

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

March 6, 2013

## Mission of the Church of the Nativity

*God's family at the historic Church of the Nativity is joyfully and energetically committed to sharing Christ's love and healing by proclaiming the Good News of the Gospel through worship and service to the world.*

## Responding to the Prodigal Father's Love

This Sunday, we hear one of the most beloved readings from Holy Scripture. From Luke's Gospel, Jesus relays the parable of the loving father and his two sons, both of whom have lost any sense of their father's active, stretching, healing, forgiving, life-giving love and mercy. This parable we typically refer to as the "Prodigal Son," is more the story of the Prodigal Father. For it is the father who is exceedingly extravagant, lavish, generous, profuse and yes, perhaps it seems, even wasteful, with the love offered to two undeserving children. The parable leaves us hanging as to what either son will do with the father's magnanimous gift. It begs the question: How will I respond to God's incredibly wide and generous love and mercy?

You and I receive a dose of God's lavish grace here at the Church of the Nativity. All are invited to come within these prayer-soaked walls and know the extravagant love of God in this place, kneeling where prayer has been valid. In our time of need, Nativity's prayers include us and those we love. Glorious music is offered to all as we worship in the beauty of holiness. At the altar we meet our prodigal God head-on in the life-giving food of the Eucharist, reminding us of Christ's great sacrifice for us and indeed, for the entire world.

In those times of our greatest needs, the clergy and lay pastoral leaders of Nativity reach out, visiting us in the hospital and in our homes, praying with us, counseling us, and supporting us. When those we love move into God's nearer presence, the doors of this church are flung wide, embracing our families as we commit those dear to us to God's eternal care.

Nativity's life-giving opportunities for all ages include Church School classes, Bible Studies, EFM, Reunion Groups, Choirs, fellowship gatherings, and many other opportunities that build a strong community of love and support. Through our many outreach ministries, we discover a larger purpose as we work together to proclaim to the world that what we receive here.

And all of this is available and free to all for the taking. The prophet Isaiah invites everyone who thirsts to come to the waters...Jesus said, *Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink.* He promises to us that the water he gives will become a spring of the waters of life. All who are thirsty and hungry and weary and burdened are invited to come to him. He will refresh us.

**So how will you respond to God's incredibly wide and generous love and mercy we know and share at Nativity?** One of the ways 410 households of the 800 or so that call Nativity home have responded to God's love is by making a pledge to God's work through the Church of the Nativity in 2013. We have drunk freely from the waters of life here, but we know practically and faithfully that the things we offer cost money. As of this week, about half of the households who share these blessings have responded by making a pledge. Through these pledges, access to God's life and love are freely available to all. When you need pastoral care we simply go out to meet and embrace you in your need. Pledge records aren't checked at the door for pastoral care or for anything else offered here.

That's the good news. Now for the challenging news: **We need 40 to 50 more households to respond to God's prodigal love and grace by pledging. We are \$75,000 shy of being able to meet all of the identified ways we hope to offer God's life and love to all.** If you haven't already, please send in your pledge card today. Don't stand outside like the second son in the parable. Join in the joyful celebration we know by responding to the Father's extravagant love.

*Amy +*



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NATIVITY,  
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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday in Holy Week  
March 25 Holy Eucharist  
12:00 noon

Tuesday in Holy Week  
March 26 Holy Eucharist  
12:00 noon

Wednesday in Holy Week  
March 27 Holy Eucharist  
12:00 noon  
Stations of the Cross  
6:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday  
March 28 Holy Eucharist  
6:00 p.m.

Good Friday  
March 29  
12:00 noon

Saturday in Holy Week  
The Great Vigil of Easter  
Holy Eucharist & Baptism  
7:30 p.m.

**Palm Sunday March 24—Parade of Palms at 8:45 a.m. \* and 11:00 a.m. \***

*(church school will not meet today)*

**Easter Sunday—Services 7:45 a.m., 8:45 a.m.\*, and 11:00 a.m. \***

*(church school will not meet today)*

**Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place at 10:15. Please gather in Ridley Hall.**

### **William Blackerby, "Meet the Parents" March 7th - 5:30—7:30 p.m.**

On Thursday, March 7th parents and grandparents of youth are invited to a wine & cheese meet and greet at the home of Jeff and Holly Ellis (804 Watts Dr SE). We hope you'll come by to meet William, our new youth minister, and hear about the exciting things going on in our parish youth ministry.



