



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED



CONSECRATION CELEBRATION

WITH BISHOP RUSSELL KENDRICK

SUNDAY, JUNE 28

4:00 PM

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW IN GREEN HALL

COMPLETING THE *Vision*

Our Capital Campaign began in 2024 and continues to be a powerful expression of faith and generosity. We are deeply grateful for how our parishioners have supported our growth—expanding both our outreach into the community and our in-reach within the church.

The Palm Sunday building tours were a joyful success, giving many the chance to see the expansion up close. The most common question we heard was: *Why not complete the second floor now?* Over the past two years, our leadership has prayerfully weighed every decision. Rising construction costs required us to scale back in some areas, including postponing the second-floor buildout while still preparing the structure for it. But the need is now clear. Our school continues to thrive, serving as a vital outreach ministry and an important part of our church's spiritual and financial sustainability. Demand is strong, and both parishioners and school families are calling for the full vision to be completed. Delaying further will only increase costs and disrupt both church and school life. For these reasons, the Vestry has approved moving forward with the full buildout.

Together, we have already raised an incredible \$5.2 million. **To complete the expansion and retire our debt, we need to raise an additional \$2.5 million.** This is an invitation to continue stepping forward in faith. This is an invitation - and a moment. What we do now will shape our church and school for generations.

If you have not yet made a pledge, it's not too late to join this shared effort. If you have already pledged, we ask you to consider whether you might extend your generosity with an additional gift.

We are making wonderful progress—new covered entrances are nearly complete, the accessible church entry is taking shape, and the new building with classrooms, offices, and gathering spaces will be ready before long. As our bishop recently said, *"If you want to see a sacrament in the real world, take a look at that building."* What we are building is more than a structure—it is a visible sign of grace for generations to come. It is a place where children will grow, families will be formed, and faith will take root.

We are asking every household to prayerfully consider a meaningful gift or pledge toward this final phase. Here's how you can help:

- **Commit to a two-year pledge or increase the duration of your pledge**
- Make a one-time gift
- Check with your financial advisor about options for contributing from your IRA
- Purchase a commemorative paver in honor or memory of a loved one
- Help furnish classrooms, offices, and meeting spaces
- Support the annual "Second Saturday" Golf Tournament (Returning May 8, 2027)
- Participate in the Zebedee Do-Da fundraiser this fall (Date TBD)
- Invite your company to sponsor one of these events

Every gift makes a difference. This is sacred work, and each of us has the opportunity to be part of what God is building here. Contact our Finance Director with questions finance@stjamesfairhope.org

Capital Campaign

PROJECT FUNDING STATUS

Total Campaign Pledges	\$5,000,000
Funds received in March	\$399,201
Funds received to-date	\$4,096,094
Outstanding Pledges (to be received by 6/2029)	\$1,081,700
Potential Total Funding	\$5,177,794
Remaining	\$2,692,646

CONSTRUCTION

Original Construction Cost	\$6,858,800
Second floor buildout	\$906,720
Pre-construction Expenditures (Survey, architect, consultant)	\$104,920
Total Campaign Cost	\$7,870,440
March 2026 Expenditures	\$461,606
Expenditures to-date	\$3,561,366
Current Cash Balance - March 2026	\$645,445
April Expenditures MTD	\$351,836

JUNE
2024

Project
Kickoff

AUGUST
2024

Contractor
Selection

Q2 2025

Break
Ground
Phase I

Q3 2025

Vertical
Construction
Begins

Q2 2026

Roof
Construction
Complete

Q3 2026

Owner
Occupancy
Mid-July

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Outreach Committee Members Build New Ramp for “Great Day of Service”

The St. James Outreach Committee recently had the privilege of partnering with Ecumenical Ministries/Baldwin Repair to build a handicapped-accessible ramp for Ms. Ida Reed, a beloved member of our community. Prior to this project, Ms. Reed was unable to leave her home due to unsafe entry/exit options. Ms. Ida’s joy, gratitude, and warm spirit touched everyone involved.

This project was truly a team effort. A wonderful group of volunteers came together for this “Great Day of Service” and donated their time, energy, and skills to make the project possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

The Outreach Committee is honored to serve our neighbors in practical and meaningful ways, sharing God’s love through hands-on ministry and compassionate care. The “Great Day of Service” happens annually, but the Outreach Committee plans monthly projects aimed at helping various community organizations. See below for how you can help in the month of June!

June Outreach Project

Child Advocacy Center Stuffed Animal Collection

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. St. James Outreach is currently collecting new stuffed animals to give to each child that is interviewed at the 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.





