

# THE STEEPLE

## The Church of the Nativity

August 17, 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.*

### While You Were Gone . . .

Dear Father Andy,

All of us at Nativity are hoping that your Sabbatical has been just what you have needed for rejuvenation of mind, body, and spirit; strengthening of family; study/research of Catechumenate; travel and vacation. We've enjoyed following your blog. I thought I'd catch you up on our summer activities while you've been away.

Our services at Bibb Chapel and Ridley have been well attended and have nurtured our spiritual community. Two of my favorites were Rev. Mary Anne Akin's reminder to "take our chair with us" this summer wherever we pray and Rev. Brad Landry's Trinity-Made-Easy lesson! Susanna Phillips popped in to treat the early service parishioners to *Ave Maria* like you've never before heard it—filling the chapel with her lovely voice.

The choir had a great tour of England, sharing their music while visiting 5 cathedrals. They blogged too! We are getting to be such a techie bunch of Christians, vicariously enjoying our members' travel fun!

110 of our children had a fun learning experience at Vacation Bible School with the Shake It Up Café lead by Elizabeth Foster and her talented team of 35 volunteers! The focus for the cooking was on the festivals in the Bible with the children learning Bible verses daily and the 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> graders going on mini-mission trips here in town. The youth welcomed their new Youth Minister, Liz Williams, at a pool party, and she has been developing some exciting plans for the year with them.

The Greene Street Market has continued to grow and be successful. We got our zoning waver and are now back in our own parking lot and green space. Good produce, food, flowers, music, and cooking ideas have been enjoyed by all! Marilyn Evans and her crew are the hardest working folks and we are lucky to have them. What a gift this market has been to Huntsville and the farmers!

We were sad to see the closing of The Mustard Seed after almost 5 years. Blair and Catti have provided such a loving service to our church and the community. We will continue to look for a good way to use that space.

We elected a new bishop! The delegates/alternates went to the Walk About to hear the 4 candidates; we returned very impressed with them. We heard input from Nativity parishioners July 10<sup>th</sup> between services and shared our impressions in a gathering in Ridley. The delegates voted and, after only one ballot, the Rt. Rev. Kee Sloan was elected as our 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Alabama! We all have prayed for this decision to be a good one and now pray for his good leadership.

We are moving ahead with our Capital Campaign building projects. The copping of the roof has almost been completed; it is beautiful and will serve us for years to come. Our consulting architect from Virginia who specializes in church architecture, Father John Runkle, has worked with our own John Cline, Jr. and Beverly Farrington to give the Design Committee suggested colors for the sanctuary, and, after many meetings, that committee has offered colors to the Vestry which have been approved.

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### 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)

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Father Runkle met with the parish on July 24<sup>th</sup> to explain his reasoning. Work has begun on plastering. Father Runkle recommended, while the scaffolding is up, that we “clean” the wood to remove the opaqueness caused by the varnish in the sanctuary and allow the wood grain to show. He also suggested lighting changes and a new gold runner. However, due to cost over-runs on copper and plaster, the Vestry decided that we could not afford to do those things at this time. We did not feel it would be financially responsible to add that large expense for optional projects. We are also going to have to delay work on the plaster in Bibb Chapel for the same reasons.

The Nominating Committee has already been meeting to ready the parish for our first election of vestry members under the new process from the recent change to our bylaws. Suggestions for nominations are being solicited.

Outreach has been active, collecting \$7000 for our adopted tornado family. We have sent Will Taylor to Haiti and are using diocesan grant money to provide fresh vegetables from the Greene St. Market to Russel Erskine residents.

I have realized how fortunate we are to have so many capable staff members and parishioners who have so willingly and so ably taken on additional responsibilities during your absence. Although we are so glad that you’ve had this special sabbatical time, we will welcome you back with open arms on August 28<sup>th</sup>. It has been a good reminder to us of the many facets of our church that you oversee and how fortunate we are to have you!

In Christ Who Strengthens Us,



Pat Goodson  
Junior Warden

## PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

### MINISTRY FAIR IN A BAG NEXT SUNDAY AUGUST 28

After each service look for the “bag-ladies” to receive your Nativity Logo Bag filled with goodies including CDs, Bookmarks, The Green Book Parish Information and Directory, and other ministry related items.