### **Pianist Margery McDuffie Whatley in a Solo Recital Sunday, March 17 4:00 p.m.**

*Featuring works by Mozart, Ravel, Saïng-Saëns, Liszt, and more*

**Please plan to join us for a reception in Ridley Hall following the recital.**

Margery, her husband Terry, and their twin daughters, Kendall and Lindsay, relocated to Birmingham, Alabama in July 2012, from Missoula, Montana. Prior to her five years in Montana, she was a tenured Associate Professor of Music at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where she also served as Chair of the Department of Music and where she received the University's Distinguished Teaching Award. She has served on the boards of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra and the Huntsville Youth Orchestra, and she has also served as secretary of the Arts Council and vice president of the Huntsville Chamber Music Guild. She was also an active member of the Huntsville Symphony Orchestra Guild. Currently she is a Visiting Associate Professor of Music at the University of Alabama in Huntsville.

### **Ladies, we are in for a treat!**

On Monday, March 18, Curt Benzle will be the Mission Guild's guest speaker. Curt's daughter, Marisa, is a Peace Corps volunteer in the Gambia. He will show a DVD and talk to us about Marisa's work there. Curt is an interesting figure in his own right as an internationally known porcelain artist who has works in the White House and the Smithsonian.

Because of this special program, we will meet in RIDLEY HALL at 10 a.m. Please don't be late, and remember to bring Bingo prizes for the Aquarius Club. Mary Vann and Sue Rowan will be co-hostesses. All women of Nativity are invited. For more information, please call Marion Conover (256-539-6222) or Karen Scriven (256-536-7509).

### **New titles requested are available at your SOURCE Bookstore:**

*Help, Thanks, Wow*, Anne Lamott; *Cup of Our Life*, Joyce Rupp; *The Chaplain's Conflict: Good and Evil in a War Hospital, 1943-1945*, Tennant McWilliams (HLA); *Spiritual Journaling*, Richard Peace; *A Powerful Blessing: The Life of Bishop Charles Carpenter, Sr.*, Doug Carpenter; *The Social Justice Handbook and Bible*, Mae Elise Cannon.

We also have special collections of the spiritual disciplines for Lenten reading and gifts to celebrate the resurrection of Easter! The Source is happy to make specialty orders for you or your group. Hours of operation are Tuesday-Thursday, 10am-2pm, or by appointment by calling Cheryl Blankenship, 256-457-8482. Please call to be sure the store is open before making a trip since Cheryl is a pastor with occasional emergencies when the store is closed. Home delivery is also provided for those who need this service. Thank you for supporting YOUR bookstore ministry at Nativity! It is a joy to serve you!



### **Keep Up with Nativity Events on Facebook!**

Nativity's Facebook page provides a good way for Nativity parishioners to follow current events and other concerns of church life. You can also let your parish know about events that concern us all. To sign up, just visit the church website at [www.nativity.dioala.org](http://www.nativity.dioala.org) and click on the "Follow Nativity on Facebook" link.

### **Nativity Choir Ministry Fundraiser to support the ministry of the Choir**

**STOOLS for SALE** (*sample on display in Ridley Hall*) These hand-crafted stools are available for \$50.00 each and you may choose a stain to match your décor. Contact Suzanne Purtee or a choir member to get yours today or to place an order: [suzanne.purtee@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.purtee@gmail.com) or 256-665-4821



Daylight Saving Time begins 12:01 a.m. Saturday, March 9! Remember to **SPRING** forward so you will arrive to church on time Sunday, March 10.

## The Greene Street Market Needs You

We are excited to be planning the Greene Street Market at Nativity's *third season*. The market encourages the growth of a strong community spirit in our area, bringing people together, encouraging economic growth and fostering healthy eating.

Come join us and be a part of a fun event!!! The dates for the 2013 are May 2 – Oct 31. Times are 4 – 8 pm May – August, 4 – 7 pm in September, and 3 – 6 pm in October.

