

SAINT LUKE'S

Episcopal Church
Scottsboro, Alabama



WHERE LOVE LEADS THE WAY

Our Mission

Reflecting God's love and grace, we glorify God and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through faithful prayer and worship, a nurturing fellowship, and service to God's people within our community and around the world.

Welcome

I hope and pray that whoever is reading over this parish profile is blessed with joy of spirit, happiness of heart, and peace.

I am Don Word, Senior Warden at Saint Luke's. The folks here look forward to getting to know our next priest. Maybe that happens over coffee after Church, or maybe it's a conversation with you over a hotdog and coke at Paynes Drugstore or strolling the aisles at Unclaimed Baggage.

Wherever the conversation takes place, we are ready to meet you. We have been left in a very good place. We have a sense of purpose and drive. We are united together in love and peace, with a desire to find a new rector, to keep our missions going, and to keep our love for each other and Him unquestioned.

I hope you are ready to visit with us here at Saint Luke's. I wish you nothing but health, happiness and love.

Peace and Love, Don







OUR NEXT RECTOR

Based on recent survey data and open-ended responses from the Saint Luke's congregation, the parish has a clear composite picture of the rector we hope to call:

Preaching	A Compelling, Relatable Preacher Preaching quality is among the top reasons people attend and stay at Saint Luke's. They prefer sermons that connect Scripture to everyday life.
Pastoral Care	A Skilled and Present Pastoral Caregiver Pastoral care is a top-priority - especially in moments of crisis.
Children & Youth	A Champion for Children, Youth, & Young Families Warm and engaging with young families; actively invests in next generation ministry
Welcome	Committed to Radical Welcome & Inclusivity Welcoming of all people - regardless of age, race, gender, financial status, or sexual orientation
Community	A Community Presence, Not just a Parish Leader A rector willing to participate in our local community and represent Saint Luke's beyond the parish walls
Administration	A Strong Administrative Partner to the Vestry We expect open, businesslike parish governance and a rector who works collaboratively with the Vestry
Tradition & Vision	Embracing of Tradition, Open to Thoughtful Growth Honors Episcopal liturgical heritage while embracing growth and new ministry



OUR COMMUNITY

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry serves hundreds of people in the community. We partner with local businesses and are gifted with lots of parish volunteers and community donors. We joyfully give out bags and bags of groceries daily, weekly, and at our drive through pantry on the first Saturday of each month.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Our parish Meals on Wheels team is in its 25th year of delivering food to the homebound in Jackson County. The Saint Luke's MOW team serves meals in our community one full week every month.

ARC PARTNER

We love providing a welcoming daily classroom for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities from the ARC of Jackson County, encouraging connection, inclusion, and community involvement.

COLUMBARIUM

We recently expanded our Columbarium located in Church's courtyard, providing more final resting places for those who have left our midst. This courtyard also provides a peaceful, welcoming place and hosts our annual Easter Vigil service.



COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICES

Saint Luke's holds community worship services such as the annual Red Mass, a service of prayer and thanksgiving, celebrating the Rule of Law and inaugurating each year's new court.

Our yearly Lenten series is planned and done with the First Methodist Church and St. Paul's AME in Scottsboro.

We hold Evensong with the North Alabama Community College Chorale.

CHORAL ACADEMY

Saint Luke's sponsors The Scottsboro Choral Academy, an educational outreach program teaching music and performance to children in grades one through twelve. We bring in special speakers and performers to work with the students, and attend local theatre shows.

ADVENT OFFERINGS

We gather loads of gifts and contributions for local Foster Children and Christmas Charities. We host a biannual Advent Journey, which is both a local artist's exhibition and a community offering for reflection time as we together await Christ's coming. A Festival Service of Lessons and Carols is also a community favorite, featuring local musicians and our own choir.



OUR PARISH

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church - Where Love Leads the Way.

We are a vibrant community dedicated to spreading the love of Christ through our services and ministries. Our congregation consists of passionate individuals who are committed to serving our parish, one another, and the community at large.

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Baptized Members	127	116	126	117	129
Avg Sunday Attendance	55	52	50	42	38
Number of Pledge Units	35	33	32	28	24
Total Income	\$314,816	\$258,964	\$242,341	\$239,014	\$188,589
Annual Expense Budget	\$314,050	\$278,073	\$224,923	\$238,346	\$206,140
Total Debt	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



OUR YOUTH



Saint Luke's encourages all youth to worship, serve, and play as they grow into compassionate, faithful, and committed followers of Christ.



WORSHIPPING



SERVING



Our youth's favorite outreach activities are helping pack and distribute pantry goods and shopping for Christmas Charities and foster children.



PLAYING



Saint Luke's hosts holy hikes for our youth and congregation to enjoy God's creation and one another.



OUR HISTORY



Saint Luke's Episcopal Church, located on Scott Street in Scottsboro, Alabama, celebrated its 145th Anniversary in the fall of 2023. The church traces its roots back to pre-Civil War days. Mountainous northeast Alabama was a "mission field" for the Episcopal Church, and priests from Huntsville's Church of the Nativity traveled on horseback to conduct services in the homes of Scottsboro residents during the 1840s and 1850s. After the Civil War, services were often held in a "union church building" in downtown Scottsboro, used by several denominations.

When enough funds were raised, the first church building was built in 1878 on north Broad Street near the railroad track. The church, a Gothic-style frame structure, had heart pine roof trusses which were hand carved from logs hewn on Col. John Snodgrass' farm near Hollywood, Alabama. The first service in the original church was held on September 2, 1878, conducted by Dr. John Bannister, Rector of the Church of the Nativity, Huntsville.

After World War II ended the little parish decided to act in faith and build a new church. On June 29, 1949 the cornerstone was laid for the current church building. The building was designed around the original heart-of-pine beams and trusses from the original location. The altar, baptismal font, and chancel rail were also kept and are still in use at Saint Luke's.

During the construction process in 1949, special attention was given to the design and execution of a beautiful stained glass window, to be located behind the altar. The designers took a special interest in this little church way down south in Alabama. The Bible in their design is open to the book of St. Luke, symbols of St. Luke were included, and a picture of the original frame church building was incorporated into the window design.

The first worship services were conducted in our present church on the first Sunday in November 1949, and the church was officially consecrated on Easter Sunday, April 9, 1950, by Episcopal Bishop Randall Claiborne.

In 1992 Saint Luke's members embarked on a major financial campaign to build the adjoining parish hall, courtyard, and covered walkway, designed to blend perfectly with the church building.





OUR HOME

SCOTTSBORO JACKSON COUNTY

Where the Mountains Meet the Lakes

Jackson County, the northeast corner of Alabama and northern shore of Lake Guntersville, consists of bountiful resources, welcoming and hardworking people, and ample opportunities to live, work and play all in one place.

Scottsboro is the largest city in Jackson County with a population of 15,578. It is located on Lake Guntersville halfway between Chattanooga and Huntsville.

Life in Scottsboro provides the opportunity for a casual, easy, and active life. Services which might require hours in line in a larger city can be accomplished in literally minutes. One can be as active and involved in the community as he or she wishes to be. The weather provides virtually year-round opportunity for outdoor activities. Add to all that, the lower cost of living makes Scottsboro and Jackson County an ideal location to live.



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