## Parish OUTreach Highlights for You to Know !

- Nativity has sent \$1000 to Episcopal Relief and Development for Famine Aid in Somalia.
- Nativity Outreach will purchase and contribute cases of paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues for Tornado Families Gifting on September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Monrovia Community Center. This continuing effort in assistance is being sponsored by several local churches so that storm victims can restock their personal pantries. We have allocated \$600.00 for this project.
- Nativity Outreach, through a Diocesan Grant, is purchasing fresh produce from The Greene Street Market on Thursday Evenings. The items are taken to Russel Erskine Apartments on Friday morning. The produce is sorted and bagged by residents for each person in the complex.
- Nativity’s Children in Vacation Bible School raised \$527.00 for the Oscar Mason Housing Project After-School Program. Backpacks and school supplies were purchased. Children received the gifts at their library on Friday August 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you, kids of Nativity!
- We care about a wide-range of people and their needs. We want you to know how our dollars are making a difference in many lives!

# The Youth Perspective – The Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage

by Spencer Anglin and Julie DiFranco

On August 12 & 13, 2011 Liz Williams took us to Montgomery and Hayneville for the Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage. Friday night we arrived at Reverend Chip Broadfoot's house for a lock in with other youth from the diocese. Chip is the



*Julie (far left) and Spencer (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) join others holding pictures of the martyrs.*

associate rector at Church of the Ascension in Montgomery. It was great to hang out with a few other youth from the diocese. We had dinner and watched a video about Jonathan Daniels. Some of us had been to the pilgrimage before, but it was our first time to participate. It was good to watch the documentary and find out more information about Daniels. We woke up the next morning, had breakfast, and loaded up the vans. Then around 10:00, we set forth and headed to Hayneville, where the pilgrimage would take place. Once there we gathered as a group with the other participants of the pilgrimage in the middle of the square. Some of us were asked to hold

pictures of some of the martyrs that were killed during the Civil Rights Movement. We held two of the four young girls that were killed

on September 15, 1963 at the 16<sup>th</sup> Street Baptist Church in Birmingham after a bomb was set off. The pilgrimage was started with a walk to the Hayneville



*Julie, Liz, and Spencer in the courthouse.*

Jail where Daniels and several others were kept prisoner. A few days later they were released. After being released, Daniels and a few others walked across the street to Varners Cash Store to buy some drinks for the group. They were threatened and Daniels put himself in front of 16 year old

Ruby Sales and was shot by Tom Coleman. Our next stop was to the store where Daniels was killed. We both thought it was a very moving event. We went to the courthouse where Colman was acquitted of all charges related to the death of Daniels. We had Eucharist at the courthouse. It was a very powerful experience

learning about how these people were killed. It was a great weekend and we would highly recommend it for anyone, adult or youth, to be a part of it in the future.



*The whole group of youth and youth leaders. The group consisted of folks from Grace Anniston, Ascension Montgomery, and Nativity Huntsville.*

## LOOKING FOR A WEEKDAY/EVENING STUDY GROUP?

Here is a sneak preview of what to expect and if you need to purchase or order study materials:

**Young Adults Small Group meets each Monday at 7:00 (off-site) Contact: Brad Landry**

**Men's Wednesday Morning Bible Study (7:15 a.m.)—Begins September 7 in the Library Contact: Church office**

**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.

**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



## CCIB Report: Restoration Update (for photos see next page)

All roofs and gutters have been completed. The clerestory walls project and downspouts installation must be completed before the scaffolding is removed. The eye-brows that go above the round clerestory windows have arrived from Germany. The church roof project including removal of scaffolding should be completed by September. Weather can impact the schedule.

Scaffolding has been installed in the church and repair of plaster has begun. More plaster damage than expected was found, but is still a modest amount. Colored plaster samples are being prepared on the nave walls 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 are being repaired and cleaned along with reconditioning of the hymnals and prayer books by Rie Linton with help of son, Bartlee and daughter, Dorothie. Over 50 *Books of Common Prayer* need to be replaced. Many others are being repaired. The church will be closed until the interior project is completed and the organ pipes, plaques, art, 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.

Skipper Colin

## THE VINE Pastoral Counseling Center... Your partner in ministry

The Vine is particularly grateful to the Church of the Nativity for the donation of our new office space at 333 Franklin. It has fostered a year of much growth for us. Thank you! We have added a full-time therapist and two interns. In 2011, through the end of July we provided 1743 sessions with 246 of those being Scholarship assisted sessions.

