



The Consecration of
ST. JAMES COMMONS



JUNE 28, 2026



A place for faith, community, and generations to come.

Consecration Celebration



Photos provided by Stephen Savage.

Thank you to Stephen for graciously and beautifully capturing this special event!



"Let the doors be open!" With these joyful words, St. James Episcopal Church and School celebrated a milestone on Saturday, June 28, as Bishop Russell consecrated our new building.

St. James Commons, a vibrant multi-purpose space, includes a gym that doubles as an auditorium, school administrative offices, classrooms, and meeting rooms. Parishioners, students, staff, architects, construction professionals, and neighbors gathered to mark the occasion with gratitude and excitement. After Bishop Russell marked the doors with a cross, he and the children blessed the new space with a short liturgy before everyone enjoyed a celebratory reception.



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St. James Seeks Director of Finance

If you or someone you know is a great fit, please contact
info@stjamesfairhope.org.

St. James is seeking a **Director of Finance** to oversee the financial operations of our growing parish and parish school. St. James is a vibrant Episcopal community committed to worship, Christian formation, outreach, and education. With an active parish, an expanding school, and significant recent campus growth, we are seeking an experienced financial leader who combines technical excellence with integrity, collaboration, wisdom, humility, and a heart for the mission of the Church.

The Director of Finance serves as a member of the senior leadership team, working closely with the Rector, Parish Administrator, School Director, Finance Committee, and Vestry to provide strategic financial leadership for both the church and school. Responsibilities include accounting, payroll, budgeting, financial reporting, cash management, accounts payable, tuition reconciliation, annual audits, and stewardship reporting. The Director also plays an important role in continually improving financial systems and procedures to support the long-term health and growth of the parish. The successful candidate will possess strong accounting and organizational skills, experience with payroll and financial reporting, and the ability to communicate graciously and professionally with staff, parishioners, school families, and vendors. Experience with nonprofit, church, or school finance is preferred.

This position is ideal for someone who sees financial stewardship not merely as accounting, but as an essential ministry that supports the worship, education, and outreach of the Church. We believe financial stewardship is a ministry, and we are looking for someone who embraces that calling. While technical competence is essential, we are equally seeking a person of character—someone whose integrity, humility, and collaborative spirit reflect the values of a Christian community. Competitive salary and benefits are offered based on experience. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and a résumé to info@stjamesfairhope.org. Professional references will be requested from finalists.

Children & Youth

Children & Youth July/August Schedule

Have questions, or want to get involved? Contact Natalie at
stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

July 19 5:00pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
July 19 6:00pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
July 22 5:00pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC
Prodisee Pantry and Dinner
July 26 5:00pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
July 26 6:00pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
August 2 5:00pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
August 2 6:00pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
August 5 5:30-6:30 Back to School Bingo
Youth Fundraiser
August 9 5:00pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
August 9 6:00pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

August 12 4:00pm-5:00pm Youth Pickleball
(6th-12th grade)
August 16 5:00pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
August 16 6:00pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC
August 19 5:00pm Jr. and Sr. High EYC
Prodisee Pantry and Dinner
August 26 4:00pm-5:00pm Youth Pickleball
(6th-12th grade)
August 30 5:00pm-6:30pm Jr. High EYC
August 30 6:00pm-7:30pm Sr. High EYC

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This summer, St. James welcomed nearly 140 children for our four-day Vacation Bible School, ***Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God.***

Through Bible Adventures, Sticky Scripture, Games, Imagination Station, and Snack, children ages 3 years through 4th grade explored God's love and faithfulness while growing in their faith.

Our 5th and 6th graders took part in a service-focused VBS, volunteering with Prodissee Pantry, Ecumenical Ministries, local retirement communities, and Mobile Baykeeper.

The week was made possible by the dedication of 24 youth and adult volunteers and 11 summer camp staff members, who helped create a fun and meaningful experience for all!



PARISH BREAKFAST

Join us after
the 7:30 & 8:30 services!

SUNDAY
JULY 19

\$3 per person
\$15 max per family

Reservations
not required!

Cash, checks,
or Venmo
accepted.

St. James Episcopal Church

BACK TO SCHOOL

BINGO NIGHT

All are welcome!



FAMILY FUN



GREAT PRIZES



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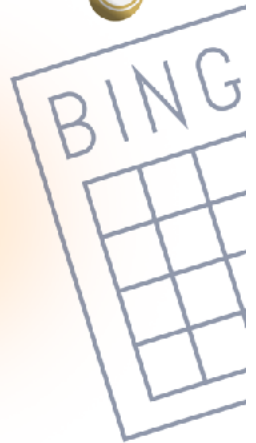
WEDNESDAY

AUGUST 5

5:30-6:30 PM



GREEN HALL



JULY OUTREACH: School Supply Collection for Palm Project

The DOK and our Outreach Committee are collecting school supplies now through August 2. Supplies will be donated to Palm Project, which serves Baldwin County and provides free "care closets" for area schools. In addition to basic school supplies, the MOST needed items are:

Men's and women's deodorant

Kid's and adult toothpaste

Hairbrushes

Journals

Soft lunch boxes

Backpacks

Learn more at www.palmproject.info



Parishioner Bob Douglass has published a delightful new book and all proceeds go to St. James! "The Adventures of

Wiggles: Wiggles the Helper" features value-based stories about a young Red Wiggler worm with a big heart. Wiggles shows **bravery** and **persistence** in saving a ladybug. Children can learn about values such as **family love**, **caring for and helping others**, **cooperation**, and **more**. The included values study guide helps both parents and children discuss these values. This book is available on Amazon [here](#).

Dear St. James Families,

Summer Camp is off to a great start! We have had maximum attendance each week and have loved welcoming both returning and new campers. Our camp directors, Kirsten Krebs and Allie Turner, have done an amazing job planning engaging themes and activities. Our camp counselors have been remarkable role models, bringing fun and energy to camp each day. Thank you to the entire staff who have helped make this summer a success!

I am also delighted to share two joyful updates for our parish school:

- We have welcomed our new School Chaplain and Assistant School Director, The Reverend Deacon Ellen Huckabay. She will support the spiritual life of our community, lead chapel, teach religion to the upper grades, and partner with faculty and families to nurture our students' faith and character. We look forward to the pastoral care, wisdom, and presence Ellen will bring to our daily life together.
- On Sunday, June 28, our church and school community gathered for the consecration of our new building. It was a beautiful, spirit-filled service, and we were grateful to celebrate alongside our church and school families and dedicated staff. What a blessing to mark this milestone together!

Although we have been in full summer camp mode, we continue to prepare for the new school year with great enthusiasm. New staff members have been hired and we are thrilled to be adding our 3rd grade class. New students are enrolling throughout the summer, 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 12th.

Most exciting of all, our new facility will be ready to welcome students at the start of school. The additional learning spaces and refreshed classrooms will enhance our academic program and worship life from day one. We cannot wait to fill these halls with our students' prayers, songs, and joyful learning.

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, School Director



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

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Rev. De Freeman,
Rector



Rev. Amanda Doshier,
Associate Rector



Rev. Deacon Ellen Huckabay
Deacon

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.

ANCHOR LINES DEADLINE: THE NEXT ANCHOR LINES WILL BE PUBLISHED **AUGUST 5, 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 and request to be added to the distribution list. In addition, the newsletter is available on the website at www.stjamesfairhope.org.