# Anchor Lines



St. James Episcopal Church • Fairhope, Alabama

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# **SEEING**

"Where is God?" she asked.

"Where is God not?" her mother replied.

"But I don't see him anywhere," she replied with some sense of concern.

"On the contrary, God always sees you and if you're looking the right way, you will only see God."

And that's the truth-there is no place God cannot be seen, if you're truly looking to see God. I can think of plenty of places I've felt close to God. Chance and random occurrences when I'm struck with the majesty and beauty of God's creation: during a beautiful sunset, staring out across a snowcovered valley from high atop a snowy peak, in the first glimmer of life in the eyes of a newborn child, or during the opening notes played on our pipe organ of a beloved hymn. I feel that connection every time I walk into our church. There is a holiness and a peacefulness there.

I write to you today with thoughts of God on my mind and in my heart. I'm preparing to go away to the wilderness and I cannot help but think of you. So many of you have been away for so long. You're watching church online, or doing other things you now find yourself doing on Sunday mornings. Do you still make time for God? Do you still seek his presence? I want to encourage you before I leave for a while; God is everywhere. Remember when you are doing all of those other things to look for God.

To say things have been different here at St. James would be a huge understatement. Who would've ever thought this would be in our future! Yogi once said, "The future ain't what it used to be." I think that's how I feel lately, but his words are actually sage advice. Even though times change, the future begins with a comparative look to the past. For me it's a reminder to understand that even though things change completely, my values should never be compromised. I'm reminded that God's faithfulness remains true even when you aren't looking or seeing God.

And yet, God always sees you.

In Christ's Love and Joy,





Reverend De Freeman, Rector



Reverend Forbes Sirmon, Associate Rector

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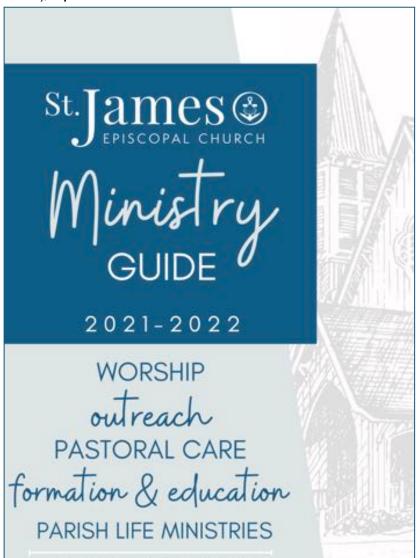
# **Ministry Fair**

# St. James Ministry Fair ~ In-person & Online September 19, September 26, & October 3

Each Sunday for three consecutive weeks, you will have an opportunity to ask questions, visit with and/or hear from your ministry leaders, and sign up for Formation, Worship ministries, Pastoral Care, Outreach and Fellowship opportunities for the coming year. For those of you who don't want to attend in-person, some of our ministry leaders have prepared a short video which you will be able to view on our website. For the first time ever, sign up will be possible online for ALL of our many different ministry opportunities!

#### Click this link to go to our new Ministry Fair page.

The new 2021-2022 St. James Ministry Guide will also be available on Sunday, September 19 as well as on our website.



#### September 19

- Acolytes
- Altar Guild
- •Flower Guild
- •Lay Eucharistic Ministers
- Lectors
- Music Ministry
- Ushers
- Wedding Team
- •Welcome Ministry
- Caregiver Support Group
- •Community of Hope International
- Flower Delivery
- •Funeral Receptions
- Meal Ministry
- Wednesday Evening Formation
- Cursillo
- •Financial Peace
- •Small Groups & Fellowship
- •St. Anthony's Centering Prayer
- Sunday Reading Round Table (The Lectionary)
- •Daughters of the King®
- •Wednesday Morning Bible Study
- •Women's Monday Night Bible Study
- •Memorial Garden
- New Mom's Ministry
- Prayers & Squares

\*Current Volunteers: It is time to put in your "Can't serve dates" for the future ministry schedules. The deadline for the October schedule is Wednesday, September 22. \*Dates for individual ministries are subject to change.

#### September 26

- Outreach Committee
- Alabama Free Clinic
- Christmas Gifts for Veterans
- Christmas Giving Tree
- Concert Series
- Ecumenical Ministries
- Family Promise
- Habitat for Humanity
- Kairos Outside
- Kairos Prison Ministry
- Mission Trip to Costa Rica
- Prodisee Pantry
- Read Aloud Baldwin
- South AL Volunteer Lawyers Program
- Mission Trips

#### October 3

- St. James Library
- Archives Comm
- Breakfast Volunteers
- Brunch & Supper ClubsBuildings & Grounds
- Care for Church Kneelers
- Chess Club
- Coffee Hour
- Communications
- Media Ministry
- Men of St. James
- Men's Monday Night Bible Study
- Parish Volunteers
- Rector's Forum
- Rose Garden
- Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study
- WOW Group
- Yoga

# **Christian Formation**

# New Program on Wednesday Evenings

# Worship, Fellowship, and Formation

for the whole family

#### **Beginning October 13**

5:30 PM: Casual worship service in the church

6:15 PM: Dinner served in Green Hall

6:30 PM: Formation begins (we will eat during formation)

7:30 PM: Adjourn

A nursery will be available for children too young to attend formation and opens at 6:00 PM.

