

# Anchor Lines

AUGUST NEWSLETTER



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*It's almost time!*

# RALLY DAY 2024

*Sunday, August 25*

Learn about and sign up for the various worship, outreach, pastoral care, formation, and parish life opportunities here at St. James.

## Update from the Building Committee



*Growing Faithfully*  
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN 2024

Over the last several months the building committee has met multiple times with the architecture firm *Walcott, Adams, and Verneuille* and the civil engineering firm *SE Civil* to start the design work for our project and to identify the timeline for the initial work needed to facilitate City of Fairhope approval of our Site Plan.

Work on the Site Plan is underway with a planned completion date of October, 2024. The Site Plan must be approved by the city and it is hopeful this approval will be granted

between December 2024 and February 2025. **Groundbreaking should occur soon after, hopefully by the end of March 2025.** Design work on the building portion of the project has also begun.

The committee has also met with three contractors and issued a formal request for proposal from each. Meetings will be set for formal presentations with each contractor in the next two weeks, and the committee plans to present a recommendation on contractor selection to the vestry during their August meeting. Getting our contractor involved in the design phase will help control the costs and schedule of the project.

### Members of the building committee are:

**Margaret Cadden, Chuck Coddling, Fr. De Freeman, Meghan Kasuba, Jim Ketchum and Terry Moore.**

Have questions about the campaign? Take a look at the **Vision Brochure** on our website at [www.stjamesfairhope.org/capital-campaign](http://www.stjamesfairhope.org/capital-campaign)

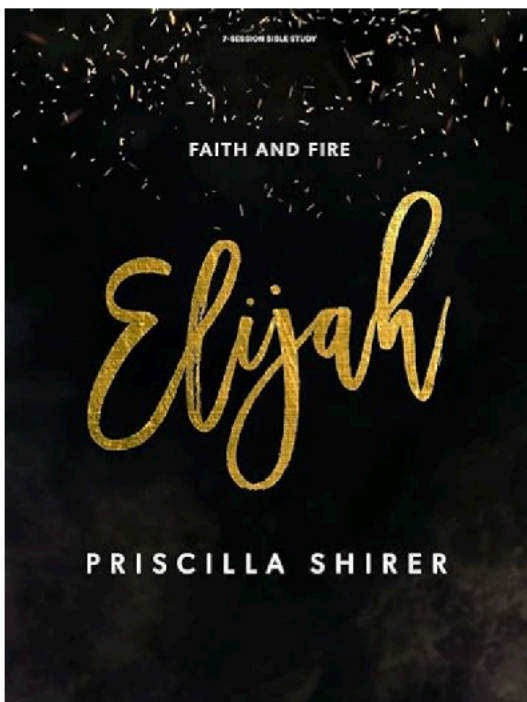
This document contains FAQs, architectural renderings, and much more.

*Parish News & Events*

St. James Feast Day Picnic at Camp Beckwith



Thank you to everyone who attended our St. James Feast Day Picnic at Camp Beckwith on July 28. Despite the heat, we enjoyed some wonderful fellowship, fun in the bay, games, delicious food and more! Special HUGE thanks to our cooking team, and all the volunteers involved in making this event a success.



**Wednesday Morning Bible Study to Resume in September**

The Wednesday morning adult Bible study will tentatively resume on September 11. This group meets in the Vestry Room from 9:00-11:00. This 7-8 week study will focus on ***Faith and Fire: Elijah*** by Priscilla Shirer, which is available on Amazon in both new and used options.

As kids return to school and we head into the fall season, stay tuned for more updates about studies and classes that have been on hiatus for the summer.

## Music News



This picture, from a past chapter of my life at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Columbia, SC, captures a tradition that is beautiful and particularly rare in America today. Since 400 A. D., choirs composed of men and boys have been the bedrock of the musical life of the Church. I would like to bring a similar tradition here to St. James utilizing both boys and girls.

If you have a child or grandchild who is in grades 2 - 12, **please join me on Tuesday, August 27 at 5:30 PM in Green Hall** to talk about what the St. James children's choirs will look like and the opportunities they will have to lead in worship, grow spiritually, and carry on the tradition of great choral singing. My vision for these choirs is to worship the Lord in the wilderness with all our hearts, all our souls and all our minds. I could not be more excited for what will result!

