

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

August 3, 2011

The mission of the Episcopal Church of the Nativity, as part of the family of God, is to proclaim and spread the word and work of God through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, by Eucharistic worship and by ministry to the world.



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY:

8:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite I

(Bibb Chapel)

and

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite II

(Ridley Hall)

This service offers
Children's Chapel
and Nursery

THURSDAY:

6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
Rite II
(Bibb Chapel)



FROM THE DEACON'S BENCH: The Sacred Order of Deacons

All Christians; the laity, bishops, presbyters, and deacons are all called to represent Christ and His church. Bishops are to be apostles, guardians of the faith, and unity of the church, and to ordain others. Presbyters are to be pastors, share in governance, proclaim the gospel, administer the sacraments, and declare God's blessing and pardon. Deacons are to be servants of those in need, assist in proclaiming the gospel and administering the sacraments, but do not preside, govern, ordain, or declare God's blessings and pardon.

BCP Catechism, pp.855-6

Deacons are called to "a special ministry of servant hood directly under [the authority of the] bishop, and are called "to serve all people, especially the poor, the weak, the sick, and the lonely. They are " required to study the Scriptures and model their life on them; to make Christ known by word and example . . . "and to interpret to the church the needs and concerns of the world, and "to assist the bishop and priests in public worship . . . "

BCP, Ordination of a Deacon, p.543 "The Examination of a Deacon

The Biblical basis for the diaconate as a servant ministry and for women as deacons is found in the following texts:

Matthew 25:31-46 "As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me."

Mark 10:42-45 "Whoever would be great among you must be your servant...for the Son of Man also came not to be served by to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

John 13 Jesus girds Himself with a towel and washes the disciples' feet as an example to them of servant ministry.

Acts 6 The apostles choose 7 deacons. One, Steven, is martyred witnessing to the Jews.

Romans 16:1 Phoebe is mentioned as a deacon by Paul.

1 Timothy 3:8-13 Qualifications of deacons, including women. The deacon as a messenger, under the Bishop.

Philippians 1:1 Paul addresses the saints, bishops, and deacons.

The History of the Diaconate:

The first century church had apostles, bishops, and deacons. By the Middle Ages, with the rise of priests, and the decline of deacons to an inferior order, much of the distinctiveness of the diaconate was lost. Nevertheless, preservation of the threefold orders in Roman, Anglican, and Orthodox traditions were maintained. Years later, the Diaconate tended in the western church to become a transitional stage to priesthood.

Recovery of permanent diaconate began in the 19th century German Lutheran Church, by the setting apart of deaconesses. Ordination of deaconesses and perpetual deacons in the US for ministry was primarily among Native Americans in remote areas and in city slums. Deaconesses served in the Diocese of Alabama before the Civil War. Revival in the 20th century idea of a full and equal order of deacons, took place in the 1950's and especially after Vatican II.

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Deacons continued

Relationship to the Bishop:

Deacons serve directly under the authority of the Bishop as do presbyters.

Liturgical functions: Deacons serve

As herald: to proclaim the Gospel

As servant: to prepare the table of communion and clear it afterwards

As servant to the poor and the sick: to compile and order prayers

As link between church and world, to dismiss the congregation into the world.

As extension of the Bishop: to serve as chaplain to the Bishop

The Deacon has a particular role in the Easter Vigil liturgy

Typical diaconal ministries are, but not limited to:

Minister to the poor, the homeless the elderly, the sick, the dying, prisoners, persons with AIDS, victims of domestic violence

To be ambassadors to the interfaith/ecumenical groups, and to racial and ethnic minorities

Answer to the question “What can a Deacon do?”

Lead Daily Office, take consecrated elements to sick and homebound, perform baptisms, weddings, funerals except for the blessings and absolution, “Deacons’ Masses.”

Answer to the question: “What can Deacons not do?”

Consecrate, bless, and absolve.

Perpetual Deacons are not salaried. Most Deacons have Discretionary Funds for ministry to the poor.

