

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

April 4, 2012

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.

The Way of the Cross

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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In 2008, while in Jerusalem, I walked the Way of the Cross, the *Via Dolorosa* (the way of sorrows), through the crowded streets of Jerusalem. Walking in Jesus' steps along with several hundred other pilgrims brings home the impact of the journey to the cross made for me, made for us, indeed made for the whole world. Although the city walls have been expanded and those ancient streets paved over, the historical path Jesus trod is still taken.

The Stations of the Cross liturgy the church enacts during Holy Week all over the world is offered in the original locale in Jerusalem. The distance Jesus travelled that Good Friday is real. The suffering and pain he chose to know sinks in. The last few stations are at the great Church of the Holy Sepulcher, which encompasses both the traditional sites of Calvary, Christ's place of crucifixion, and his tomb—the place of resurrection. There, you can kneel at the location of the foot of the cross, just as we will kneel in humble gratitude and awe on Good Friday at Nativity. And you can enter the tomb that was discovered empty that first Easter morning, just as we will discover Resurrection joy at Nativity on Easter.

In that great church of the Holy Sepulcher, death and life, crucifixion and life, are there at the same place, but the final word is always resurrection. Walking the Way of the Cross, we find it to be none other than the way of life and peace.

The church invites you to walk in the way of the cross over these next three days—The Triduum, the Three Great Days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday—and to find this way none other than the way of life and peace. Walking in the way of the cross, we discover Christ's self-giving love and life anew. We go the distance with him for he has certainly gone the distance for us.

Beginning with our Maundy Thursday service at 6:00 p.m., we move with Christ from the Last Supper to his betrayal and desertion in the Garden of Gethsemane. Following Christ's *mandatum* (commandment) that we love one another as he has loved us, we observe foot washing. This is optional, but be prepared if you choose to participate. Maundy Thursday concludes with the stripping of the altar.

I encourage you to keep silent prayer vigil in the Bibb Chapel following this service. Filled with votive candles, this beautiful setting inspires us to keep watch with our Lord. The Altar of Repose in the Bibb Chapel where the blessed Sacrament is kept in reserve for Good Friday is open for silent prayer until 11 p.m. on Thursday night and again, at 6 a.m. to Noon on Good Friday.

Observing the solemnity of Good Friday and Holy Saturday by fasting and reflection builds your readiness for the burst of Easter joy. Our Noon Good Friday service includes the veneration of the Cross and Communion from the reserved sacrament. The service allows for you to come and go as your schedule allows (entire service lasts 1 and ½ hours). The church is open for meditation and prayer until 3:00 p.m., when the great bourdon bell tolls Christ's death.

Attending the Easter Vigil on Saturday night at 7:30 p.m., you will make the transition from darkness, through the waters of baptism, to resurrection light as we herald Easter with great fanfare, singing, and ringing bells (don't forget to bring your bells!). Our Easter Day services are always glorious on Sunday morning with great music, including the Flint River Brass.

Walking in the way of the Cross, we discover that regardless of the Good Fridays we have known, resurrection life is won for us by our Lord's walking that way first. Will you walk with him this year?



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

*See back page
for Holy Week
Services.*

WORSHIP TIMES

(* Nursery available)

7:45 a.m. Rite I
Holy Eucharist
(Bibb Chapel)

8:45 a.m.* Rite II
Holy Eucharist and
Children's Chapel

11:00 a.m.* Rite II
Holy Eucharist

Church School
10:00 a.m.*

THURSDAY:

6:00 p.m.
Holy Eucharist
Rite II
(Bibb Chapel)

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PARISH NEWS and EVENTS

Reflections Bible Study Year-end study

The study group will close out the year by reading *Sons of Encouragement* by Francine Rivers. This is a collection of 5 stories of 5 men of the Bible. It is considered a biblical, historical fiction. Our first class will start on April 12 and run for 5 weeks. (We will take a break for the summer resuming in September.) Please have the first story read by April 12. The books are available in The Source Books and Gifts 256-771-3176. Hope to see many of you! Nursery is provided; for more information about this study group contact Betsy Ford at 256-650-3995 or sparksford@knology.net.



the Greene Street Market
at Nativity
every Thursday 4pm - 8pm
May 3 - October 25
The Greene Street Market at Nativity
www.greenestreetmarket.com
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Branches of Art Event to be held at Huntsville Botanical Garden

