



2026 LENT PROGRAMMING

# ANIMATING OUR FAITH

FIVE-WEEK LENTEN SERIES



BEGINS  
FEBRUARY 25  
DINNER AT 5:30, PROGRAM STARTS AT 6:00

*Lent is a time to slow down, examine our hearts, and renew our life in Christ.*

"Animating Our Faith" is designed to help us do just that. Each week we'll gather together, share a meal, then spend an hour exploring a different aspect of our Christian faith. The series will cover fresh insights into God, Jesus, Salvation, the Bible, and Church. During our time together, we will watch a short animated video featuring a dynamic speaker who will bring a new perspective of the topic being covered. During our time we'll pray together, share reflections, and consider concrete ways to live what we learn.

*Bring a friend - all are welcome!*

Please RSVP to [info@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org) or call the church office at 251.928.2912

*Parish News & Events*

**A note to the parish:**

To our beloved church family: We are deeply grateful for the love and support shown during the celebration of Kristen Lyn Freeman's life. Your prayers and comforting presence brought us peace, and your acts of service were a blessing we will never forget. Thank you for honoring Kristen's legacy by being His hands and feet to our family. With sincere love and gratitude,

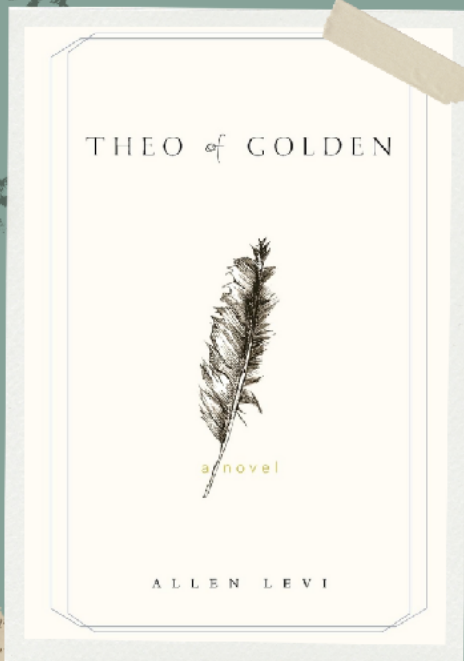
*The Freeman family*



ROSE GARDEN  
 SPRING CLEANUP

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7  
 10:00 AM

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!  
 PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN  
 GLOVES, CLIPPERS, OR  
 WHATEVER TOOLS YOU PREFER TO WORK WITH.

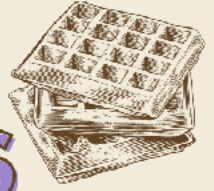


ST. JAMES  
 BOOK CHAT

Join us to discuss Theo of Golden, the bestselling book by Allen Levi, and its religious themes of faith and humanity.

THURSDAY,  
 FEBRUARY 12  
 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM  
 IN THE VESTRY ROOM





# Shrove Tuesday CHICKEN & WAFFLES

FEBRUARY 17  
5:30 PM IN GREEN HALL  
YOUTH FUNDRAISING EVENT  
DONATIONS ACCEPTED!



## Ash Wednesday SERVICES

FEBRUARY 18  
7:30 AM, 12:30 PM & 6:00 PM



# Lenten FISH FRIES

*Fridays in Lent*



*Sponsored by the Men of St. James*

**F**ish dinners will be available on the following dates:

**February 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27. Pickup anytime from 5:00-6:00 PM.**

Scan the QR code to order online or call the church.

Meals are \$15 and include fried fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw, and a side.

You may take your meal to go, or eat in Green Hall.

Parish News & Events



**SECOND SATURDAY GOLF TOURNAMENT**  
**MAY 9, 2026**  
*Lakewood Golf Club*  
 REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 9  
**SPONSORSHIP FORMS**  
*now*  
**AVAILABLE**

## Second Saturday Golf Tournament

Sponsorship and team registration forms available [here](#) or by scanning the QR code.



**Team registration opens February 9.**

Please help support this inaugural golf tournament benefiting St. James Episcopal Church & School!

# NOW REGISTERING!

## ST. JAMES WOMEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 17-19 CAMP BECKWITH



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER ONLINE



### BISHOP VISIT & Confirmation

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

### February Outreach Spotlight

#### One More Moment

is a support group that assists parents in the Baldwin County area and beyond who are experiencing challenges with their children due to mental illness, disability, and other issues. They provide support groups, parenting classes, and assistance.

An amazon wishlist makes it easy to help and is available by scanning the QR code!



# LENTEN CONCERT SERIES

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 24

*St. James is excited to offer a Lenten Concert Series beginning  
Tuesday, February 24*

*Concerts will begin at 12:05 PM, last approximately 20-25 minutes,  
and will take place in the church.*

*Concerts are free and open to the public.*

*\$5 suggested donation for lunch.*

<b>FEBRUARY 24</b>	<i>Grace Kim, violin</i>
<b>MARCH 3</b>	<i>Mary Katherine Kilgore, soprano</i>
<b>MARCH 10</b>	<i>Amy Selkirk, English horn</i>
<b>MARCH 17</b>	<i>Corey McKern, baritone</i>
<b>MARCH 24</b>	<i>Eric Andries, piano</i>

If you plan to attend the Lenten concerts and stay for lunch, please RSVP to [info@stjamesfairhope.org](mailto:info@stjamesfairhope.org) or call the church office at 251-928-2912 the week prior to each

## UPCOMING CONCERT SERIES DATES

**April 19, 2026 at 4:00 PM**

*Chamber Music Concert*

featuring horn, harp, strings, and organ

Josiah Bullach, horn and Rebekah Atkinson, harp

Mozart Horn Quintet, Elgar's Sospiri, and Glière's Harp Concerto

**May 29, 2026 at 7:30 PM**

**June 12, 2026 at 7:30 PM**

*Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival*

Sahada Buckley, violin and Trace Johnson, cellist

along with guest musicians will present two separate concerts in our sanctuary.