Faithfully,

The Rev’d Mary E. Groff, Deacon

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

[Nativity College Students participate in internship program](#) The internship program at Trinity Commons (Episcopal Student Center UAB) is in its third year. Joining intern Emily Collette for the 2011-2012 academic year is Sarah Watts. Also, our own Bartlee Linton will be a Trinity Commons resident. Not only is TC a place to hang out it offers a Wednesday evening Taizé service, Sunday Eucharist & Supper, Tuesday Eucharist at Birmingham-Southern. During the academic year, members of the Trinity Commons Community participated in a variety of volunteer activities such as “Read-in Day” at Glen Iris School, UAB International House Children’s Fall Festival, Breakfast for First Light Women’s Shelter, Tornado Relief Efforts, Laundry Baskets for the Community Furniture Bank, CROP Walk(awareness for hunger relief) and Greater Birmingham Ministries Holiday Gift Drive. So even though we may not see their faces at Nativity we are thankful for their commitment to work with the Trinity Commons chaplain to develop projects that provide the programmatic content for TC during the academic year.

“The 2010-2011 academic year at TCESC was fantastic. A variety of worship experiences, an increased number of volunteer opportunities with excellent student participation, and good fellowship—some planned, the rest spontaneous—made Trinity Commons a lively enter for living, serving, and worshipping.”



[Banister Room Art Gallery features The No. 1 Ladies’ Art Class*](#)

The No. 1 Ladies’ Art Class began in January 2009 as a workshop in papier mache sculpture. It has continued without break into the late summer of 2011. Something happened during that first series of lessons that made us realize what a strong bond we had formed from our mutual, enthusiastic interest in art, even though we were from many different professional fields. When we finished our sculptures, we didn’t want to stop meeting.

Several works of art are available for purchase. Each piece is numbered corresponding with price list in a red binder on table in Banister Room.

**We named ourselves this partly in reference to Alexander McCall Smith’s The No. 1 Ladies’ Detective Agency, because we were the first class of lady students to work in Dana Bathurst’s new studio and because we were reading the series of books by Smith. Now we are No. 1 Ladies because we are good.*

ANNUAL MINISTRY FAIR
and
RALLY DAY CHANGES!

We will postpone the Rally Day
Parish picnic until October.
Ministry Fair goes "into a bag"
on August 28.

Each family will receive a
reusable Nativity tote bag with
The Green Book/Directory and
other handouts. Normally
these have been available at
various stations set up in
Ridley, however, all you need to
do this year is look for the "bag
ladies" in the Banister Room
and exit doors.

There will be a self-addressed
postcard for your convenience
to sign-up for the many vibrant
ministries Nativity offers and
return to the church office.

HAP Sunday, August 7
HAP Needs The
Following:

Bags of dried beans,
Bags of rice,
Canned meats
and
Canned fruits



the
**Greene
Street
Market**
at Nativity

Farmers' Market

every thursday 4pm - 8pm
may 19th - september 29th
www.greenestreetmarket.com

Locally grown fruits, vegetables,
meats, breads, cheeses, honey,
relish, & other confections.

This is a producer-only market so
the farmers who grow the
products will be on hand for you
to meet and to answer any
questions that you have.

Come to the market and bring
your friends and neighbors We
will have music, cooking
demonstrations, good food and
lots of fun.

The Vestry Nominations Proposal Form

has been printed in The Steeple. It will be mailed to all Nativity Parishioners this week. Your input is important. IF you plan to 1) Mail your form or 2) Put the form in the drop-box located in Ridley Hall or 3) E-mail the form to sal.naumann@mac.com, please make a note of these dates:

August 17

committee meets to review suggested names

September 7

committee meets to finalize the list

Stewardship of Creation Green Tips for Food and Drink

Eating Locally - Eating locally grown food is a great way to reduce your carbon footprint and support your local economy. And chances are, your local farm doesn't use pounds of pesticides or antibiotics.

- Eliminate the guesswork by participating in community-supported agriculture. Here's how it works: Buy shares in a participating farm near you, then have fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables delivered to you each week from the season's harvests.
- If you like choosing your own produce, buy seasonally from your local farmer's market.

Drink Responsibly

- Mix liquor with organic juice and fruit. Check out what's seasonal in your region, and adjust drink recipes to make the most of local ingredients.
- The next time you're craving a brew, ask what's on tap. Beer from a keg has a lighter impact than beer in bottles or cans.
- Buy locally. If you live on the East Coast, you're better off buying wine from France or from local vineyards. According to the American Association of Wine Economists, transporting vino by sea is less carbon-intensive than driving it long distances. So depending on where you live, even varietals from Australia and Chile can be sipped without guilt.