Formation classes for adults will be a clergy-led forum. Children will have various classes depending on the level of interest and number of volunteers. Curriculum includes Godly Play lessons, Communion Instruction, and more. Volunteers are needed to teach the children's lessons. A long-term commitment is NOT required. Contact Christian Formation Director, Ellen Huckabay, at 251-928-2912 or <a href="mailto:christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org">christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org</a> if you would like to help or if you have questions.

#### Faith and Fire

#### A Study of the Prophet Elijah

The St. James Monday Night Women's Bible Study will be starting on September 20 at 6:30 in Green Hall. The focus of the study will be Priscilla Shirer's new book, *Elijah*, *Faith and Fire*. She describes the Old Testament prophet as the following:



Elijah emerged as the voice of unapologetic truth during a time of national crisis and moral decline. His ministry was marked by tenacious faith and holy fire—the same kind you will need in order to remain steadfast in our current culture.

This will be a 7-10 week study and the study book may be purchased

from *Christianbook.com* or *Amazon.com*. We invite all women to join us. For more information, call Michelle Orr at 251-990-6077 or 251-490-6077.



#### Formation for 7th & 8th Graders

A two-year program, **Rite 13** is designed to celebrate the individuality of each young person, while exploring stories of God and God's people. Rite 13 is for 7th and 8th graders and will begin on **Sunday**, **October 10** from 12:15 to 1:15 PM. The meeting location is at the church, but the room is yet to be determined. Contact Ellen Huckabay, at *christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org* or 251-928-2912, if you plan to attend or if you have any questions.

#### Formation for 5th & 6th Graders



**YouGroup** is an exciting program specifically designed for St. James' 5th & 6th graders and their parents (parent/guardian participation is required). The next YouGroup meets on **October 6 at 6:00 PM**. All 5th & 6th

graders are invited to bring a friend! Contact Christian Formation Director, Ellen Huckabay, at 251-928-2912 or email her at *christianformation@stjamesfairhope.org* if you have questions.

# **From the Finance Office**

### Church Financial Report August 2021

	August 2021 Actual	August 2021 Budget	YTD 2021 Actual	YTD 2021 Budget	YTD 2020 Actual
Income	\$76,180	\$115,000	\$779,368	\$830,000	\$815,100
Expense	\$98,116	\$105,237	\$873,380	\$944,924	\$837,190



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Breakfast is the 3rd Sunday

Every Month!

# Next Parish Breakfast \* September 19

8:30 - 11:00 AM

\*\*Leave the cooking & cleaning to us\*\*

\$3 per person or \$10 max per family. Reservations are *not* necessary. Pay at the door. Complimentary coffee is always available!

The Lectionary Schedule							
Date	The First Lesson	The Psalm	The Epistle	The Gospel			
Sunday, September 19 The 17th Sunday after Pentecost	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalm 54	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37			
Sunday, September 26 The 18th Sunday after Pentecost	Numbers 11:4-6,10-16,24-29	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50			
Sunday, October 3 The 19th Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16			
Sunday, October 10 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost	Amos 5:6-7,10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31			

## **Outreach**

# Let's Get Running



The St. James running group is starting up again. All ages and experience levels are welcome! Brush up on your 5K skills in advance of Prodisee Pantry's Turkey Trot on Oct. 23, or simply enjoy the fellowship and fitness. No RSVP required.

Sundays at 4:30 PM—starting Sept. 19

Meet in the St. James parking lot

Register here for Turkey Trot.

Photos from the Acolyte Retreat September 11-12 at Camp Beckwith





The St. James Outreach Committee is collecting supplies for the two locations of the Little Free Pantry, facilitated by the Junior Auxiliary of the Eastern Shore. These pantries provide free food and toiletries to those in need and are restocked weekly thanks to generous donations from the community.

Junior Auxiliary volunteers are currently in need of the following items: Macaroni & cheese, instant mashed potatoes, Chef Boyardee, powdered milk, tuna fish, canned chicken, canned soup, ramen noodles, travel size toothpaste, travel size laundry detergent, travel size body wash and shampoos (extra items brought home from hotels are perfect), and Bandaids.