Please join The Vine at their *Branches of Art* event on Thursday, May 10, 2012, from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. in The Arbor at the Huntsville Botanical Garden. This event features a silent ART auction, raffle and hors d'oeuvres by Narvell. Auction includes: paintings, ceramics, sculptures, jewelry, photographs, prints, needlework, pottery and other forms of ART. It's business attire and costs \$40 per person. Please help us meet the growing demand - CONNECT TO THE VINE by making pastoral counseling a possibility for all and by bringing emotional healing with the love and grace of Christ. The Church of the Nativity has been supporting The Vine since 2010 and we wish them well with their first fundraiser. For more information, please contact The Vine at (256) 461-8580 or speak with Helen Vaughn at 256-534-4422 from Nativity.

Chalice Bearer Training

On Sunday, April 22nd following the 11:00 service, Fr. Anderson will conduct training for those interested in becoming a Chalice Bearer for Eucharistic services at Nativity. To register, contact Connie in the church office at cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org or 256-533-2455.

Habitat of Madison County celebrates 25th Anniversay

In honor of this celebration a reception and dinner will be held Thursday, May 3 at the Von Braun Center. Reception begins at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and program will begin at 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$75 per person; \$125 per couple. For more information contact Bill Giardini. Everyone is invited.



April Work Schedule for 6330 Banks Road:

5, 7	Install insulation
10, 12, 14	Paint walls
17, 19, 21	Clean floors and windows, install vinyl tile, landscape
24, 26, 28	Install and paint interior doors and trim, install cabinets and electrical fixtures.

Regular working hours are from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a break for lunch around noon. *Lunches are provided on Saturdays only.* Bring carpentry tools, a utility knife, and gloves if you have them. If you would like to volunteer contact Bill Giardini 539-0973, giardiniw@bellsouth.net

Youth News - Will you get tired of Easter Eggs and Candy?

Then meet your youth leader and others at Sam and Greg's this Sunday, April 8 at 6:00 for dinner. Bring money for your dinner but GELATO is on me! 😊

NATIVITY YOUTH WEBSITE, check it out to stay informed www.nativityyouth.org

Peace, Liz

The Mission Guild will meet 10:00 AM, Monday, 16 April 2012

In the Joffrion Hall Library. Deacon Jeannie Robison will be our speaker.

All Church of the Nativity women are invited to join us. If you have questions, please call Sue Rowan, 256-536-1811, or Mary Vann, 256-881-2927.



"Hands of Francis" the newest ministry of the Outreach Committee is now in it's second



month of providing food to the families of the children who attend the after-school program at the Oscar Mason Library. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to purchase staples and some perishable food items on the last Friday of the month.

Members of the Outreach Committee, with the help of some of the children and Library employees, fill "shopping bags" to be collected by the families on Friday afternoon. Since many of these families have exhausted their food stamps by the end of the month we are able to send them off with food to last for at least another week. There are 13 families represented that includes 43 individuals. The largest family has 7 members and the smallest family has 3 members.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 2012—Reservations continue and open to public.

Rector Andy Anderson and Academy Travel will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land October 12 – October 27, 2012. The cost is \$4521.00 per person including airfare departure Friday morning from Huntsville and returning to Huntsville Saturday afternoon. (Does not include airline fuel surcharge and taxes.) Deposit at time of application is \$500.00 (fully refundable until airline reduction date.) Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. If interested, please [send a note to Linda Wheeler](#) or call 256-533-2455 and the information will be mailed to you. Click for [registration form](#), [pricing](#), and [itinerary](#). *Note: All registrations and deposits should go directly to Academy Travel, not to Nativity.*

Its time again to prepare for our annual "MAY I help you?" collection. This year, our Parish has been asked to collect LARGE Beach Towels for Sawyerville. We will begin collecting **May 6th**, and on every Sunday through **May 27th**. Bins will be placed in Ridley Hall. Our goal is to collect 112 towels.

**MAY I
HELP ?
YOU**

Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace
UNIVERSITY

What would your life look like if you had NO DEBT and were really IN CONTROL of your money? Are you ready to take the first step?

Learn more about Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University on Sunday, May 6th 10:00,

Ridley Hall. Dave Ramsey, a personal money management expert, is an extremely popular national radio personality and author of the New York Times best sellers THE TOTAL MONEY MAKEOVER, FINANCIAL PEACE, and MORE THAN ENOUGH. Please join Drew and Lane as they introduce the series on May 6th and the 10 week class, beginning Tuesday, June 5th at 6:00 p.m. For more information contact Lane Tutt: ltutt@nativity-hsv.org; 256-533-2455; 256-653-7200.