Mind Your Meat

Livestock create a beefy portion of all greenhouse-gas emissions: 18 percent, according to the United Nations. Eating a peanut-butter-and-jelly sandwich for lunch instead of a burger saves as much as 2.5 pounds of carbon dioxide, 280 gallons of water, and 50 square feet of land, according to the PB&J Campaign.

- Meat is the traditional choice for summer grilling, but

organic, locally grown fruits and veggies are by far the greener option. Try a fruit kabob or a grilled Portobello mushroom.

- Not into plants? You can still reduce your carbon footprint by eating chicken or fish rather than beef. Smaller animals consume fewer resources than larger animals.
- Know that beef certified by the American Grassfed Association is free of antibiotics, and the cows spent most of their lives in the pasture .

Be Ocean-Friendly - The global fishing fleet is currently 2.5 times larger than what the oceans can sustainably support, according to the World Wildlife Fund.

- Protect the ocean's diversity by only eating sustainably caught fish.
- When you're out, you can make sustainable seafood choices by texting the Blue Ocean Institutes's Fish Phone. Simply text the word "FISH" and the name of the fish to 30644, and you'll receive a message back informing you whether the fish is safe to order.

Submitted by Jennifer Retzke

CCIB Report: Restoration Update

The lower roof on the east-side of the nave has been completed. Standing seam panels are being installed on the west-side nave roof. The standing seam panels are about 6 feet long on the lower nave roofs. Historically this is correct because metal was only available in the 1850's in 5-7 foot lengths. The clerestory walls are the final sections to be completed on the roof project before the scaffolding is removed. The eye-brows that go above the round clerestory windows have arrived from Germany. The church roof should be completed by September. Weather can impact the schedule.

Scaffolding has been installed in the church and repair of plaster has begun. Colored plaster samples are being prepared to ensure a match to the colors approved by the Vestry. The interior project will also include replacing/repairing and refinishing damaged wood. Cushions and needle point items being repaired and cleaned along with reconditioning of the hymnals and prayer books by volunteers is on schedule. The church will be closed until the interior project is completed and the organ pipes, cushions, etc are installed. The interior project is scheduled to be completed in September.

The church and Memorial Garden are closed for safety purposes during the church roof and interior projects. Please observe and obey barricades and detours. Should you notice anything that appears to be a safety hazard, please inform Loch, Skipper, or John Buyse. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to give Skipper Colin or Loch Neely a call.

Submitted by Skipper Colin

Choir Note:



Choir after singing in Bristol Cathedral

This June the Nativity Choir traveled to England, singing and touring many cathedrals and sacred grounds. There were 46 who travelled together, (24 singers) including family members, and friends from Huntsville who are not members of Nativity, and some friends from even farther away. We enjoyed a beautiful and wonderful eight days of fellowship and worship. The choir gave their first performance in Canterbury Cathedral, singing on their Noontime concert series. On Trinity Sunday, June 19th, we attended morning Eucharist in Gloucester Cathedral. The next day the choir sang Evensong at Gloucester Cathedral, and the following day, Evensong in Bristol Cathedral. We rounded out our singing with trips to Windsor Castle, Westminster Abbey, Tintern Abbey, Glastonbury Abbey, Wells Cathedral, the SS Great Britain, and a full day in Oxford. It was a trip fully enjoyed and savored by all!

Please see additional photos and individual commentary on our blog: NativityChoirTour@blogspot.com

Nativity Summer Choir continues

All are welcome and invited to come once—or come weekly. Summer choir is for You!

A great way to see what it is like to sing the service (and make new friends!) Come once or come each Sunday. You will be warmly welcomed. A simple anthem and the service music will be rehearsed at 9:00 in the choir room located downstairs in Joffrion Hall for the 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist* service.

Rehearsal is at 9:00 a.m. in the choir room each Sunday. A simple anthem and the morning service music will be rehearsed for the 10:00 Holy Eucharist service.

Concert on the Lawn - August 14, 6:00 p.m.

Featuring *SlipJig*, a band dedicated to the proposition that music should be as much fun as possible. So invite your friends, bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the shade of evening on the lawn of Bibb Chapel. *SlipJig's* music comes from the traditions of Ireland, Scotland, and other Celtic lands. It spans a range of styles from high-energy jigs and reels to ancient airs and ballads to raucous pub songs. *SlipJig* plays with (mostly) traditional instruments in a (mostly) traditional style and while they make an effort not to break tradition, they admit to bending it on occasion.