**We need volunteers of all sorts** – If you are interested in volunteering in any way with the market, please contact Marilyn Evans at 256-682-4429 [greenestreetmarket@gmail.com](mailto:greenestreetmarket@gmail.com)



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**Greene  
Street  
Market**  
at Nativity



## 182nd Diocesan Convention Embraces Theme of 'Invitation' Convention Celebrates Parish Ministries

An invitation was extended to each parish to bring a symbol of its signature ministry. Nativity chose **The Greene Street Market at Nativity** to showcase. Pat Goodson and Rusty Stephenson became walking sandwich signs as they processed with The Greene Street Market Banner.

The convention officially welcomed one new ministry. **Canterbury of Huntsville** is a ministry to college students and young adults in the Huntsville area begun last summer. It meets in coffee shops, restaurants, and churches in Madison County.



The convention was attended by 107 clergy and 231 lay delegates, representing the Diocese, which consists of over 30,000 communicants from 92 congregations. For more information or to read Bishop Sloan's Address, Reports, Resolutions, Bishop Marray's sermon and photo albums go to [www.dioala.com](http://www.dioala.com)

**Nativity Treble choristers are travelling!** Three advanced singers and two from the Wednesday treble choir travel to Nashville this weekend, March 9 -10.

Christ Church Cathedral in Nashville hosts a festival every winter and this is the sixth year that singers from Nativity will join the 50+ group of youth involved.

A day of singing and fellowship on Saturday is followed on Sunday by singing at the Cathedral Eucharist (11 am) and full Evensong (just the choristers) at 4 pm. All are welcome!

Congratulations to Katie Banish, Mhairi Kerr, Karsten Correale, Allie Starnes, and Retta Bonner for making time to learn the music and take part. This year's Clinician is well known and respected Bruce Neswick. More information may be found at [http://www.christcathedral.org/upcoming\\_events/2013/03/10/chorister-festival-evensong.550748](http://www.christcathedral.org/upcoming_events/2013/03/10/chorister-festival-evensong.550748)

## EASTER FLOWERS 2013 DEDICATION FORM

Flower dedications for Easter are being accepted from now until Sunday, March 24, for a contribution of \$20. Your check should be made out to "Flower Guild" and mailed to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 539-2673.

**PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU.**

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to have your name listed in the Easter Service Booklet? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Please be specific by underlining or circling your desired dedication below:**

All dedications read The flowers are offered to the glory of God and in... **memory of** or **honor of** or **celebration of...**

**Please print Christian name of person for your dedication to be printed in the Easter Service Booklet**

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## **Lenten 2013 Services**

### **Tuesdays in Lent 2013**

**Noonday Preaching Series is a 30-minute service beginning at 12:05 pm.**

Box Lunches will be available in Ridley Hall following each service.

*Reservations for lunches are required by the previous Monday noon.*

Sponsored by Nativity's Spiritual Development

**March 12—The Rev. Scott Peterson**

Pastor of Messiah Lutheran Church in Madison, AL

**March 19—The Rev. Wren Miller**

Associate Pastor at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville, AL

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### **Wednesday Nights in Lent in Ridley Hall\***

*"For where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there among them."*

Sponsored by Adult Christian Formation

**5:15 p.m.—6:00 p.m.\* Dinner in Ridley Hall**

*Reservations for dinner and nursery\* are required no later than Tuesday noon prior*

**6:00 p.m.—7:00 p.m.\* Lenten Program for all ages**

***Adults will remain in Ridley Hall***

***Youth may go to youth department hang-out or use this time to do your homework)***

***Children may go to the WoRM***

***\*Nursery is open from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. by reservations only***

**March 6—The Rev. Rich Webster,**

Rector St. Luke's Episcopal in Birmingham

**March 13—The Rev. David Dill,**

Rector Church of the Good Shepherd in Decatur

**March 20—The Rev. Rusty McCown,**

Associate Rector Church of the Nativity

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### **Lenten Devotions 2013 via Email**

If you would like to receive this year's weekly Lenten Devotions via email,  
send your email address to Connie at [cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org).



### **Wednesday Nights in Lent program for kids.**

We continue our Wednesday night's in Lent Children's program "Dare to be Different" a magical journey into the book, **A Wrinkle in Time** by Episcopal author, Madeleine L' Engle. Children Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to attend this program each week through Wednesday, March 20th. Parents, please join us as a family for dinner at 5:15 and then stay for the Lenten speakers. The nursery will be available for children 5 and under by reservation.