We are delighted to welcome the ESCMusic Festival back to St. James!

2025-2026  
*Concert Series*

## Formation & Events

### Tuesday Morning Men's Prayer Breakfast

*Meets every Tuesday at 7:00 AM in the Vestry Room.*

#### Lenten Study:

#### When Faith Grows Up

*From VBS Basics to a Lasting Legacy*

#### Week 1 (2/24)

Beyond VBS Faith or When Faith Grows Up

"Growing in faith without having everything figured out"

Luke 24:13-27 (Emmaus)

#### Week 2 (3/3)

Learning to Listen

"Moving from talking *at* God to walking *with* God"

1 Samuel 3:1-16

#### Week 3 (3/10)

Wrestling with God

"Staying faithful in doubt, disappointment, and fear"

Genesis 32:22-31

#### Week 4 (3/17)

Letting God Change You

"Trust, surrender, and the courage to grow"

Mark 10:17-27

#### Week 5 (3/24)

Faith That Outlives You

"Living a faith that blesses others and lasts"

2 Timothy 4

### Monday Night Women's Bible Study

*Meets every Monday at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room.*

Currently studying N. T. Wright's 2009 book on the Gospel of Matthew, available on Amazon. All women are welcome!

### Tuesday Night Adult Bible Study

*Meets every other Tuesday at 6:30 PM in the Vestry Room*

Questions for a Faithful Heart, led by John Olson. Upcoming meeting dates: March 3, March 17. No meeting on March 31 due to Holy Week.

### Sacred Ground Adult Bible Study

*Meets every other Tuesday night for 4 sessions: February 10, February 24, March 10, and March 24 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm.* The group will read and discuss *A More Perfect Union: A New Vision for Building the Beloved Community*. Please contact Karen Myrick for location information. [kcmerrick@gmail.com](mailto:kcmerrick@gmail.com)

### Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study

*Meets every Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the Vestry Room*

The book for this class is *The Heart of Christianity* by Marcus Borg, available on Amazon.

## Children & Youth February Schedule

**February 4** 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner

**February 8** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

**February 8** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

**February 11** 5:30pm-7pm You Group

**February 11** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry

**February 17** Chicken and Waffles Youth Fundraiser

**February 18-February 21** Sr. High EYC trip to Universal Orlando

**February 22** 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC

**February 22** 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

**February 25** 4pm-5:15pm 5th-12th grade Postcard Ministry

## School News

Dear St. James family,

We enjoyed a fast and furious January, cold weather and all! Our lower school students celebrated the 100th day of school dressing like they were 100 years old! (See photo below)

**We are enrolling now for the 2026-2027 school year.** Help us spread the word! Invite your friends to call and set up a tour to learn more about our growing school. Next year we will be offering grades 30-months through third grade. I know that choosing a school and making decisions for your child's education are important. If you have questions please feel free to give me a call.

Laissez les bon temps rouler! We invite you to join us as our school children present our annual **Mardi Gras box parade on February 12th at 9:00am** in the parking lot. No throws, but lots of waves and smiles! There will also be King Cake afterwards for everyone to enjoy. We will have extra parking available off 104 in the gravel parking lot by the church, the parking meadow, and a shuttle will be available from the Fairhope Dog Park off Volanta starting at 8:00.

The school will be closed for Mardi Gras Break on February 16 and 17. We will resume classes on February 18th (Ash Wednesday). All students will attend Ash Wednesday chapel service and you are welcome to join us on this day in the chapel. Imposition of ashes will be available. Services for school: 10:00am for 30 months and PK3 classes, 10:30am for PK4 through 2nd grade classes.

Summer Camp is right around the corner. Come join us for another fun-filled Summer Camp program at St. James. We will offer seven weeks of camp June 8 through July 24. Early registration for St. James School families will open February 9th and open registration for the public will begin March 2nd. Camp will be offered to students entering PK3 (fully potty trained) through third grade.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy February. If you have any questions please call or come by the school office.

Sincerely,  
*Shelley Miller*  
Director of School



**FIVE GUYS** St. James  
BURGERS and FRIES EPISCOPAL CHURCH & SCHOOL

**St. James Episcopal Church and School**

Needs your support! Please join us on  
**February 5, 2026**  
11:00 AM - 10:00 PM

at the following location  
**241 S Greeno Rd, Fairhope, AL 36532**

FIVE GUYS WILL DONATE **20%** OF FUNDRAISER SALES+ ADDITIONAL \$1 FOR EVERY MILKSHAKE

WHEN YOU PURCHASE A GIFT CARD DURING OUR OCTOBER-DECEMBER FUNDRAISERS, 10% OF SALES WILL BE DONATED TO SUPPORT YOUR CAUSE

Please present this flyer or identify yourself as part of the fundraiser at time of purchase in order for your transaction to count. Thank you for supporting our cause.



VISIT [BETTERBURGERFUNDRAISER.COM](http://BETTERBURGERFUNDRAISER.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SETUP A FUNDRAISER WITH FIVE GUYS



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

860 North Section Street  
Fairhope, AL 36532  
251-928-2912 phone  
www.stjamesfairhope.org

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 2026

Dan Campbell  
Bill Dowdle  
Jennifer Lambert  
Misty Whitehead

### Class of 2027

Bettie Norton  
Bruce Stone  
Cappi Sully  
Ken Talbert

### Class of 2028

Lisa Hansen  
Austin Young  
Gary Garner  
Rhett O'Keefe

## 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 **MARCH 4, 2026**. 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](mailto: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](http://www.stjamesfairhope.org).