

The Anchor Lines

NEWSLETTER

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

July 2, 2025

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Construction & Parking Updates

Shuttle service: Beginning this Sunday, July 6, the church van will provide shuttle service from Fairhope West Elementary (408 N. Section) beginning at 8:00 AM. The shuttle will be available for the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

Handicapped parking: Please be sure all handicapped parking placards are clearly displayed when visiting the church. We will have parking attendants assisting during construction, and we want to ensure that handicapped drivers are directed to the appropriate spaces.

As construction progresses, please keep an eye on your inboxes as we will send important updates regarding parking, shuttles, and more.

If you are not subscribed to our weekly email (the "Anchor Lines Update" sent every Friday) contact Leslie to be added: communications@stjamesfairhope.org

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATES

What's Happening in July

- ✓ **Witherington Construction will be setting up their field operations on site**
- ✓ **The temporary fencing around the construction area will be installed**
- ✓ **Removal of trees and other items to be demolished will be underway**
- ✓ **Work on grading the new entrance drive off of Section Street will be underway**
- ✓ **A temporary access drive from the north gravel parking lot to the front of the Sanctuary will be built**

Vacation Bible School 2025 - True North!



Parish News & Events



Office Closure

The church office will be closed on
Thursday, July 3 in observance
of the July 4th holiday.
(The church is always closed on Fridays)



NIGHT
Youth Fundraiser

Support our youth,
eat good food,
win cool prizes!



**Wednesday,
July 9
5:30-7:30**



Green Hall



SUNDAY, JULY 20

After the 7:30 service &
between the 8:30 & 10:30 services
Green Hall

\$3 per person

\$15 max per family

Venmo accepted!

Reservations not necessary



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Cursillo of the Episcopal Diocese
of the Central Gulf Coast

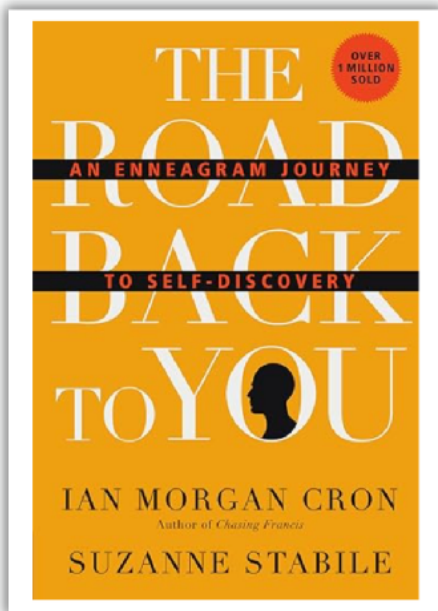
SAVE THE DATE!

SEPTEMBER 11-14

Camp Beckwith

Contact Cathy Dorsey for more information
205-903-2890

Parish News & Events



Women's Monday Night Bible Study begins July 7

St. James parishioner and Vestry member, Bettsie Norton, will lead a study focused on the **Enneagram** and the book *The Road Back to You* by Ian Morgan Cron and Suzanne Stabile. This group is open to all women, and will take place on Monday evenings in various hosts' homes. For more information, or to sign up, please contact Bettsie:

bettsie.norton@gmail.com or 225.252.8993



The Mary and Martha Chapter of the Daughters of the King is collecting items for Palm Project. This is a county-wide initiative that ensures every public school care closet in Baldwin County is stocked with essential items, completely free of charge for both the school and its students. Through Palm Project, economically disadvantaged students gain access to these resources via their school counselor or social worker. Look for the collection box in Green Hall coming soon!

Items Needed:

(Items in bold are most needed, but all contributions are welcomed and appreciated!)

Permanent markers, teacher supply box, staples, dividers, **calculators (regular AND scientific)**, colored mini staples, glue, Webster's Pocket Dictionary, pens, index cards, mini sticky notes, binders, backpack (elementary boys & girls), washable markers, colored pencils, dividers, erasers, flash drive (32 GB), scissors, pencil topper erasers, pencil sharpener, **pencil pouch/box**, rulers, **earbuds**, **backpack (generic teen)**, **journals (60 pg)**, composition notebooks, art supply box, pencils (10 pack), highlighters (3 pack), spiral notebook (wide ruled), loose leaf notebook paper, glue sticks, crayons (16 pack), **soft lunchboxes**, twin pocket folders

Children & Youth News

MISSION TRIP to Charleston, South Carolina JULY 21-25

St. James
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Important Dates for Children & Youth

July 2 4:00 pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry

July 6 5:00 pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

July 6 6:00 pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

July 21-25 Sr. High EYC Mission Trip

July 27 5:00 pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

July 27 6:00 pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

July 30 4:00 pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade
Postcard Ministry

Thank you to all the wonderful VBS volunteers who helped make the week a tremendous success! The adults and youth of the church came together to form an amazing team, and I am so grateful for your time, talent and treasure during this special week! - *Natalie*



We will also have a special **"Youth Rally Day"** on August 10, where youth can sign up for various ministries, formation, and more! Stay tuned for more details.

School News

Dear St. James families,

Summer Camp has been a huge success! We have had maximum attendance each week and have enjoyed having returning and new campers back for the summer. The camp director, Sophia Soliday, has done an amazing job planning the camp themes and activities. Our camp counselors have been remarkable role models and have led the way to a great summer for all our campers. Each day they bring fun and energy while keeping us safe. Thanks to 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. New staff members have been hired and we are so excited to be adding our 2nd grade class. Throughout this summer new students are continuing to enroll and we still have space available in all classes. Classroom furniture and curriculum are arriving daily as we get set for our first day of school on August 13th.

Our Church and School Development Committee has been diligently writing and submitting grants for the church and school growth. We are thrilled that we have received our first grant from the J.L.Bedsole Foundation of \$25,000.00! This will help ensure the continued mission of our school and educational opportunities for our students.

The children of our community are so very blessed to have the opportunity to attend an Episcopal School. Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our parish school as we continue to grow.

Blessings,
Shelley Miller



2025 Summer Camp Counselors



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

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OUR CLERGY



Rev. De Freeman,
Rector



Rev. Amanda Doshier,
Associate Rector

OUR VESTRY

Margaret Cadden, *Senior Warden*
Bruce Stone, *Junior Warden*
Mary Mullins Redditt, *Clerk*
Amanda Montz, *Treasurer*

Class of 2025

Tracy Corte
Jim Daniell
Dee Gambill

Class of 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert
Misty Whitehead

Class of 2027

Bettie Norton
Bruce Stone
Cappi Sully
Ken Talbert

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
6:30-8:00 PM, Women's Bible Study, Vestry Room

TUESDAYS:

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

WEDNESDAYS:

7:30 AM Holy Eucharist, Chapel
9:00-11:00 AM Adult Bible Study, Vestry Room
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.
7:00 PM Taizé or Compline

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **AUGUST 6, 2025**. 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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