The Vine is an ecumenical pastoral counseling center that promotes emotional healing with the love and grace of Christ for individuals, couples, families and congregations. The Vine is a specialized ministry of the Church, bringing healing and restoring the Body of Christ. We help with depression, anxiety, insecurities, life-transition, grief, recovery from abuse, conflict resolution and reconciliation. We are helping individuals and families live more whole.

We hope you will also take advantage of these additional ways we are serving the community:

- **Self-Help Lending Library**, 333 Franklin St. Suite 300 Donations accepted daily, 8:00 to 11:30 a.m., Free to public
- **Surviving the Suicide of a Loved One Support Group**, Every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, 11:45-1:00 am, Church of the Nativity Episcopal
- **Post Disaster Support Group**, Monday Evenings. 7:00-8:30 pm, Good Shepherd UMC

Do you know someone who needs this support? Please help us spread the word. Contact us at 256-461-8580, [www.vinepcc.com](http://www.vinepcc.com); Like us on *Facebook*.



# Farmers' Market

every thursday 4pm - 8pm  
may 19<sup>th</sup> - september 29<sup>th</sup>  
[www.greenestreetmarket.com](http://www.greenestreetmarket.com)

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

This is a producer-only market so the farmers and confectioners will be on hand for you to meet and to answer any questions about their products.

## WORK IN PROGRESS AUGUST 2011





## MUSIC NEWS

# VOICE for LIFE

A recent article in the Huffington Post was titled “Musicians are Probably Smarter than the Rest of Us!”

The first sentence is quoted here: Want to keep your mind healthy and sharp throughout your life? Pick up an instrument. A new study found that musicians might have brains that function better than their peers well into old age. (July 20

Huffingtonpost: [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/07/20/music-intelligence\\_n\\_904124.html?ref=fb&src=sp](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/07/20/music-intelligence_n_904124.html?ref=fb&src=sp))

As the Organist/Choirmaster here at Nativity I want to remind everyone that the

Choir Program at Nativity is a wonderful tuition free education for children, youth, and adults. A few of the things we focus on with the youngest singers are: matching pitch, discovering the singing voice and the speaking voice, singing with expression, producing a pleasing tone, pronouncing words clearly, learning singing posture and how to breathe like a singer.

As the children transition in school they also transition in choir to being able to read and understand rhythms, reading music signs and terms, and how the musical scale works. Additionally they learn worship skills and that singing is a gift we give to God, singing in a choir helps other people worship God, what the words to the song mean, and about the liturgy and worship of the Episcopal Church.

We also include teamwork skills which enable a choir to sound and function as one entity, and make strong friendships in a positive setting. Everyone makes a contribution and regular attendance is encouraged. Together we make our play like work and our work like play.

Nativity is a great place to refresh your musical skills and to allow your children to experience what joy comes from making music -- with added benefits for many other areas of their life. Remember, your voice is one instrument you carry with you and are never without! For specific information on all choirs and choir rehearsals contact Suzanne.



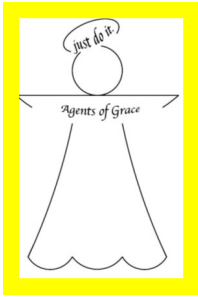
**Nativity Summer Choir continues through August** All are welcome and invited to come once—or come weekly. **Summer choir is for You!** A great way to see what it is like to sing the service (and make new friends!) Come once or come each Sunday. You will be warmly welcomed. A simple anthem and the service 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.

### 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.*

Presentation will be open to the public. Invite a friend!  
Reception to follow in Parish Hall. More information in future *Steeple*s...



## **JUST DO IT!**

### **First Stop Breakfast**

Has your group been taking a break for the summer? When you get back together, consider volunteering for making and serving a breakfast at First Stop! Lane Tutt needs groups for Mondays, November 7 and December 5. The groups of 4-5 people will make the casseroles, buy the fruit and coffee, cook/butter the biscuits, and serve it Monday from 8:15-9 a.m. The cost is reasonable when you divide it among your members. **You will have a grand time and the clients there will be so appreciative!** Contact Lane Tutt (256) 533-2455

### **Russel Erskine-Veggies and Fruit**

What a **fun volunteer opportunity** and a **minimal time** commitment!! Do you like to **shop** at the **Greene St. Market**? Do you like to **help others**? If you answered yes, this job is for you! Nativity's Outreach needs 10 people in all to help with their "Fruit and Veggies for Russel Erskine Residents" project for which we received a Diocesan grant.