Do you
enjoy watching
the birds
in your own backyard?

Do you enjoy watching the birds in your own backyard?

Would you like to know more about them?

If so, come to the next Top of the Hill Gang luncheon and hear Patti Donnellan, Park Naturalist at Lake Guntersville State Park. Her program – ***Backyard Birds*** – is one of the Park's most popular events. She will bring slides to illustrate the beauty of the birds in Alabama and help us learn to identify them.

Date: Tuesday, April 24, 2012.

Cost: \$8.00

Time: 11:30 for appetizers and social time, 12:00 noon for lunch, and 12:30 for Patti.

Make your reservation by Monday, April 23, at noon by calling the Nativity office, 256-533-2455.

What is a Cursillo Weekend? Cursillo is a Spanish word for "short course." A Cursillo weekend is a short course in Christian living and practice, led by lay persons and directed by Episcopal clergy. It happens at beautiful Camp McDowell and all expenses are covered as a gift to you by the Cursillo community. There are three Cursillo weekends set for remaining 2012: June 7-10, September 6-9, and October 11-14. If you are interested in attending a Cursillo weekend or want more information, please contact David or Debbie Collette, 256-830-2451. Application deadline for June session is April 26.

CHILDREN'S NOOK

Holy Week Schedule :

- **Stations of the Cross TODAY April 4, at 6:00**

Meet in the church at 6:00 for this visual walk through Jesus' crucifixion.



- **Maundy Thursday service is April 5th at 6:00.** The children's Maundy Thursday Service will take place in Bibb Chapel. The kids (age 5 - 10) will have their own Agape Meal and will then meet parents in the church for the foot washing and the Stripping of the Altar.

(Nursery available by prior reservation only.)

- **The Great Vigil of Easter, Saturday, 7:30 pm.** This is a very powerful service. The Club 56 class is invited to sit as a group and then stay to help hide Easter Eggs for the big hunt!
(Nursery is not available for this evening service.)

- **Easter Sunday is April 8th!**

Celebration time! Meet in Ridley Hall before the 8:45 service with your mite boxes. All children are invited to process together and "Flower the Cross" with their mite boxes. Bring some flowers from home to decorate your mite box.



The Easter Egg Hunt will take place between the 8:45 and 11:00 services. Everyone is to meet in Ridley Hall at 10:15 a.m. Remember there is a 10 egg limit for all children. All Kids up to age 10 are invited to participate. There will be a golden egg with a special prize. Please do not let your children hunt eggs before the official start of the hunt. Remember to get to church early to get a seat!

A Reflection on Haiti and Resurrection March 2012 by Will Taylor

What is the meaning of life? If life is suffering and pain, then what's the point? The cynic comes out in me after I go to Haiti and come back home. I ask myself, "What good can I really do? Do I really expect that I can change things by spending a week down there and then returning to my normal, busy and comfortable life? What's the point? Is it all just another meaningless drop in the ocean? Hopeless. Meaningless.

But something deep inside my soul stirs. There's a voice that contradicts my cynicism. The voice says that hopelessness, meaninglessness, and death will not defeat us. It says, "Wake up! Look around! There's life and light out there that overcome death and darkness!" In the depths of my soul, the voice tells me that the meaning of life is *RESURRECTION*. Life is not about going through the motions one day at a time. Life is about going from death to life, from darkness to light, from the belly of the whale in the depths of the sea to dry land. It's about experiencing, understanding and participating in *RESURRECTION*.

In John's gospel Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die" (John 11:25). In other words, Jesus is not only telling us that he is God, but he is also saying that he *IS* the meaning of life. He is saying that he is the one who conquers death and darkness. Through belief in him we are able to experience resurrection and life. We are able to really live. So, what's the meaning of life? Jesus.

Naturally, I want to share this good news with people. I want to tell everyone that life is not hopeless. But for fear of sounding stupid, bible---beating and religious, I don't say anything at all. Instead, I hold my cards close to my chest and go throughout my normal, busy and comfortable life. I admit that often I seek the approval of others over the approval of God. This is a major issue in my life. Through Christ, I am slowly changing.

