

St. James 

EPISCOPAL CHURCH
AND SCHOOL



THE ANCHOR LINES

August 12, 2026



RALLY DAY



SUNDAY

AUGUST 30

IN GREEN HALL

What is Rally Day?

Rally Day is our annual showcase of the many ministries of our church and school. Representatives from various groups will be on hand, and signup sheets available. Interested in getting involved?

This is the time!



St. James Welcomes Jane Barnette as Director of Finance

Jane Turnipseed Barnette's career journey began in downtown Fairhope, where she established the home-goods boutique Plate and Platter in 1992. For twenty years, she worked in the Wiregrass region as founding partner overseeing financial operations for a construction company operating in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. The Alabama graduate returned to Fairhope in 2016. She and Dave Barnette were married at St. James in 2018 and share a combined family of four children, one granddaughter and two canine companions, Tito and Rufus.

PICKLEBALL

is coming to

ST. JAMES

BEGINNING

AUGUST 18!



WHEN

**TUESDAYS &
THURSDAYS
9:00 AM-NOON**



WHERE

**ST. JAMES
COMMONS**



WHO

**EVERYONE
WELCOME!**

Open play • All skill levels welcome!

Morning by Morning



— MONDAY DEVOTION —

Drop off, drop in, and cover your week in prayer.



When
MONDAYS
7:45 AM



Where
ST. JAMES COMMONS
Multi-Use
Meeting Room



What
to expect
A short devotion,
prayer, and coffee!

Beginning August 17

Rev. Deacon Ellen Huckabay will host a weekly devotional meeting for school parents following carline drop-off. St. James parishioners are also welcome to join this gathering to start the week off with prayer, coffee, and a short devotion! Mondays at 7:45 AM in the multi-use meeting room of our beautiful new St. James Commons.

— Mondays are better together. —

St. James School dads and
all men of St. James welcome!



DADS' NIGHT

AT ST. JAMES



PIZZA



NFL
PRE-SEASON KICKOFF



DRINKS



FELLOWSHIP



THURSDAY

AUGUST 13

6:00 PM

GREEN HALL

Hosted by
THE MEN OF ST. JAMES



2026-2027

Dining & Fellowship Group Signup



Scan the QR code to sign up online,
or complete one of the forms in Green Hall.
Forms may be left in the basket.



Youth PICKLEBALL

AUGUST 12 & 26!



WHEN
WEDNESDAY
AUGUST 12
AUGUST 26
4:00 - 5:00 PM



WHERE
ST. JAMES
COMMONS



WHO
GRADES
6 - 12

Are you willing to teach our youth to play? Contact Natalie to volunteer! stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

August Schedule

Have questions, or want to get involved?

Contact Natalie at stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

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

Youth Mission Trip

St. James youth traveled to Galveston, TX for their annual summer mission trip, where they volunteered at St. Vincent's House. This facility serves individuals and families by providing food assistance, medical advice dental care, prescription assistance, and other essential support. Thank you to Natalie Smith for planning such a fun, fulfilling trip for our youth! Thank you also to St. James parishioner and Vestry member Austin Young for driving and serving as chaperone.



COMMUNION INSTRUCTION CLASSES



September 16, 23, & 30
3:15-4:30 PM
Kindergarten - third grade.
Children who complete the classes will celebrate

First Communion on October 4 at the 10:30 service.

Contact Natalie to sign up. stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org



YouGroup

GRADES 5 & 6



Begins September 23

Contact Natalie to sign up!
stjameseyc@stjamesfairhope.org

Outreach in Action



Thank you from the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center

“Dear congregation of St. James Episcopal Church: We are sincerely grateful for your support of our important mission through your generous donation of the wonderful stuffed animals! Since opening our doors in 1989, the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center has provided unique services and programs for child victims of sexual abuse and severe physical abuse, their supportive family members, and the community, through a multidisciplinary

team approach. Each year, hundreds of children receive forensic interviews, medical exams, individual and family counseling, court/family advocate services, and case management. We also offer abuse prevention education programs for schools and community groups.

We depend on generous support from donors like you. Thank you again for partnering with us and helping us provide safety, healing, and justice for local kids. Your gifts are an investment that will have a lasting positive impact on the lives of children in our community. Thank you for thinking of our precious children!