**Contact:** Sarajane Tarter, (256) 337—9541 or [starter@hiwaay.net](mailto:starter@hiwaay.net)

**Job Description:** Volunteers shop from 7:30- 8:30 p.m. on Thursdays with Wayne Laney at Greene St. Market for the food items. The Nativity volunteer keeps the items in his/her car (rolling carts provided) until he/she delivers the items to the Russel Erskine the next morning (Friday) from 9 -9:30 a.m. A RE resident will meet you and food carts are emptied on tables in the dining hall. The volunteer returns the carts to Nativity.

**Dates:** August 25th - September 29th, every Thursday evening from 7:30 to 8:30 and every Friday morning from 9:00 to 9:30 AM. (Person needs to be the same on Thursday & Friday since they will have the food in their car on Thursday to deliver it on Friday).

## **INTERCESSION REQUESTS**

### **We pray for those who are ill or recovering:**

Bob Sampson, Hap Welch, Nancy Lackey, Bill Marsh, Kimberly Comfort, Those in recovery following the recent tornados, Sterling Smith, Ann Epps, Laura Brown, Jack Wilson, George Shepard, Traudel von Spakovsky, Kim Hovater, Brian Duerr, Leigh Wahl, Billy Johnston, Sr., Angel Colin, 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 give thanks for the birth of a child:**

Hunter Candace Ray, daughter of Brooke and Charles Ray.

Samuel Beaudry Cline of Jennifer and John Cline, Jr., grandchild of Pattie and John Cline.

### **We give thanks for the birthdays of our children:**

8/20	Sumter Park
8/22	Quintin Maddox, Alice Burson, David Burson
8/23	Robin Austin
8/24	Lillianne Dollarhide
8/26	Elizabeth Evans, Hannah Huskey
8/28	Austin Ramsey
8/29	Lucy Ellis, Sam Hartley
8/30	Rachel Joffrion
9/1	Caroline Baugher
9/2	Jane Havron
9/6	Patrick Ahearn
9/8	Henry Crosby
9/9	Mary McClung, Campbell Berger, Emma Baggette

## YOUTH NEWS

On Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, Liz took Julie DiFranco and Spencer Anglin down to Hayneville for the Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage. We stayed in Montgomery on Friday night with some other youth from the diocese and then went over to the pilgrimage on Saturday. It was a really great experience for all involved and I can't wait to take a bigger group next year! For more information on how it all happened, check out The Youth Perspective article written by Julie and Spencer.

This week we kick off Youth Wednesday Night Dinner (YWND) on August 17<sup>th</sup> – yay! This is open to grades 6-12. We'll meet up at the church in the EYC Room at 6:00 pm, hang out for a bit, and then head over to Sam & Greg's for dinner. If you can't be there right at 6, show up whenever you can – the more the merrier! Get ready for some good fun and great food as we start to ease in to youth fun for the year!

September 11<sup>th</sup> is the big day - Sunday School and EYC begin! For our first meeting as an EYC, we'll come together as a large group (both junior and senior high) at 5:00, hang out, play some games, get to know each other a little bit, and then head out to dinner to close out the evening. There will be more info about this in the weekly youth emails and Facebook messages. If I don't have your email address, pass it on and you'll be added to the list.

Once EYC starts going, I'll need parents and volunteers to provide dinner for the EYC meetings each week. If you're interested, please let me know. This is open to all in the parish – you

## STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION

### **Easy Green Lifestyle Tips for the Home and Garden**

#### **Green Remodeling Tips:**

- When removing old cabinets and countertops, carefully disassemble them and reuse the materials elsewhere in your home, or donate them to an organization like Habitat for Humanity.
- Save energy by going double-paned when replacing windows.

**Water Saving Tips:** Fast Fact: If each U.S. household installed one low-flow sink faucet or aerator, it would save more than 60 billion gallons of water annually.

- Use a broom instead of a hose to clear your driveway.
- Your lawn only needs .5 to 1.5 inches of water per week, so use an empty tuna can to measure when you've reached the limit.
- Air drying uses 15 to 50 percent less energy in practically the same amount of time, so use your dishwasher's air-dry setting instead of the heat-dry option.