Honor the Martyrs of Alabama: Join others from Nativity and other parishes as we travel to the Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage in Hayneville on August 13.

The Episcopal Diocese of Alabama and the Commission on Race Relations will host the pilgrimage, honoring Daniels and others who gave their lives in the civil rights movement. This year's observance will include a Service of Remembrance, Repentance and Reconciliation for the Church's part in the tragedy of slavery and the sin of racism. The service is the culmination of a three-year project conducted by the Commission called "Past

Imperfect Present Hope". A timeline of the history of the Diocese beginning with its earliest parishes through the Civil War, Reconstruction, the Jim Crow years and segregation, through the turbulent civil rights period to present time will be on display for education purposes and personal reflection.

TRANSPORTATION: leave Nativity 6:30 am; \$10 donation for expenses

We will arrive at Hayneville Courthouse for the 11:00 service with The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley, Celebrant

MORE INFORMATION: Rev. Brad Landry, 533-2374; blandry@nativity-hsv.org

Mark Your Calendar: Hildegard is Coming !

"Hildegard of Bingen and the Living Light"
A One Woman Play will be presented on Wednesday Night October 12,
at 7:00 pm in the Church

Linn Maxwell, mezzo-soprano,
reviewed by London and New York critics will be with us.

Presentation will be open to the public.

Invite a friend! Reception to follow in Parish Hall.

More information in future *Steeple*s...

Nativity Acolyte News: Delayed Acolyte Training Schedule This Year

Typically, we hold Acolyte Training for new acolytes and returning acolytes who are learning new positions, sometime after the first services in August. Because the improvements to the sanctuary are not expected to be completed until sometime in September, we have decided to delay our Acolyte Training until we move back into the renovated sanctuary. Rather than train acolytes for procedures for our temporary worship spaces, which may only be used for another six to eight weeks, we feel it will be less confusing to wait and train for our Acolyte procedures used in the main sanctuary. In the meantime, we will continue to schedule acolytes to serve just at the 10:00am service (or the 11:00am service after Labor Day).

So, we encourage all of our acolytes to come and worship at the 8:00am service throughout this summer season. We also hope that acolytes will drop by before the 10:00am service to check and make sure we have all the acolytes we need to support that service in Ridley Hall.

As soon as we have a firm date for moving back into our newly renovated sanctuary, we will put together an Acolyte Training schedule and communicate that with all of you.

Thank you for your continued patience as we anxiously anticipate the improvements to our main worship space!

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE AUGUST 2011

Since we are having our services in Bibb Chapel and Ridley Hall due to construction in the sanctuary, we have found that our acolyte needs are greatly reduced this summer. We will not be scheduling anyone to serve at the 8:00 service, and only three acolytes for the 10:00 (crucifer/server, 2 torches). Please let us know if you will be unable to serve on your scheduled day. In the meantime, always feel free to drop by the acolyte vesting area to see if we need a last minute substitute.

August 7

10:00

Crucifer/Server: Ian Briggs

Torches: Meredith Walker, Alexander Young

August 14

10:00

Crucifer/Server: Sabol Rodgers

Torches: Chase Rodgers, Neil Luther

August 21

10:00

Crucifer/Server: Reece Baugher

Torches: NK Baugher, Steuart Evans

August 28

10:00

Crucifer/Server: Madeline Sharp

Torches: Laurel Sharp, Gillian Sharp

Thanks for all your help and patience during this time of renovation at Nativity. Watch for additional information about upcoming acolyte training for the fall.

Dorrie Nutt and Kathy Woodard
Nativity Acolyte Masters

PRAYER LIST

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Margaret Robertson, George Shepard, Traudel von Spakovsky, Kim Hovater, those who are suffering from the extreme heat, Nancy Lackey, Bill Marsh, Jack Wilson, Those in recovery following the recent tornados, Brian Duerr, Kimberly Comfort, Leigh Wahl, Billy Johnston, Sr., Mark Hall, Steve Hays, Angel Colin, Carolyn Cunningham, Heather Simpson, Donald Perry, Elsie Olsen, Evin Yadegar, Scott Shelton, Kit Carlton, Joy Gass, Sara Welch, Emile Joffrion, Eileen Sullivan, John, Nancy Kelly, Julie Kirk, Joan Bennett.