So how do I share the Gospel? I do it by going to Haiti and helping irrigate and plant a garden. Let me explain. In Genesis we are told that man fell from grace in the Garden of Eden. In the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke we are told that Jesus agonized over his death in the Garden of Gethsemane. In John's gospel the author writes, "At the place where Jesus was crucified, there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb, in which no one had ever been laid" (John 19:41). When Mary Magdalene showed up at the tomb on the first day of the following week and saw that the stone had been removed and that the tomb was empty she began to cry thinking that someone had stolen Jesus' body. Next the author recounts the conversations that take place:

Now Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot.

They asked her, "Woman, why are you crying?"

"They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him." At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus.

He asked her, "Woman, why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?"

Thinking he was the gardener, she said, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary."

She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher")

(John 20: 11-16)

The story of the bible is my story. I was born. I died. I am now alive. The backdrop to this great drama is a garden. At the center of the garden is Christ. His resurrection changed everything. By irrigating and planting a garden in Haiti I am able to participate in Christ's resurrection. This is how I share the gospel.

Often I wonder, how did Jesus say "Mary"? Did he say her name with compassion or surprise or hope or control or love? I don't know. But what I do know is that he called her by name. And when I get cynical about life, or about my impact on Haiti, or about my own adequacy, I hear the voice of Jesus saying, "Will. I'm here. I'm alive. I've got this. Everything is okay. Calm down. You don't have to worry. I love you. I'm alive and now you can live in freedom from hopelessness, meaninglessness and death." I hear his voice. He calls me by name.

So what about this garden in Haiti at Thomazeau? Will it really help? Will it really make a difference? What's the point? The answer is simple. It's about *RESURRECTION*. It's about sharing the Gospel – the good news that Christ is risen. Jesus will take care of the rest.



Nativity's 8th Annual Parish Weekend

"We Are Family"

April 27-29, 2012 @ Camp McDowell

Registration for Parish Weekend is now open! Please complete the form below and return it with payment (checks payable to Church of the Nativity annotated *Parish Weekend*) to:

Church of the Nativity, ATTN: PARISH WEEKEND, 208 Eustis Avenue, Huntsville, AL 35801.

If you would like to discuss any special needs or have any questions, Parish Weekend committee members will be in the foyer of Ridley Hall from 10:00 – 11:00 am on March 25 and April 1.

Sign up early and get your choice of lodging location!
Registration Information

Family Name _____ E-mail _____
 Phone number (s) _____

Names & Ages of ALL family members attending:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Cabin Choice _____

Cost of Parish Weekend

- | | Total |
|--|----------|
| • Lodging
\$160 x _____ rooms = | \$ _____ |
| • Child care while parents attend Seminar \$5 per family | \$ _____ |
| • Meals (<i>children 6 and under eat free</i>)
<i>Includes Friday dinner/Saturday breakfast-lunch-dinner/Sunday breakfast</i>
people _____ x \$45 = | \$ _____ |
| • Mandatory Activity Fee per family (for Camp McDowell Staff) \$ 20.00 | |
| • T-shirts \$15 x _____ =
<div style="text-align: center;"> Sizes: (please put quantity in spaces)
 Adult: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL _____
 Youth: S _____ M _____ L _____ </div> | \$ _____ |
| • Poncho \$15 x _____ =
(one size fits all) | \$ _____ |

TOTAL= \$ _____

Questions? Call Kelley Copeland 534-6766 or Kim Huskey 656-2648

Stewardship of Creation Tip

As we prepare for warm-weather activities, and water-related activities in particular, let's think about the sources of water we use for those activities, and our WATERSHEDS specifically.

Flint River Watershed

The Flint River Watershed includes approximately 558 square miles, including over half of Madison County, Alabama. It starts in Lincoln County, Tennessee, is bounded by the mountains on the east border of Madison County, and drains into the Tennessee River east of Ditto Landing.

The Flint River Watershed is home to several species of threatened or endangered plants and animals such as the slackwater darter, Alabama cave shrimp, Price's potato bean, Morefield's leather flower, and several species of mussels, **and provides a drinking water source for many Huntsville-area residents. *Huntsville Utilities' water intake on the Tennessee River is just downstream from the mouth of the Flint River.*** Very little mixing of the rivers occurs during this short stretch due to the way Hobbs Island splits the river.

