

The Anchor Lines
NEWSLETTER

St. James
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 10, 2025

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**2025
STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN
KICKOFF
WITH
HARVEST**

**Festival
& ENGLISH TEA**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

HARVEST FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

ALL SERVICES. PLEASE BRING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS
TO BE PLACED AT THE ALTAR.

ENGLISH TEA

IN GREEN HALL, FOLLOWING THE 10:30 SERVICE.

SEATING IS LIMITED. PLEASE RSVP TO INFO@STJAMESFAIRHOPE.ORG

Stewardship 2025

September 2, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

This fall we will enter into a sacred season at St. James — a season of thanksgiving, prayer, and preparation. On **Sunday, September 28**, we will begin our 2025 Stewardship Campaign with a Harvest Festival Eucharist, followed by a festive English Tea in the parish hall.

At that service, we will invite parishioners to bring canned or fresh produce as a symbol of our “first fruits,” reminding us that all we have comes from God and is meant to be shared. These offerings will be blessed at the altar and then delivered to our local food shelters, a visible reminder that our stewardship extends beyond our doors into the wider community.

From Harvest Festival through October 19, we will walk together in a season of reflection and prayer about the gifts God has entrusted to us. On two Sundays, you will hear testimonies from fellow parishioners about why they give and how generosity has shaped their lives. On October 19, we will gather our pledges for 2025 and offer them at the altar during the Offertory, as an act of worship and gratitude.

We invite you to join us in making this more than a campaign — let it be a season of prayerful preparation. In the weeks leading up to Harvest Festival, please pray this simple prayer each day:

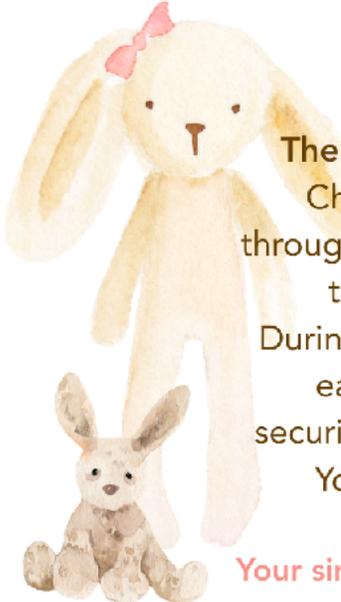
*Gracious God, all that we have comes from you.
Guide me in this season of stewardship,
that I may give joyfully and generously,
for the building up of your kingdom
through the ministry of St. James Church and School. Amen.*

Your generosity is the fruit of your faith. Together, let us prepare the soil for another year of ministry that will bless lives within this parish, our school, and our community.

With gratitude,



The Rev. De Freeman, Rector



Stuffed Animal Collection

The St. James Outreach Committee is collecting stuffed animals to benefit the Child Advocacy Center. Every day, children who have experienced abuse walk through the doors of the Child Advocacy Center to bravely share their stories with trained professionals and law enforcement. It's a difficult, emotional process. During the month of September, we are collecting new stuffed animals to give to each child that is interviewed at CAC. These small gifts can offer reassurance, security, and a sense of safety during one of the hardest moments in a child's life.

You can drop off new stuffed animals of any size in the marked box located in

Green Hall between now and October 1.

Your simple act of kindness can make a world of difference in a child's healing journey.

Gentle Yoga with Jane Tucker has resumed. This class meets in Green Hall at 9:30. Bring a mat! Jane will also offer Chair yoga on Mondays at 1:30.

Monday Night Women's Bible Study has resumed. Meets in the Vestry Room from 6:30-8:15 PM. This group is studying the book *Jesus for Everyone: Not Just Christians* by Amy-Jill Levine, available on Amazon. Leader: Babs Stapleton.

September 14 - The Scholastic Book Fair will be located in the church library and open for parishioners to shop after church services. A percentage of the funds raised from the book fair will be returned to the school for the purchase of new books and school supplies!