We pray for our Military:

Kuwait: Spencer Colin; Afghanistan: Robert Sampson, John Orosz

We pray for the Departed:

We give thanks for the birth of a child:

Greer Katherine Baker, daughter of Margaret Day and Jonathan Baker born July 29;
Caroline Cooper, daughter of Lawren and Joe Cooper born August 2.

We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:

8/6	Henry Keener, Noah Huskey, Anna Post
8/9	Matthew Doty, Wilhelm Clardy
8/10	Gillianne Sharp, Will Crosby
8/13	Sarah Huskey
8/16	Charlotte Klos, Read Klos
8/18	Warren Towry, Emily Church

We give thanks for new members at Nativity January—June 2011 transitions:

Jason, Tracy, Sean Berman
Tracy Brown
Kathleen Byrne
James, Alisa, Rose, Hutson, Anna, and John Chilton
Mike, Megan, Cameron, and Millicent Harry
Chris, Carey, Christopher, and Crayton Lovejoy
Davis Manning
Amy Mayfield
Mike and Laura Mickels
Joyce Schultz
Jessica Smith
Elizabeth Williams

Liturgical Arts XIV: Artistic Expressions of Your Faith—August 21 - 26, KANUGA

RENEWING THE SPIRIT

ENRICHING THE MIND

INSPIRING HANDS AND VOICES

Discover or develop your personal creative abilities as you work, share and play in an encouraging Christian community. Instructors are some of the finest artisans in their field. Concentrate on one of seven areas, with each instructor employing a hands-on approach. Afternoons are free for working on projects, relaxing in the beautiful mountains of Western North Carolina or attending optional workshops. For more information or reservations contact Kanuga Conferences 828-692-9136 or www.kanuga.org.

YOUTH NEWS

Attention all EYC'ers!

- » Do you like to meet new people? Do you enjoy learning more about your diocese? How about being part of something pretty awesome? Then there's something you should be a part of – the Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage is on August 13th with a youth lock-in on August 12th. I'd love to take a group down, not only because I'm new to Alabama and new to the diocese, but because I believe that it will be an experience you'll never forget. If you want to learn more about the pilgrimage and Jonathan Daniels, check out the diocesan website here: http://dioala.org/dfc/newsdetail_2/939 they've got lots of information for you to read. To learn more about Jonathan Daniels, go here: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jonathan_Daniels.
- » Our annual rafting trip will commence on August 19th–21st at Eagle Ranch in Tennessee. Get pumped!
- » Wednesday Night Dinners (EYC style, of course!) will begin on August 17th. We'll meet at the church at 6:00 pm and walk over to Sam and Greg's for dinner and general hang out time. The first week we'll be done by 7:30pm since we'll be starting to get to know one another, but depending on what we do each week, the time could vary. This is open to all 6th–12th graders and will continue throughout the year.

For more information on these trips or EYC in general, feel free to call, email, or stop by office and ask away!

Peace,

Liz Williams

FINANCIAL CORNER Report 6/30/2011

Parish Financial Report 6/30/2011

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 87,233.07	\$ 99,620.88	\$ 518,000.43	\$ 597,725.48
Plate	\$ 3,609.86	\$ 4,610.38	\$ 29,378.02	\$ 27,662.48
Other Revenues	\$ 34,970.44	\$ 9,169.74	\$ 70,553.13	\$ 55,018.04
TOTAL	\$ 125,813.37	\$ 113,401.00	\$ 617,931.58	\$ 680,406.00
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 18,461.26	\$ 21,541.74	\$ 89,607.90	\$ 129,250.56
Personnel	\$ 57,205.18	\$ 62,558.33	\$ 377,848.03	\$ 375,350.02
Other Expenses	\$ 25,304.95	\$ 29,293.73	\$ 153,306.52	\$ 175,762.62
TOTAL	\$ 100,971.39	\$ 113,393.80	\$ 620,762.45	\$ 680,363.20
NET	\$ 24,841.98	\$ 7.20	\$ (2,830.87)	\$ 42.80

SAVE THE DATE

For Nativity's
Annual

“Celebration of
Generous
Giving”

Thursday,

October 27.

More
information
coming soon
and location to
be announced.

Reminder!

The names of parishioners to be considered for Vestry Nomination can be submitted to the Vestry Nomination Committee over the coming weeks.

Take a moment to consider someone you know who has shown interest in the current programs as well as in the long-term well-being of Nativity.

Vestry service deepens your understanding of how the church works and why it's so important to all of us.

So fill out the proposal form and send it to us.

