mardi Gras Box Parade on February 8th at 9:00am in the church parking lot.

Summer Camp is just around the corner. We are currently seeking summer camp counselors for our 6 week summer camp sessions. You must be 16 to work in our summer camp program. Please call, come by the school office for an application or submit a resume to schooldirector@stjamesfairhope.org. Summer Camp will begin June 10 and run through July 19.

Thanks again for your support and partnership with our school. As we move into the New Year we continue to be grateful for our school and parish family.

Respectfully,

Shelley Miller



GROW WITH US

Experience the joy of growing in a Christian environment with a personalized approach to learning at the only Episcopal School on the Eastern Shore!

**ENROLLING NOW
FOR 1ST GRADE
BEGINNING FALL 2024.**

HELP US SPREAD THE WORD!
Invite your friends to take a tour and learn more.

*School News**St. James Episcopal School
Announces New Board Members***Jenny Ross**

Jenny has been a member of St. James since 2012. She previously attended St. James Episcopal in Baltimore where her children attended school. She was in charge of the capital campaign to build that school. She's had various roles as a volunteer over the years and is a local small business owner, which enables her to provide a complete perspective regarding finances, especially marketing, which is her specialty. Jenny says it is an honor and privilege to be chosen.

**Annjo Lemons**

Annjo is a member of St. James and loves early education. She believes that religious education is more important in today's world than ever. She was the Executive Director of Early Childhood Development in Mississippi and served under two governors. She is now retired and wants to help our school in any way she can.

**Cheri Collins**

Cheri is an active member at St. James and a retired nuclear scientist. In the latter years of her career, she traveled to schools and events to educate the public about nuclear science. Fellow parishioners say she is a wonderful person - kind, articulate, and intelligent. She attends the Sunday Lectionary Class and her contributions to the discussion are always top notch. Cheri is also a member of the St. James Choir and is very honored to be considered for this position and looks forward to serving in any way possible.



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

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Parish Office Hours

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

Friday ~ CLOSED

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The church office will be closed on **Monday, January 15** in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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*
Bruce Stone, *Treasurer*

Class of 2024

Ben Coddling
Peter Gaillard
Laura Jones
Matthew Myrick

Class of 2025

Margaret Cadden
Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Class of 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert
Misty Whitehead

Weekly Recurring Schedule

SUNDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist in the Chapel
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
1:30 - 2:30 PM Chair Yoga, Green Hall
6:30 - Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS

6:30 PM Adult Bible Study

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00 AM Wednesday Morning Bible Study
12:30 PM Centering Prayer
7:00 Adult Choir Practice

THURSDAYS:

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

3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

Following the 7:30 service, and between the 8:30 and 10:30 services - Parish Breakfast

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