**For family dinner reservations and nursery reservations call 256-533-2455.**

### **LOOK FOR THE GRAY NAMETAGS**

Have you got questions about something at Nativity? Concerns?

Do you want to make a suggestion?

Do you want to let us know about some program you really like and want to see continued?

Your 2013 Vestry is here to help you and we can do it best if we know what you think and want.

Look for the gray vestry nametags. We want to hear from you!



## Are You Going?

Yes you are!

Who is going by name?

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Lodging: \$170 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Meals: \$35 x \_\_\_\_\_ people = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*Kids under 6 eat free*

Will you stay for Sunday brunch?

Yes! \_\_\_\_\_ Got to go! \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt \$10 x \_\_\_\_\_ shirts = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SM \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ Youth \_\_\_\_\_

SM \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_

XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \_\_\_\_\_

Family Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to  
Church of the Nativity.

Rip & return this portion ASAP to:

Nativity Parish Retreat  
208 Eustis Avenue SE

Learn more about Camp McDowell:  
[campmcdowell.dioala.org](http://campmcdowell.dioala.org)



## Nativity Parish Weekend April 19-21

Guest Speaker  
The Rev. Steve Mosher



Oh, the places  
you'll go!

Questions?  
call 256.533.2455  
and ask for Elizabeth

## CANTERBURY OF HUNTSVILLE

Canterbury is a ministry founded by the Episcopal Diocese of AL and designed for Huntsville area **college students and young adults**. We gather weekly for **fellowship**, monthly for **worship** or theological programs, and semesterly for an **out-reach** project. Canterbury seeks to be a ministry through which young adults can build relationships founded upon a shared sense of faith, and all are welcome to take part.

### SPRING 2013 EVENTS

- **Tuesday, March 12: Free dinner & worship**, 6pm *St. Thomas Huntsville, 12200 Bailey Cove Rd. SE*
- **Tuesday, March 19: Moe's Original BBQ**, 7pm *2030 Cecil Ashburn Dr.*
- **Tuesday, March 26: Holy Week** - we will take the week off for Spring Break & Holy Week. Attend a service at an area church this week!
- **Tuesday, April 2: Bandito Burrito**, 7pm *11220 Memorial Pkwy SW*
- **Tuesday, April 9: Free dinner & worship**, 6pm *Church of the Nativity Episcopal, 208 Eustis Ave. SE*

**SAVE THE DATE: Canterbury Open House, April 23**, *Location TBA* - graduating high school students and all other young adults are invited to join us for a free meal and the opportunity to get to know Canterbury.

### CONTACT INFORMATION

Find us on Facebook: Canterbury of Huntsville      Email: [canterburyhsv@gmail.com](mailto:canterburyhsv@gmail.com)  
Interns, Claire Douthit & Kristin Hanson  
Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey

## INTERCESSION REQUESTS

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

Laura Binger, Sarah Henderson, Graydon Karlson, John Randall Howard, Elaine Wood, Lynn Swanson, Don Askins, Bob, Linda Giardini Drzycinski, Phyllis Lawson, Hugh Valentine, Eileen Sullivan, E. Ray Tanner, Elsie Olsen, Leigh Wahl, Dot Kitchens, Emile Joffrion, Nancy Kelly.