Donations will be collected throughout the month of September. Bins are located in Green Hall.

Photos from the Drive-Thru
Backpack Blessing - September 8



# **Music News**

#### CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME!

#### Whitby Choir Kindergarten - 2nd grade

Began this week - Monday, September 13, and will meet every Monday afternoon upstairs in the choir room from 3:30 - 4:15 PM to sing, play instruments, and have fun with our friends. The Whitby Choir will sing in worship periodically throughout the year.

# Canterbury Choir Grades 3 - 6

Begins today—Wednesday, September 15, and will meet each Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 - 4:15 PM. Come

make new friends, sing, and have fun! The Canterbury Choir will sing during the 11:00 AM worship service on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.



#### Coventry Choir Grades 7 – 12 - Guys and Gals!

Begins Sunday, September 19 10:15 – 10:45 AM in the choir room. Coventry Choir will meet and sing for the 11 AM worship service on the first and third Sundays of the month.

#### Handbells Grades 9-12

#### Calling all youth in grades 9-12!

We are looking for youth who are interested in ringing handbells. If this sounds like something you would like to do, contact Mary Katherine Kilgore.

If you have questions, or need more information, contact our Choir Director, Mary Katherine Kilgore, at <a href="mailto:choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org">choirdirector@stjamesfairhope.org</a> or call the church office 251-928-2912. ext.128.



#### What is Compline?

In short, Compline is a sung prayer service. Compline consist of psalms, short passages from scripture, an office hymn, canticle, litany, collects and additional prayers. The offering of prayer in the evening, by laity or clergy, has sometimes been described as the "goodnight prayer of the church." It rounds off the day and prepares us for a quiet night. Compline is offered when the work of the day is completed, and the quietness of evening settles over the hearts and minds of those who have come together in thankfulness for the blessings of the day, and in anticipation of God's gift of a new day.

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### St. James Announces 2021-2022 Concert Series Dates

All concerts are free and open to the public. Invite a friend! If you would like to make a donation to the St. James Concert Series, go to our website under the "Give to St. James/Online Giving," tab or note on the memo line of your check: "Concert Series." If you would like to be added to the St. James Concert Series mailing list, call the church office at 251-928-2912 or email info@stjamesfairhope.org and request to be added to the distribution list.



# **School News**

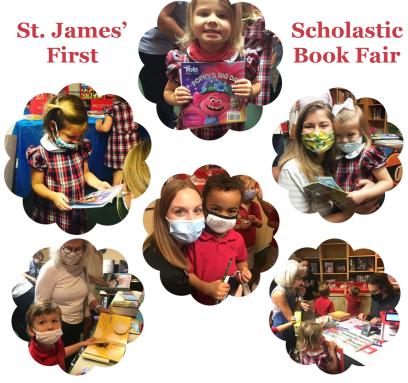


Back to school has been **SMOOTH SAILING** for the students and staff at St. James Episcopal School. Everyone is enjoying their new classroom spaces along with our new enrichment classes, music and PE. As an additional after school activity, Studio-B Dance Academy is offering dance, jazz, and tumbling to our students.

Throughout the month of September, the children have been creating cards and posters for first responders and essential workers in our community as part of our ongoing outreach projects. Our school community is also collecting supplies and nonperishable food items for the residents of Laffite, Louisiana.

We were thrilled to have our first on-campus Scholastic Book Fair September 9-13. It was a huge success! A percentage of the monies raised will be returned to us for use in our school library. Thanks to everyone who came to the book fair and purchased books.

We are looking forward to celebrating Episcopal Schools Week, October 3 - 8. We invite you to walk through St. James Episcopal School on Sunday, October 3 to see all of the exciting things taking place in the school and to see how we've grown. We also invite you to attend our Chapel service on Monday,



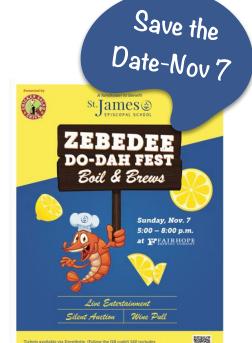
October 4 at 10:00 AM. Please remember masks are required.

We are gearing up for our 2nd annual fundraiser the Zebedee-Do-Dah Fest on Sunday, November 7! The raffle this year is for a STAR Capella 2+2 street legal Golf Cart. We hope that everyone will join us for this fun-filled event to support St. James School.

Best regards,

Therey E. Milew

Shelley Miller





After school dance, jazz, and tumbling classes are offered by Studio B Dance Academy.



# **More News**

# Rose Garden Update

Happy Almost Fall Ya'll!