#### **Green Kitchen Tips:**

- Reuse glass jars: Glass jars are great for transporting soups, smoothies, and other liquids to work. No more exploding plastic containers!
- Take the no paper towel challenge! Use one cloth towel for counters and another for clean dishes. Your wallet and our nations' forests will thank you.

**Protect Plants Without Pesticides:** Before you apply organic treatments, be sure to research their effect on beneficial insects like ladybugs.

- Garlic and cayenne pepper can be used to deter pesky aphids.
- Used coffee grounds make a great fertilizer for plants that thrive in acidic soil, like rhododendrons or azaleas. Sprinkle coffee grounds and eggshells around the base of plants to repel ants (who can exacerbate an aphid problem), snails, and slugs.

**Composting:** Turn Food Scraps into "Gardener's Gold"

- Get to know your neighbors by starting a community compost pile. Most horticulturists recommend that open compost piles be at least 3ft x 3ft x 3ft, which is a lot of space to fill for the average backyard gardener. Invite your neighbors to contribute whatever raw material and hard work they can to the compost pile in your backyard.
- Short on space? Not to worry: compost bins come in a variety of sizes and shapes.

**Grow Your Own Herbs:** A small indoor herb garden adds greenery to a home while providing fresh, flavorful accents for winter recipes.

- Basil, thyme, oregano, sage, and parsley are great herbs for beginning gardeners.
- Place your plants in a spot where they'll receive at least five hours of sunlight. Keep the soil moist and enjoy your locally grown herbs all winter.

Submitted by: Jennifer Retzke



## What is this thing we call 'stewardship?'

*[Stewardship is an often misinterpreted word that sometimes causes people to stop listening even before the conversation has begun. Many think of stewardship as nothing more than the annual brow-beating of parishioners to give more money. Most people don't fully understand stewardship and most churches do a poor job of explaining it. Thus, over the next three months, your Stewardship Committee will publish articles in the Steeple concerning several aspects of Stewardship.]*

In its simplest form, stewardship is the managing of something that is not our own. There are cabin stewards onboard cruise ships, stewards who manage money and property for others, and all of us are called to be stewards of the Earth. God also calls us to be stewards of the important things He gives us individually: our time, our talents, and our financial resources.

The first step in understanding stewardship is to understand that nothing we possess exists because of us – it is all there through the grace of God. We acknowledge this when we sing the doxology (“Praise God from whom all blessings flow”), but we sometimes fail to practice it in everyday life. Everything we have is a gift from God – we merely manage what He gives us while we are here on Earth.

The next step in understanding stewardship is realizing that God asks us to use the resources we have been given rightly, and to return a portion for the building of His Kingdom here on Earth. Again we affirm this in presenting our offerings at the altar when we say “All things come from YOU, O Lord, and from YOUR own have we given you.” God wants us to use and enjoy the things He has given us, but He wants a part of it set aside for His use.

The final step in understanding stewardship is to realize that God is calling us to do something – to take what we know about His Grace and then transform that

knowledge into action. For Christians, that takes the form of making a commitment – a commitment of our time, our talents, and our financial resources – then following through for the betterment of God's Kingdom. Being a steward means purposefully taking action through promising some of our time, talent, and financial resources to the mission and ministry of the church.

We have all been greatly blessed by the grace of God through Jesus Christ; and as such, we all have a responsibility to generously contribute to the building of God's Kingdom here on Earth. Please take a moment to carefully look at the generosity that God has bestowed on you and then prayerfully consider how you will respond generously in return. Please prayerfully consider the abundance in your life – abundance that is truly a gift from God – then make a generous pledge to the 2012 Nativity Stewardship campaign.

NATIVITY STEWARDSHIP  
COMMITTEE

## Banister Room Art Gallery features The No. 1 Ladies' Art Class

You will find works of art by Laura Brown, Darlene Ehinger, Juliana Larson & other members of

The No. 1 Ladies' Art Class. Art for sale is numbered corresponding with the price list in a red binder on table in Banister Room.



## Pictured are Nativity attendees at The Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage

with the historic icon of Daniels, one of the Martyrs of Alabama, who was slain during the Civil Rights era. From left to right: Mary Williamson, Fr Brad Landry, Liz Williams, Julie Difranc, Spencer Anglin, Jeannie Robison, and Tim Tolar.