Also, we are working on building a committee of adults that will meet monthly to facilitate a solid foundation for this choir. You do need to have a child in the choir to be on this committee. Please email me at [organist@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:organist@stjamesfairhope.org) if you feel called to help. Otherwise, we can use your prayers, encouragement, and most importantly, your attendance at all our future events!

Lastly, allow me to say that I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know all of you during church on Sunday, at coffee hour, throughout the week in the office, at Bible study, on mission trips, and at various church functions in the last few months. St. James is a wonderful community, and you are all fascinating people. I am enjoying having you become part of my life.

In Christ,  
Joe Setzer

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## Service

### Sunday, August 18

### 7:00 PM

### in the Chapel

All are welcome at this service of prayer and music which lasts around 30 minutes.

### St. James 2024-2025 Concert Series

#### Dates Announced:

**Thursday, October 10 at 7:00 PM**  
Monica Berney, organist

**Friday, November 8 at 7:00 PM**  
Seraph Brass

**February 2, 2025 at 4:00 PM**  
Jiyhe Chang and Benjamin Sung

**April 13, 2025 at 4:00 PM**  
Bob Chilcott's St. John Passion  
performed by the St. James Choir with  
chamber orchestra and soloists.

*Children & Youth News*

**Backpack Blessing**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**  
at the  
**10:30 SERVICE**

St. James  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Communion Instruction**

**August 21, August 28, and September 4**  
3:30-4:30 PM  
Kindergarten - 4th grade

Upon completion of classes, children will celebrate their First Communion on **September 8 at the 10:30 service.**

Contact Natalie to sign up [stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org)

**Sr. High EYC Beach Trip**

**AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 2**  
Fort Morgan

Cost: \$125

RSVP to Natalie by August 5 [stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org)

**EYC Dinners!**

Can you provide dinner for our youth one Sunday evening? We'd love to have some of our parishioners provide a meal for the EYC on Sunday nights. Let Natalie know if you can help.

For questions or to sign up for any of these events, email our Director of Children's and Youth Formation, Natalie Smith.  
[stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org)

*Children & Youth News*



*Acolyte*  
TRAINING

AUGUST 18  
*following the 10:30 service*

*For all current and new acolytes. New acolytes must be in at least 5th grade to sign up.*

Attention Acolytes!  
We will once again be attending the National Acolyte Festival in Washington, DC

**National Acolyte Festival Trip**

*Washington National Cathedral*

**October 11-14**

St. James  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**Upcoming Children & Youth Events:**

- August 7** 5:00 PM Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- August 11** Backpack Blessing at the 10:30 service
- August 11** 5:30-6:30 PM Sr. High EYC
- August 14** 4:00-5:15 PM 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- August 18** Acolyte Training following the 10:30 service
- August 21** 3:30-4:30 PM K-4th grade Communion Instruction
- August 21** 5:00 PM Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- August 25** 5:30-6:30 PM Sr. High EYC
- August 28** 4:15-5:00 PM K-4th grade Communion Instruction
- August 28** 4:00-5:15 PM 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- August 31-September 2** Sr. High EYC Beach Trip

**Sunday School Teachers Wanted!**

Sunday School teachers are needed for Kindergarten-12th grade! Our Sunday School program is small yet mighty and it is my hope to grow the program this year! If you have any interest in helping make this happen, please let me know. The more volunteers, the better! In order to be added to the rotating list of Sunday School teachers or if you have questions about teaching Sunday School, please email me (Natalie) at [stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org)

*School News*

Dear St. James parish -

I am delighted to welcome our new and returning families to St. James Episcopal School for the 2024-2025 school year. It seems like only yesterday when our parish had a vision to start a school and now we find ourselves entering year 7. It is an immense pleasure to be a part of such a dedicated community of learners, parents, and educators. Our commitment to personal growth and character development remains unwavering. As we embark on this new journey together, I would like to take a moment to highlight some key aspects of the upcoming school year.