What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land that drains into the same creek, river, or lake. Any rain that falls on this land area runs OFF or drains INTO that river or lake. As water moves through the soil in the watershed and into the water table, the soil filters out many impurities the water may carry.

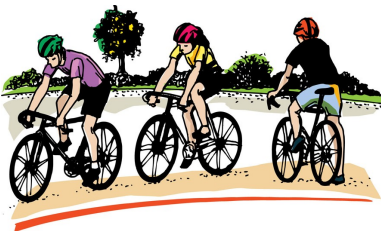
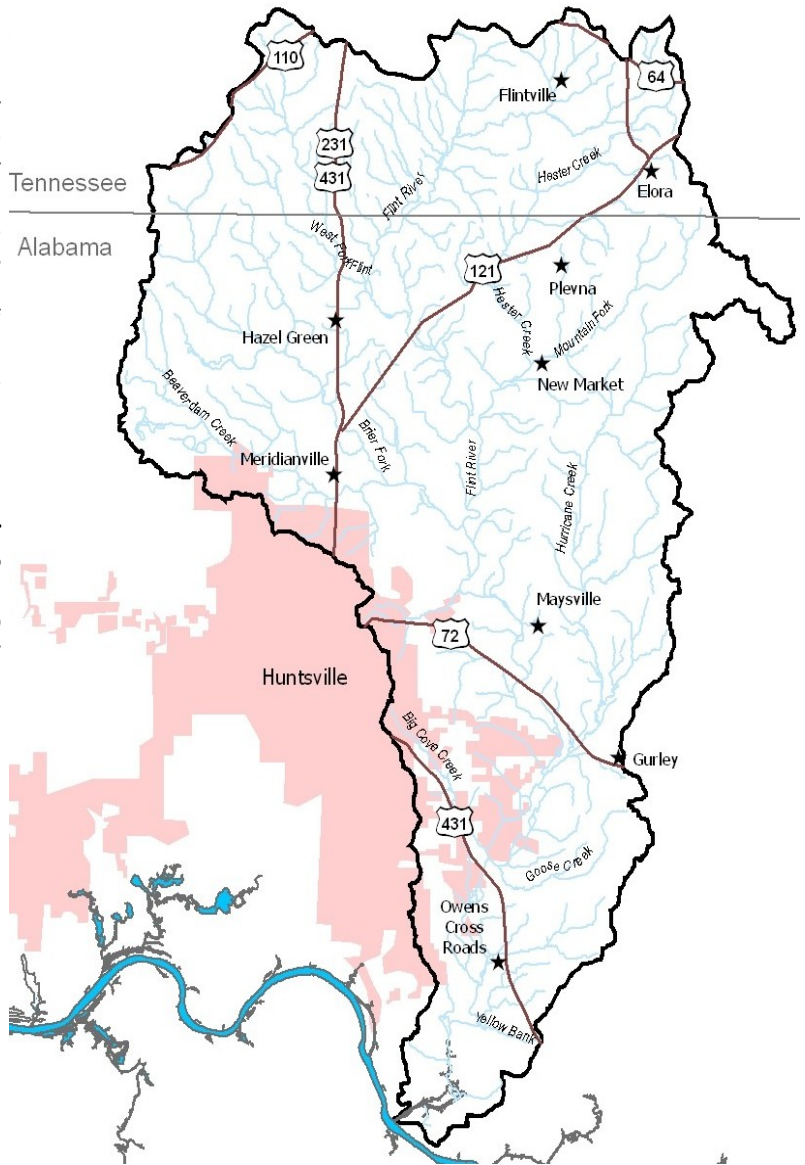
We don't often think about where rain goes after it hits the ground. Runoff from rain can carry many pollutants with it, including motor oil, gasoline, antifreeze, fertilizers, litter, and soil, among others. This runoff water either sinks into unpaved soil or is carried into a river or lake somewhere down slope. The pollutants carried by runoff then contaminate surface and groundwater.

Watersheds play an important role in filtering and storing water. A watershed with plenty of trees and other vegetation, and little pavement or exposed soil, can help filter out many pollutants in runoff before they reach rivers or lakes. Trees and other vegetation also can help prevent flooding by slowing down the runoff, thereby allowing the water to soak into the soil.

What Can You Do?