Your rose garden friends have had a very warm and wet summer this year and we remain vigilant in our quest to return our gardens to a healthy and prosperous situation. We wish to update everyone on the efforts being made to begin our replacement rose bush planting with the dedication funds raised this past summer. The decision to postpone our plans was made so that we can involve more people and have good participation in the event. Also, we believe the new plantings would stand a better chance at surviving and thriving if we wait for a more weather friendly time to plant them. Therefore, this next March or April 2022, we will be purchasing and planting new rose bushes with the funds raised from this past June and July that many of you gave in honor and in memory of family members. Please keep this time of year



in mind to volunteer to join us when we announce a date!

We are continuing to care for the Rose Gardens each month and welcome any help that you would like to provide. We will have a sign-up sheet and information table available during the Ministry Fair on October 3rd. Stop by and visit with one of our dedicated volunteers about our group and find out how you also can be part of this outdoor ministry. Our church office is always happy to take your contact information and pass it on as well. We would love to include you in our emails and events.



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# Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 10 at 5:00 pm

Bring your companion animal or a photo of your pet to the courtyard area for a special service.

Please bring your dog on a leash and cats or other creatures in a carrier or cage, for their protection. Also, please remember to bring your baggies and clean up after your pets! Thank you.

#### More Info Coming Soon:

All Hallows' Kve Trunk or Treat Festival October 24

5:00 PM

Fun for the whole family!
Invite your friends and neighbors.







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# From our Bishop



#### The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

9 September 2021

Dear clergy, wardens, and lay leaders of churches without clergy,

One of the underlying intentions of The Book of Common Prayer is the sanctification of time. This is manifested in the many collects in the prayerbook that hallow the events and moments of life. One of my favorites is the collect for the time we just celebrated: Labor Day.

"Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*"

Collect for Labor Day, the Book of Common Prayer, p. 261

"You have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives."

I hold up that particular sentence for all of us, as we continue to make our way through this pandemic. What we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives. What a powerful reminder to those of us who follow Jesus. That we seek to live not just for self alone, but for the well-being of each other.

I hold this up as a word of encouragement for those of us who are worn out by it all. I hold it up as an appeal for charity for those who are frustrated about wearing masks. I hold it up as a balm for those who are tired of wearing masks, but will continue to do so, for the sake of our neighbor and the common good of our communities.

While there are some encouraging statistical trends in parts of our diocese, the number of hospitalizations due to COVID-19 infections is still at a critical level. As far as I can tell, this is true for every hospital in south Alabama and northwest Florida. When that news is added to the ongoing potential of breakthrough cases to those already vaccinated, the need for all to wear masks continues. Masks matter. Masks matter not just for self alone. Masks matter for the common good. So **let's continue to ask our people to wear masks** when gathered in groups in our churches for a few more weeks. Let's do so **until September 20, 2021**.

The Rt. Rev. J. Russell Kendrick Bishop of the Central Coast

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# **Calendar of Upcoming Events**



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J EPISCOPAL CHURCH						
SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	SAT
September 19  Holy Eucharist at 8, 9 & 11 AM Coventry Choir 10:15-10:45 AM Livestream at 11 AM MINISTRY FAIR week 1 Parish Breakfast 8:30-11 AM (Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday) Running Group 4:30 PM Compline at 7 PM in the church  September 26  Holy Eucharist at 8, 9 & 11 AM Livestream at 11 AM MINISTRY FAIR week 2 Running Group 4:30 PM	20 Gentle Yoga 9:30 AM Creative Outlet Whitby Choir 3:30 - 4:15 PM Women's Bible Study 6:30 Green Hall 27 Gentle Yoga 9:30 AM Creative Outlet Whitby Choir 3:30 - 4:15 PM	21	Holy Eucharist 7 AM, Chapel Centering Prayer,12:30 PM, Chapel Canterbury Choir 3:30-4:15  Adult Choir 6:45 PM  29  Holy Eucharist 7 AM, Chapel Centering Prayer,12:30 PM, Chapel Canterbury Choir	23 Yoga 5:45 PM Green Hall & ZOOM 30 Yoga 5:45 PM Green Hall & ZOOM	24 Yoga Flow 7:30 AM Green Hall  BayLigh Parish office closed  1 Yoga Flow 7:30 AM Green Hall	25 ats at Beckwith
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#### Worship Schedule

#### **SUNDAYS:**

8:00, 9:00, & 11:00 AM Holy Eucharist in the Church 11 AM also available online

#### WEDNESDAYS:

7:00 AM ~ Holy Eucharist in the Chapel

# 3rd SUNDAY of the Month:

Sung Compline at 7:00 PM in the church & online

#### **Parish Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Friday ~ CLOSED

#### **The Vestry**

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