

The Anchor Lines

NEWSLETTER



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RALLY

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 24

Join us in Green Hall!

What is Rally Day?

Rally Day is our church's annual event where all ministries are showcased, giving everyone a chance to learn more and get involved.

Construction & Parking Updates

Shuttle service: During construction, 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.

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



*Thank you to Terry Moore for these photos.

- ✓ **Our building permit has finally been approved by the City and this releases us to continue construction!**
- ✓ **Our temporary road from the north gravel parking lot to the paved entrance drive from Section Street will be constructed in the next two weeks. The roundabout contractor has paved Triangle Drive to our entrance to the north parking area giving us smooth access to the lot for Sunday parking.**
- ✓ **Work will begin on the large underground storm drainage system around the new building in the next two weeks.**
- ✓ **The grading for the new building pad has begun.**
- ✓ **Stone will be placed on the new south parking lot in the next several weeks. This area will be used for construction material storage until it is paved next spring.**
- ✓ **Our goal is to have the new road to the meadow parking area useable by September 1 so that we may use the meadow for Sunday parking.**
- ✓ **The City will be installing our new gas line and gas meter in the next several weeks.**

Parish News & Events



Please join us for an organizational dinner and fellowship for

THE YOUNG ADULT MEN OF ST. JAMES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20
6:00 P.M. in GREEN HALL

BBQ Pulled Pork & All the Fixins'
Beer & Wine

Hosted by:
Paul Cadden & Bruce Stone
Please respond to bbraxstone@aol.com
by Sunday, August 17



Wednesday Morning Bible Study Resumes Sept. 17

Focusing on the book *Jesus for Everyone: Not Just Christians* by Amy-Jill Levine. Meets Wednesday mornings at 9:00 in the Vestry Room. Please email

info@stjamesfairhope.org with any questions.

Supper Clubs & Restaurant Brunch Groups Now Registering

Sign up for supper clubs and brunch groups now through Rally Day (August 24).

Forms are available in Green Hall or online by scanning the QR code.



Thank you!

Thank you to our **Needlepoint Guild** for completing ten beautiful new "Reserved" pew markers to be used for weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc. Nine faithful volunteers worked for about eight months to complete these lovely new additions to our church. Those stitchers are: **Elizabeth Redditt, Lee Beck, Willette Vaughan, Loula Wilson, Winky Dowdle, Sandy Stepan, Mary Rooney, Maura Daniell, & Beverly Schaffer**

Cursillo of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast - September 11-14 at Camp Beckwith. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cathy Dorsey at 205-903-2890.

Music News

The St. James Concert Series Welcomes
Grammy Award Winning Men's Vocal Ensemble

Chanticleer

Grammy Award Winning vocal ensemble Chanticleer will be in concert **Tuesday, October 28, 2025**. This group is known around the world as "an orchestra of voices" for its wide-ranging repertoire and virtuosity. Chanticleer's repertoire is rooted in Renaissance music and has continued to expand to include a wide range of classical, gospel, jazz, popular music and they also commission new compositions to be performed. Tickets are required for this event and can be purchased online. This is an amazing opportunity for our area and not to be missed!

Purchase tickets today by scanning the QR code below.



Grammy Award Winning Vocal Ensemble

Chanticleer

IN
 CONCERT

10.28.25**7:00 PM**

St. James 
 EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Reserved and general admission seating
 options are available.

Scan the QR code to purchase online.

The ST. JAMES GIRLS & BOYS CHOIR



BEGINNING
TUESDAY,
AUGUST 19

Scan to
sign up!



As choristers of St. James, we are committed to the responsibility of sharing God's love by singing with the spirit. This act of service for the St. James community will develop in us a deeper love for God, His church, and for each other.

When do we sing?

On average, once a month for both the 8:30 and 10:30 services.
We are also the main choir for the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve service.

When do we rehearse?

Tuesday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 PM, mid-August through May.

How do I sign up?

To sign up, scan the QR code above.
If you have questions, please contact
Joe Setzer, Associate Director of Music
organist@stjamesfairhope.org

Children & Youth News



Youth Mission Trip 2025

Our youth group spent an incredible week in Charleston, SC filled with learning, service, and reflection. We explored the city's rich history with a tour of the Slave Mart Museum, enjoyed time together at Folly Beach, and gave back through volunteering at the LowCountry Foodbank. We also worshiped at St. Christopher Camp and closed out the trip with a beautiful sunset kayak on Shem Creek. It was a meaningful and joy-filled experience for all!

Important Dates for Children & Youth

- August 3** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- August 3** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- August 6** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- August 10** Backpack Blessing and Youth Rally Day
- August 10** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- August 10** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- August 13** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- August 17** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

- August 17** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- August 20** 3:30-4:30 Communion Instruction
- August 20** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- August 24** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- August 24** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- August 27** 3:30-4:30 Communion Instruction

August 20, August 27, and September 3
 3:30-4:30 PM
 Kindergarten - 3rd grade

Upon completion of classes, children will celebrate their First Communion on **September 7 at the 10:30 service.**
 Contact Natalie to sign up stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

**Backpack
 Blessing
 and
 Youth Rally Day
 August 10,
 10:30
 Service**

School News

Dear St. James families,

St. James Episcopal School will be starting back to school next week and opening our doors for year eight! Teachers will be back on campus preparing classrooms for our first day for students on August 13th. We are excited to welcome new staff members:

Robyn Gray, Second Grade

Originally from Oregon, Robyn earned a Bachelor of Science in School Health Education from Western Oregon University. She moved to Fairhope eight years ago and have taught and subbed for Baldwin County Public Schools ever since. She also hold a Master's of Public Health.

Niamh Jones, First Grade

Niamh is originally from Wales in the UK and was born in Wrexham. She has her QTS - BA with Honors in Early Years Education and has been teaching for three years.

Sarah Seitz, Kindergarten

Sarah Seitz, a Fairhope native, has over 35 years of teaching experience. She holds both a Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education and a Master of Art in Adolescent Reading. Sarah taught kindergarten for 29 years and was the 2010 Elementary Teacher of the Year for Baldwin County Public Schools. After retiring from Baldwin County Public Schools, she opened an Alabama First Class Pre-K at the Fairhope Point Clear Rotary Youth Club.

Melissa Comer, PK4

Melissa graduated summa cum laude from the University of Alabama with a **Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education**. With five years of experience as an auxiliary teacher in one of Alabama's high-quality, award-winning OSR First Class Pre-K classrooms, she brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to her students.

Chrisy Sparks, PK3 Assistant

Chrisy has worked as an assistant in both general and special education settings, finding great fulfillment in supporting students and being a meaningful part of their daily lives.

Another huge shout out to our Development Committee. St. James Church and School received a \$50,000 grant from the Crampton Trust Foundation. A very special thank you to Crampton Trust for their generosity and helping us move forward with our future growth.

If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please sign up on Rally Day!

St. James is a special place and we have been blessed to have such a supportive parish community. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Best regards,
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

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

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 **SEPTEMBER 3, 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.

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.