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BIDDING OPENS SUNDAY, JUNE 7!

BIDDING CLOSES JUNE 28 • WINNER ANNOUNCED JUNE 29
PAINTING & BID SHEET LOCATED IN GREEN HALL

Children & Youth June Schedule

- June 7 5pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
- June 7 6pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
- June 10 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner
- June 14 VBS Decorating following the 10:30 service
- June 14 Jr. and Sr. High EYC VBS decorating 2pm-5pm
- June 15-18 Vacation Bible School
- June 24 5pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC Prodissee Pantry and Dinner

The 2026 Summer Mission Trip will be in Galveston, TX July 12-16. We will be volunteering within the community. It is open to all rising 9th graders-newly graduated seniors. Please RSVP to [Natalie](#) as soon as possible. Cost of the trip is \$250

2025-2026
Concert Series

June 12, 2026 at 7:00 PM

Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival



St. James welcomes back the Eastern Shore Chamber Music Festival as they present two different concerts. ESCMF is dedicated to fostering access to classical music to people of all income levels and cultural backgrounds and seeks to normalize classical chamber performance as an integral piece of our cultural identity.

The Music Festival was founded in 2022 by Fairhopian and violinist Sahada Buckley and her husband, cellist Trace Johnson. Each year Sahada and Trace invite top professional musicians to perform during a three-week-long summer festival. www.escmf.org

Dear St. James Family,

It feels like just yesterday that we opened our doors in 2018, and now we're celebrating our 8th school year! As the halls and classrooms are quiet today, I'm reflecting on how amazing this year has been.

It's been such a joy to see the children come to school each day, full of curiosity, excitement, and a little bit of shyness about what the new day might bring.

This year, I've been so impressed with all the students' achievements, from our youngest 30-month-olds to our second graders. Our weekly Chapel, programs, presentations, class activities, and school events have made it especially exciting to see the real impact of a St. James education.

Our end-of-year Chapel, Field Day, and Kindergarten Graduation were wonderful celebrations that truly showcased our Episcopal identity.

The staff have made each day a joy and a wonderful learning experience for all our students by creating a loving and safe environment.

The parents have been such an important part of our school community. Without their support and trust, we wouldn't be where we are today.

To our friends who will be moving on to other schools, I hope they'll carry a piece of St. James with them as they continue to learn and grow.

This year, our students watched with awe as the new church and school facility was constructed. The children peering daily through the fence from the playground, or observing from an upstairs window, and the older students chatting with our building superintendent, "Mr. Jason," have all been a real-life building engineer lesson.

We're looking forward to joining everyone on **Sunday, June 28th, at 4:00 p.m.**, as Bishop Russell Kendrick consecrates the new building.

A special thank you to you, our parish, for your ongoing support and prayers for our parish school.

In closing, I pray that God will bless each and every one of you this summer. It has been a privilege to serve as your school director.

Blessings,

Shelley Miller, Director

Second Saturday Golf Tournament



To our sponsors and donors,

Mother Nature may have ruled the day, but thanks to your amazing generosity, St. James Second Saturday was a rousing success long before the rains forced the cancellation of our May 9th golf tournament. As the early morning weather radar became more and more bleak, we felt it was in the best interest and safety of all that we cancel. Attempts to reschedule were not feasible, as the next available course dates would place us in the extreme heat of late summer. Swag bags and certificates for a round of golf at Lakewood have been delivered to all players. Thanks to the abundance of donated prizes, we

held a drawing and distributed those prizes to the lucky winners. All donated food and beverage items have been given to the school and will be put to use during the summer camp program.

All in all, our inaugural tournament was a huge success and we are happy to report that we greatly surpassed our initial fundraising goal. One additional highlight is that St. James Episcopal School received word of their full accreditation from the Alabama Independent School Association just prior to May 9th. In the words of school director, Shelley Miller, “This achievement is a direct reflection of the dedication of our staff, the strength of our school community, and our unwavering commitment to serve our students and families with excellence.”

We are ever so grateful to you for helping St. James Episcopal School continue its mission of educating the whole child, mind, body and spirit, in a nurturing environment. We will not let a bit of rain dampen our spirits, and hope you will join us for the return of *St. James Second Saturday* on **May 8, 2027**.

With gratitude,

The St. James Second Saturday Committee



**SECOND SATURDAY
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Lakewood Golf Club

**RETURNING
MAY 8, 2027**



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

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8:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Friday ~ CLOSED

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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 2026

Dan Campbell
Bill Dowdle
Jennifer Lambert

Class of 2027

Bettsie 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

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
7:00 Adult Choir Practice (on break starting 5/20)

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.

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