Our curriculum is designed to be comprehensive, ensuring a well-rounded education that not only focuses on academics but also emphasizes creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. We believe in fostering students' curiosity and preparing them to face challenges confidently.

We are proud to have a team of passionate teachers, teacher assistants, enrichment teachers, and church staff who are dedicated to nurturing the intellectual and emotional growth of every child in our care. Our staff will continue to create a positive and inspiring learning environment by encouraging students to achieve their full potential. Over the summer we have refreshed, cleaned and painted the interior of our current school facilities to provide an even better learning environment.

The safety and well-being of our students are of utmost importance. We have implemented strict safety protocols, adhering to recommended guidelines to ensure a secure learning environment for everyone.

Our Back to School Parent Open House will be Monday, August 12, at 6:00pm in the church. Let us embrace the new school year with enthusiasm, curiosity, and determination. Together, we will create a positive and enriching learning experience for our students. Thank you for your ongoing support, and I am looking forward to a rewarding school year ahead.

Blessings,

*Shelley Miller*





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**

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U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
Permit # 16  
Fairhope, AL

### OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman, *Rector*



Rev. Forbes Sirmon, *Associate*



Rev. Amanda Doshier, *Associate Priest*

### OUR VESTRY

Jeanie Smith, *Senior Warden*  
Margaret Cadden, *Junior Warden*  
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*  
Bruce Stone, *Treasurer*

#### Class of 2024

Ben Coddling  
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

#### **TUESDAYS:**

7:00-8:00 AM - Men's Prayer Breakfast  
6:30-7:30 PM - Adult Bible Study

#### **WEDNESDAYS:**

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel  
12:30 PM Centering Prayer  
7:00 Adult Choir Practice

#### **THURSDAYS:**

12:00 PM Healing Service  
5:45 PM Yoga, Green Hall  
7:00 PM Chess, Green Hall

#### **3rd SUNDAY of the Month:\***

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

*For staff email addresses or other contact information, go to the About Us tab on our website at [stjamesfairhope.org](http://stjamesfairhope.org) or click here for St. James Staff.*

**ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE:** THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **SEPTEMBER 4, 2024**. 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.

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*Rally Day Cheat Sheet - Where are you called to get involved?**Serving* through our Worship Ministries:

Acolytes  
 Altar Guild  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 Flower Guild  
 Lay Eucharistic Visitors (Home Communion)  
 Lectors (Readers)  
 Music  
 Ushers  
 Wedding Team

*Community volunteering* through our Outreach Ministries:

Alabama Free Clinic  
 Baldwin Family Village  
 Christmas Gifts for Veterans  
 Christmas Giving  
 Concert Series  
 Youth Mission Trips  
 Ecumenical Ministries  
 Family Promise  
 Kairos Prison Ministry & Kairos Outside  
 Neighborhood Bridges  
 Outreach Committee  
 Prodissee Pantry  
 Shepherd's Place  
 South Alabama Volunteer Lawyers Program  
 Wilmer Hall

*Rally Day Cheat Sheet - Where are you called to get involved?*

*Caring* through our Pastoral Care Ministries:

- Calls & Cards
- Community of Hope International
- Flower Delivery
- Funeral Receptions
- Meal Ministry
- Memorial Garden
- New Moms Meal Ministry
- Prayers & Squares

*Fellowship* through our Parish Life Ministries:

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| Breakfast Volunteers        | Coffee Hour Volunteers |
| Brunch & Supper Club Groups | Men of St. James       |
| Care for Altar Kneelers     | Rose Garden            |
| Chess Club                  | Yoga Classes           |

*Learning* through our Formation Ministries:

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| Confirmation Classes       | Cursillo                               |
| St. James Library          | Tuesday Night Bible Study              |
| Children’s Chapel          | Rector’s Forum                         |
| Communion Instruction      | Small Groups                           |
| Sunday School              | St. Anthony’s Centering Prayer         |
| St. James Episcopal School | Lectionary Class                       |
| YouGroup                   | The Order of the Daughters of the King |
| EYC                        | Wednesday Morning Bible Study          |
|                            | Women’s Monday Night Bible Study       |