Accept responsibility for the improvement and maintenance of the natural resources on your property

- Reuse grass clippings and food waste as compost or mulch.
- Limit the use of chemical fertilizers, solvents, and phosphate detergents.
- Plant trees and ground cover to minimize erosion.
- Dispose of household hazardous waste (such as oils, paints, pesticides, and solvents) **wisely** – use first Saturday drop-off at Huntsville Landfill.
- **Treat water as a precious resource – conserve it whenever possible.**



Care of Creation Sunday at Nativity

On April 22nd all Nativity members who are able are encouraged to walk or bike to church. Casual dress is encouraged. Nativity will be observing Care of Creation Sunday by having a "paperless" Sunday. The children will have regularly scheduled Sunday School with an emphasis on taking care of our Earth.

Walk or Bike to Church

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Ann Garnett, Joe Franklin, Beth Durnya, Frank Morring, Benjamin & Henry Baldwin, Laura Warren, Margaret Smitherman, Gilda May, Joan Bennett, June Thomson, Glenda Flexner, Madison Beggs, Pauline Reynolds, Ernie Limbo, Leigh Wahl, Bill Marsh, Elsie Olsen, Joy Gass, Emile Joffrion, Eileen Sullivan, John, Nancy Kelly.

We pray for the departed:

Mary Ezeibe, mother of Joseph Ezeibe
Homer Wilson, Jr., father of Wendy Wilson

We pray for those in Military & Peace Corps:

Kuwait: Spencer Colin;
Afghanistan: Lane Sampson-Jackson, Blake Lane
The Gambia, W Africa: Marisa Benzle

We pray for our parishioners attending Cursillo
#182 at Camp McDowell April 12-15: Pilgrim -
Teresa Pinson; Staff - Debbie and David Collette.

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

4/6 Bankston Creech, Madeline Sharp
4/7 Carter Watson, Hanly Ward
4/9 Mary Kathryn Brooks
4/10 Trey Schiber, Ralph Hornsby,
Harper Dawes
4/11 Kendall McCallum
4/12 Preston Heritage, Greer Heritage
4/13 Elizabeth Walker, Brantley Johnson
4/14 Sam Rice, Sadie Anglin
4/16 Austell Baker
4/17 Ava Allen
4/18 Bradford Hall, Alex Ahearn,
Mary Ellis Alison, Madelyn Alison

We Welcome New Members:

James, Lauren, Gabrielle, and Kaia Lightfoot;

Nativity Baptism Schedule

- Sunday, May 27, 8:45 & 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, June 10, 10:00 a.m.

To schedule a baptism please contact Connie Gadomski, Ministry Assistant in the church office 256-533-2455. She will get the necessary paperwork to you.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Thursday April 5 MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:00 P.M. **arrive by 5:40 for instruction**

C H Hudson
T A Taylor, K Correale
S Rachel Joffrion
AS open
Thurifer: open

Saturday April 7 EASTER VIGIL 7:30 P.M. **arrive by 7:00 for instruction**

C M Sharp
Thurifer I Braudaway
T K Schneider, Carter McDonald
S L Sharp
AS G Sharp

Sunday April 8 EASTER SUNDAY **arrive 20 min early for instruction**

8:45	11:00
C H Hunter, N Carter	C NK Baugher, R Quillen
T C Bates, A Young	Thurifer P Quillen
T S Watson, W Hunter	T E Ellison, SL Miller
S S Purvis	T Evan Ellison, J Cozby
AS SG Moore	S Will Ellison
Banners: A Dunn, T King,	AS Julie DiFranco
M Walker	Banners: R Baugher,
	P Stockton, MM Ragland,

Sunday Apr 15

8:45	11:00
C Andrew Dunn	C E Moody, C Douthit
T J Laney	T Foster Shrout
T Leighton Luther	T Hampton Shrout
S Neill Luther	S Trace Markwalter
AS Tindall Morring	AS Lillie Markwalter

Sunday Apr 22

8:45	11:00
C R Chilton, H Hudson	C MM Ragland, P Naumann
T J Chilton	T JS Evans
T Anna Chilton	T Emily Evans
S C McDonald	S SL Miller
AS Allie Starnes	AS F Naumann

Sunday Apr 29

8:45	11:00
C Tripp Ford, M Sharp	C B Sherrill, R Quillen
T Palmer Ford	T Meredith Walker
T C Bates	T open
S L Sharp	S J DiFranco
AS G Sharp	AS P Quillen