September 16 - Tuesday Evening Bible Study resumes. "Questions for a Faithful Heart" meets every other Tuesday in the Vestry Room at 6:30. Upcoming meeting dates are September 16, September 30, and October 14. Leader: John Olson

September 17 - Wednesday Morning Bible Study resumes, focusing on the book *Jesus for Everyone: Not Just Christians* by Amy-Jill Levine. Meets Wednesday mornings at 9:00 in the Vestry Room.

September 17 - Young Men of St. James dinner at 6:00 PM in Green Hall. Dinner & beverages provided. Bring a guest!

September 21 - Outreach Fair will take place between the services, come and meet representatives from the agencies that St. James supports.

September 21 - Monthly Parish Breakfast. Breakfast is served following the 7:30 service and between the 8:30 and 10:30 services.

October 5 - Blessing of the Animals 5:30 PM in the courtyard.

Building & Construction Updates

- Underground storm sewers have been installed
- Installation of the underground gas line has been completed and the new gas meter has been set
- The new fire main and relocated hydrant will be in place by mid September
- The new water main from Section Street is being installed, and the water tap should be done by mid month
- Offsite fabrication of structural steel should start this month as all approvals are in place
- The temporary road to our parking meadow has been graded and should be ready to use shortly
- The big dirt piles have been leveled out and the building pad is complete
- Building corners have been set and concrete reinforcing steel is set to be delivered, paving the way to start building foundations
- Foundations for the stage will be started by mid September
- Work has started on the walls of the new youth meeting room on the second floor above the administration wing - work has been slowed due to the City's requirement to provide fire protection on the remainder of the second floor of Green Hall
- The contractor continues to submit shop drawings and product data to the Architect for approvals
- The project continues to be on schedule for occupancy around July 1 of next year



Have you ordered a new St. James tee or sweatshirt? Orders will be taken through September 15. Visit our website to place your order today! <https://www.stjamesfairhope.org/giving/t-shirts-sweatshirts>



Short Sleeve Crewneck Tee

Adults: \$15 Children: \$12

Crewneck Sweatshirt

Adults: \$25 Children: \$20

Ladies Fit V-Neck Tee

\$15

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

Tickets are going quickly!

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.

SAVE THE DATE!

**TRUNK
OR
TREAT**

OCTOBER 26

5:00-6:30 PM on the parking meadow

Join us for

YOU GROUP!

FALL MEETING DATES, 5:30-7:00 PM IN GREEN HALL:
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

You Group is a ministry for 5th & 6th graders and their parents, designed for fellowship, outreach and service. Parent participation is an important part of this program.
 We meet once a month in Green Hall. Dinner is provided.

Important Dates for Children & Youth

- September 10** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- September 10** 5:30-7 You Group
- September 14** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- September 14** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- September 17** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner

- September 21** Acolyte Training following the 10:30 service (new & current, please attend)
- September 21** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- September 21** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- September 24** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry
- September 28** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- September 28** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

Have questions? Contact Natalie at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

Dear St. James families,

St. James School welcomed new and returning staff and students to campus on August 13th. "Back to School" has been an exciting time for everyone. We have many events planned moving into September.

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Our church and school outreach project will be **collecting can tabs**. Collection boxes are located in Green Hall and in the school hallway.

St. James School will again be participating in the Greers Market "**Apples for the Students**". After shopping at your local Greer's, save your register receipts to turn into our school Sept. 1 through March 31. Register receipts become **FREE** educational equipment and supplies. Collection Box in Wilson Hall.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be on campus September 9th - 15th. The book fair will be located in the church library and open for parishioners to shop on Sunday, September 14th after church services. A percentage of the funds raised from the book fair will be returned to us for the purchase of new books and school supplies for our school.

We are gearing up again for our 6th annual **Zebedee-Do-Dah Fest on Friday, November 7th!** This is our biggest fundraiser for our school. We hope that everyone will join us again this year for this fun-filled event to support St. James Episcopal School.

Thank you for all your support of our growing parish school.

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
4:00-5:30 PM - Children's Choir Practice
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
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.

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **OCTOBER 1, 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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