Photo by Dave Drachlis, DIOALA

## SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, October 27

For Nativity's Annual "Celebration of Generous Giving"  
More information coming soon and location to be announced.

# WORSHIP SCHEDULE September 2011, published 8/17/11

THURSDAY, September 1, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Akin				
SUNDAY, September 4, Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Landry out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	John Hendricks	Lee Coggins	Clay Sherrill
10:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	Ed Vaughn, Lane Mickie, Lewie Bates	Michael Innes, Merrilee Allen	Jeannie Robison
WEDNESDAY, September 7, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 pm	Landry		Mary Hendricks		
THURSDAY, September 8, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Anderson				
SUNDAY, September 11, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	Akin	Anderson	Robert Dunn, Lee Hicklen	Dianne Nettles, Ed Greene	Shirley Hale
11:00 am	Landry	Anderson	Marilyn Lands, Don Askins	Ted Briggs, Pamela Briggs	Sally Ann Culver
WEDNESDAY, September 14, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 pm	Akin		Cheryl Watts		
THURSDAY, September 15, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Anderson				
SUNDAY, September 18, Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Akin out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Landry	Groff	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Anderson	Groff	Pearline Gilpin, Bob Serio, Mike Ward	Lee Hicklen, Jeannie Robison	Lane Mickie
11:00 am	Anderson	Groff	Robin Cozby, Barbara Buice, Ronnie Rogers	Walter Thames, Elaine Hamner	Don Askins
WEDNESDAY, September 21, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 pm	Anderson		Marilyn Lands		
THURSDAY, September 22, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Landry				
SUNDAY, September 25, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	TBD	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	Anderson	TBD	Merrilee Allen, Cheryl Watts	Lewie Bates, Cassidy Bates	Jeannie Robison
11:00 am	Landry	TBD	Walter Thames, Lea Ellison	Chris Jackson, Ed Vaughn	Mary Coral Murphree
WEDNESDAY, September 28, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 pm	Landry		Don Askins		
THURSDAY, September 29, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Akin				
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8:00	Josh Kelly, Melissa Hardin, Gripp Luther, Jeff Ellis, Tom Ford, Grant Thomson, Bill Joyner			8:45	Josh Kelly, Melissa Hardin, Gripp Luther, Jeff Ellis, Tom Ford, Grant Thomson, Bill Joyner
10:00				11:00	
ALTAR GUILD					
3	Elaine Calhoun, Emily Moody, Judy Heacock, Sara Little, Caffey Litkenhous			10	Kakki Brooks, Judy Vann, Nancy Colin, Wanda Cobb, Sara Little
17	Beth Pugh, Debbie Joyner, Caffey Litkenhous, Kathryn Mahoney, Lea Ann Barnett			24	Linda Watts, Marcia Machek, Wanda Cobb, Louise Reynolds, Judy Vann

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE ~ SEPTEMBER 2011

Once again, we've not been able to schedule many acolytes due to the renovation in the Sanctuary. If you are scheduled but unable to attend, please arrange for a substitute. If you're not scheduled, do stop by our vesting hallway to see if we need any extras, as we often do. Hopefully we'll be able to schedule acolyte training during October and return to normal for the rest of the year. Thanks for your patience and willingness to serve.

**Sept 4** 10:00 Cru/Server: Elizabeth Moody T: Hall Blake Bryant, Jackson Grelier

### NOTE CHANGE IN SERVICE TIMES: BACK TO SCHOOL YEAR SCHEDULE

<b>Sept 11</b> 8:45 Cru/Server: Tripp Ford	T: Palmer Ford, Allie Stames	10:00 Cru/Server: Julie DiFranco	T: John Laney, Karl Schneider
<b>Sept 18</b> 8:45 Cru/Server: Harrison Hunter	T: Windham Hunter, Meredith Walker	10:00 Cru/Server: Julie DiFranco	T: Powell Stockton, Savannah Watson
<b>Sept 25</b> 8:45 Cru/Server: Rosie Chilton	T: John Chilton, Anna Chilton	10:00 Cru/Server: Elise Nelson	T: Celeste Nelson, Rachel Joffion

## 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:

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The deadline for the next issue is  
Monday noon, Sept. 5, 2011.

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### 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  
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**SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL September 11, 10:00 a.m.**  
for all ages nursery, children, youth, and adults.

**Below are adult class titles:**

**The Book Class will meet in Bibb Chapel during Nave renovation**

*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.