WORSHIP SCHEDULE April 2012, published 3/21/12					
WEDNESDAY, April 4, HE Holy Wednesday					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 PM	Robison		Cheryl Watts		
6:00 PM	Anderson		N/A		
MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 5, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	
6:00 PM	Anderson	McCown	Pat Sampson, Peter Cobun	Amy Creech	
GOOD FRIDAY, April 6, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	
12:00 PM	Landry	Anderson	N/A	Martha Joffrion, Mary Johnson	
HOLY SATURDAY, April 7, HE The Great Vigil of Easter					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 PM	Anderson	Landry	Ronnie Rogers, Lee Hicklen	John Conover, Melissa Kirkindall, Lee Hicklen, Roy Gowman	Ronnie Rogers
SUNDAY, April 8, Sunday of the Resurrection: EASTER DAY					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Anderson	Anderson	Lea Ann Barnett, Ken Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 AM	McCown	Anderson	Lewie Bates, Charlie Warren	Buddy Moon, Stacy Moon	Mary Coral Murphree
11:00 AM	Landry	Anderson	Peter Cobun, Walter Thames, Roy Gowman	Mike Innes, Mickey Ellis	Deborah Baker
WEDNESDAY, April 11, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 PM	Anderson		Mary Hendricks		
THURSDAY, April 12, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 PM	Landry				
SUNDAY, April 15, Second Sunday of Easter					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Anderson-out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Landry	Landry	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 AM	TBD	Landry	Warren Vann, Mike Ward, Lane Mickle	Ed Greene, Meredith Walker	Clay Sherrill
11:00 AM	TBD	Landry	Ed Vaughn, Marilyn Lands, Pat Sampson	Chris Jackson, Martha Joffrion	Don Askins
WEDNESDAY, April 18, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 PM	Landry		Marilyn Lands		
THURSDAY, April 19, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 PM	Akin				
SUNDAY, April 22, Third Sunday of Easter					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM	Akin	Akin	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 AM	Anderson	Akin	Bob Serio, Robert Dunn	Amy Creech, Bankston Creech	Shirley Hale
11:00 AM	Anderson	Akin	Ronnie Rogers, Barbara Buice	Mary Johnson, David Collette	Adalene Bledsoe
WEDNESDAY, April 25, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 PM	Akin		Don Askins		
THURSDAY, April 26 HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 PM	Landry				
SUNDAY, April 29, Fourth Sunday of Easter - Parish Weekend					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 AM		TBD	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 AM			Lee Hicklen, Lewis Bates	Melissa Kirkindall, Cassidy Bates	Lee Hicklen
11:00 AM			Merrilee Allen, Janet Robbins	Roy Gowman, Lee Coggins	Martha Bosworth
USHERS					
8:45	Neal Machek, Beverly Farrington, Ed Starnes, Rae Starnes, Bland Warren, Austin King, Mike Ward				

[The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman and Contemplative Outreach Birmingham are sponsoring an Intensive Centering Prayer retreat to be held in Cullman, Alabama April 27-29.](#) This retreat, designed for those who have already attended an introductory retreat or workshop, will focus on developing further the discipline of Centering Prayer, a form of Christian prayer rooted in the ancient Christian contemplative tradition. The cost for the weekend is \$195/person for a private room and includes lodging, meals, and linens. For more information or to register, please contact the Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center at (256) 734-8302 or by e-mail at retreats@shmon.org.

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

To submit events or articles,
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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

A member of the clergy is
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If you need assistance from a priest
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The number to call *In Case of an
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HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

Wednesday in Holy Week ~ April 4 *Judas' Betrayal of Jesus*

12:00 noon Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday ~ April 5 *Jesus the Servant*

****6:00 p.m.** Holy Eucharist & Stripping of the Altar

6:00 p.m. Children's Service and Agape Meal in Bibb Chapel

****Nursery by reservation only**

8:00 – 11:00 p.m. Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

Good Friday ~ April 6 *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

6:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy; The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson

Holy Saturday ~ April 7 *Waiting for Jesus' Resurrection*

7:30 p.m. Great Vigil of Easter; Holy Eucharist, Baptism

Easter Day ~ April 8

The Risen Lord Gives Us New Life

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

***8:45 a.m.** Festal Holy Eucharist and Flowering of Mite Box Cross

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for children up to age 10

Please gather in Ridley Hall for instructions

***11:00 a.m.** Festal Holy Eucharist

Services are held in Church Nave unless noted

*indicates nursery available