Sincerely,
Niki Whitaker

August Outreach - Baldwin Family Village



St. James Church and School will collect items for Baldwin Family Village during the month of August. In addition to the items listed on the left, BFV has a complete list of needed items on their Amazon wishlist. Access the complete list [here](#) or scan the QR code.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

BEGINS MONDAY, AUGUST 17

4:00 - 5:00 PM
NEW CHOIR ROOM

GRADES 2-6

Join us for an exciting season of music, friendship, and fun!



BUILD
CONFIDENCE



MAKE LASTING
FRIENDSHIPS



GROW IN FAITH
THROUGH MUSIC

Through engaging rehearsals, children develop musical skills, strengthen listening and teamwork, and build lasting friendships. Whether your child loves to sing or is just discovering their voice, Children's Choir is a welcoming place to learn, laugh, worship, and make a difference. We hope you'll join us as we lift our voices together!



Mary Katherine Kilgore
choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org

ADULT CHOIR

REHEARSALS BEGIN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00 PM
NEW CHOIR ROOM



If you are interested in
joining the choir,
please contact Mary Katherine.



251.928.2912
or choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org

Events & Formation

PARISH BREAKFAST

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

SUNDAY
AUGUST 16

\$3 per person
\$15 max per family

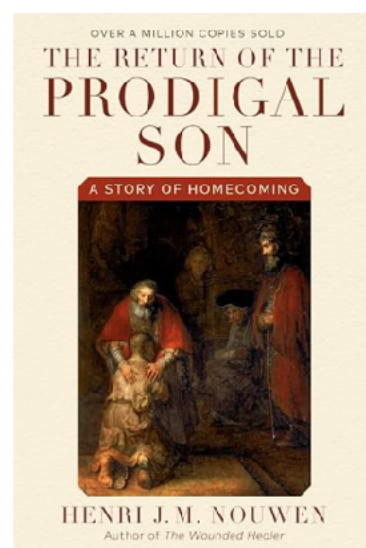
Reservations
not required!

Cash, checks,
or Venmo
accepted.



Wednesday Morning Adult Bible Study Resumes September 16

Topic for this class is grace, specifically Old Testament Grace: what Jesus says about grace (focused on the parable of The Prodigal Son) which is the signature parable on the subject. Useful, but not required, is the book *The Prodigal Son* by Henri J.M. Nouwen, available on Amazon.



Dear St. James family,

We were thrilled to welcome both our returning families and those joining our community for the very first time Monday evening as we embark on an extraordinary new school year together. This year marks our 9th school year and an exciting milestone in the life of our school as we open the doors to our beautiful new St. James Commons—a place where curiosity will flourish, friendships will grow, and faith and learning will come together in inspiring new ways. We cannot wait to fill these new spaces with the energy, laughter, and joyful learning of our students as we begin this remarkable new chapter together with the goal of eventually offering classes through 6th grade.

Special thanks to the parish men's groups for volunteering time to move furniture, set up bulletin boards/white boards and classroom prep work.

As we transition from the relaxed days of summer to the rhythms of school life, I'm reminded of the unique energy that comes with “back to school.” This is a season filled with curiosity, enthusiasm, and tremendous growth.

We are proud to have a dedicated team of passionate teachers, teaching assistants, enrichment educators, and church staff—all committed to nurturing each child's intellectual and emotional development. Our goal is to provide a positive, inspiring learning environment for every child in our care.

I am confident that St. James will continue to be a place where both teachers and students grow, learn, and flourish. We are committed to making this school year a meaningful and memorable one for our students. I look forward to celebrating the many accomplishments of our students throughout the year.

Warmest regards,

Shelley Miller

Welcome New Teachers/Staff for the 2026-2027 School Year

Emma Strength

Admissions and Marketing Assistant

Tara Johnson

30 Months Assistant

Elle Cecchini

3rd Grade

Kori Johnson

30 Months Assistant

Lizzie Bordenkircher

PK4 Teacher

Mary Lee Matzenger

Physical Education Teacher

Suzanne Blanchet

30 Months Teacher

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OUR CLERGY



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 8:30 & 10:30 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 and 8:30 services.

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