Someone you know?

You?

Don Evans for the Vestry Nomination Committee

VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL **CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY**

NAME OF CANDIDATE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PHONE: _____

What strengths would this person bring to the Vestry?

In what Parish activities has this person participated?

Have you discussed this with the person; if elected, would he/she agree to serve on the Nativity Vestry? _____

Thank you for your input on this candidate. The Nominations Committee meets regularly to consider all proposed nominees and to ensure representative leadership from the entire Parish.

Please mail this form to the church office: 208 Eustis Ave., Huntsville 35801 or

Place it in the drop-box located in the Ridley Hall foyer or

Email it to Sally Naumann: sal.naumann@mac.com

Your Signature

Printed Name

Date

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

The Steeple is published each
1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

To submit events or articles,
you may bring them to Linda
Wheeler in the church office or
email:

linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is
Monday noon, August 15, 2011.

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson

Rector

The Rev'd Mary Anne Akin

Associate

The Rev'd Brad Landry

Associate

The Rev'd Mary E. Groff

Deacon

Suzanne Purtee

Organist/Choirmaster

Lane Tutt

Adult Christian Formation

Liz Williams

Youth Christian Formation

Elizabeth Foster

Children's Formation

Cassie Chenoweth

Assistant Children's Formation

Audrey Clayton

Nursery Coordinator

John Buyse

Property Manager

Al Ford

Sexton

Sally Stockton

Kitchen Coordinator

Beverly Franklin

Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

Connie Gadomski

Worship & Ministry Assistant

Linda Wheeler

Assistant to the Rector

Communication/Publication Admin

Prentice White

Verger/Wedding Coordinator

Vestry

Bland Warren

Senior Warden

Pat Goodson

Junior Warden

Russ Alexander

Treasurer

Donna Joffrion

Clerk

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is
on call each week.

If you need assistance from a priest
outside office hours, the priest on
call will respond to your page.

The number to call *In Case of an
Emergency Only* is 256-533-7007.

All other calls should be directed to
church phone 256-533-2455
and follow the prompts to leave a
message for a priest to respond.

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208 Eustis Ave. SE Huntsville, AL 35801

256-533-2455 Fax: 256-533-2374

www.nativity-hsv.org

**Adult Christian Formation Facilitators are gearing up for fall study groups.
Here is a sneak preview of what to expect and if you need to purchase or
order study materials:**

**Reflections Bible Study (Thursdays 9:15 a.m. - nursery available)
Begins August 18**

Esther—It's Tough Being a Woman by Beth Moore

Leaders: Lisa Caprio, Debbie Collette, Kim Hartley, Connie Stephenson, Shelley Whitney
Respond to Betsy Ford at sparksford@knology.net if you would like to attend and order a
book. Also, please indicate if you will need the nursery

**Libba Walker Bible Study (Women's Wednesday Nights 6:00 p.m.)
Begins September 7**

Living in the Land of Milk and Honey by Kathy Phillips

Leaders: Jane Brocato, Kay Wheeler, Sarah Gessler, Anne Robinson, Lane Tutt
Contact Lane Tutt to order your book 256-533-2455 ltutt@nativity-hsv.org

**The Good Book Women's Bible Study (Wednesdays 1:00 p.m.)
Begins September 14**

Study this fall: The Parables

Leaders: Susan Morley, Ann Bishop, Evie Spearman, Marty Askins
Contact: Carole Sue Goodwin 256-534-4477

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL 10:00 am begins September 11

The Book Class meets in Ridley Hall

The Gift of the Jews by Thomas Cahill

Leaders: Evie Spearman and guest speakers
Class members need to purchase their own book

The Zimmerman Bible Class meets in Library

Study begins with study of Elijah followed by study of Romans

Leaders: Elise Taylor, Pride Sherrill, Gaines Watts, Virginia Kobler, Suzy Naumann
(book not required)

Parenting Class meets Joffrion Hall 2 East

Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not To Be Your Child's ATM
by Nathan Dungan

Leaders: Minda and Russ Alexander, Brad Landry, Mel and Tom Ford, Debbie and David
Collette, Emily and Robert Rodgers, Connie and Rusty Stephenson, Andy Anderson
Class members need to purchase their own book.

All Things Spiritual Class meets in Joffrion 2 West

Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life by Richard Rohr

Leaders: Marilyn Lands and Blair Glenn
Class members need to purchase their own book.