### We pray for those deployed/serving with the:

**Military:** Afghanistan: Matthew Spivey, Denver Colin;

Bahrain: Jonathan Serwecki

**Peace Corps:** The Gambia, W Africa: Marisa Benzle

### We pray for the departed:

Joan Olson, mother of Charlotte Olson

Diane Chesteen

Hubert Greene, father of Ed Greene

### We pray for those attending Cursillo this weekend

Hannah Boon, Don Evans, Marilyn Evans, John Sheldon, Jackie Sheldon

Serving on Staff: Joe East, Joan East

### We welcome new members:

Jessie, Megan, Harris, and Ford Whitfield

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

3/11 Leighton Luther

3/12 Riley Kamelchuk, Patton Park,  
Foard Naumann

3/14 Riley Alexander

3/15 Charles Ray

3/16 Timmy Curran

3/19 Edward Aboudonia

3/20 Mary Allen Taylor

3/22 Travis McClendon, Lizzie Clute,  
Noah Pride

3/24 Luke Alison

3/29 Robert McCoy

4/1 Travis King,

4/2 Sidney Gunter, Karl Schneider,  
Carter McDonald

4/3 Tindall Moring

4/4 Maggie Jones, Nannette Aboudonia

4/5 Sean Burke, Celeste Nelson

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SCHEDULE

This year our house will be built at 6316 Banks Rd. It will be built for Vickie Hambrick and her four children, Demitria 15, Kennesha 8, Zanyah 5, and Zavion 21 months. Vickie works two jobs, Krystal and H&R Block. Our group will include Church of the Nativity Episcopal, First Christian, St. John's AME, St. Mathew's Episcopal; First Presbyterian, Aldersgate Methodist, United Church of Huntsville, & Covenant Presbyterian. I look forward to a good response from all. This is a great opportunity for small group participation (study group, reunion group, etc.)

### DATE:

Mar. 5, 7, 9

### ACTIVITY:

Deliver walls to site, Erect walls and trusses

### Saturday, March 9

### HOUSE RAISING CEREMONY 9:00

Mar.12, 14, 16

Apply blueboard to walls, deck roof, install windows, exterior doors, hurricane clips, deadwood

Mar. 19, 21, 23

Install porch beams, barge rafters, fascia, attic access, electrical rough-in, start vinyl siding

Mar. 26, 28, 30

Install wall insulation,

Apr. 2, 4, 6

Paint walls, continue vinyl siding, install shutters

Apr. 9, 11, 13

Clean floors and windows, install vinyl tile, landscape

Apr. 16, 18, 20

Install and paint interior doors and trim, install cabinets, electrical fixtures

Apr. 23, 25, 27

Install closet hardware, window blinds, storm doors, bathroom accessories

Apr 30, May 2, 4

Catch up work, touch up paint, clean and wax floors

May 7, 9, 11

Work punch list

### Saturday, May 11

### DEDICATION CEREMONY

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, gloves, safety glasses if you have them.

### Directions to site:

Go North on Parkway to University Dr. Go west on University to Pulaski Pike. Go North on Pulaski Pike to Stringfield Rd. Go west on Stringfield pass Alabama Concrete. Look for Banks on the left opposite the last rock quarry. Turn left onto Banks.

For information to volunteer as an individual or as a group please contact Bill Giardini 256-539-0973; giardiniw@bellsouth.net.



Oh, the places  
you'll go!



## STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION TIP

Continuing our Lenten reminders, focusing on 'acts of love and sacrifice' to reduce our environmental impact, here are the suggestions for weeks Four and Five:

### Fourth week of Lent: Tread lightly

Prayer for the week:

*Lord, teach us how to leave more than carbon footprints behind us; teach us how our daily choices and actions can be a part of your eternal interaction with the world. We want our imprints to make you proud, not sad.*

Reading for the week:

Revelation 22:2 'The leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations'.

### Actions for the week – focusing on emissions

**Sunday 10th of March:** Tread lightly – try to travel by foot, bike, or public transport whenever possible, or cut down on the number of trips you make to do errands by sharing rides with friends or doing errands together.

**Monday 11th of March:** Drive more calmly. Aggressive driving, which includes excessive acceleration and frequent braking, wastes gas. Go with the flow of traffic, and don't try to always pass other cars. Not only is this safer, but it can improve your mileage by up to a third on the highway.

**Tuesday 12th of March:** Follow the speed limit. Most cars reach their optimal efficiency at around 60 miles per hour. Efficiency decreases rapidly above this. You'll save money, too!

**Wednesday 13th of March:** Double up on car trips: do shopping on your way home from work, school or somewhere else you have to go today.

**Thursday 14th of March:** *Don't idle, especially if you'll be waiting in one spot for more than a minute. Idling for 10 seconds uses about as much fuel as it takes to restart the vehicle, so it's more efficient to turn off the engine while you wait and you won't be emitting toxic emissions all that time! Don't be a wimp and run the heater or cooling just because you are a little cold or hot!*

**Friday 15th of March:** Turn off the air conditioning. Use your automobile's flow-through ventilation system or open the windows at lower speeds. Running the air conditioner can reduce your mileage by up to 20 percent.

**Saturday 16th of March:** Check your tire pressure once a month. Inflate your tires to the pressure listed inside the driver's side door or in the owner's manual. Do not inflate to the maximum pressure printed on the tire itself. Properly inflated tires last longer, are safer and can improve gas mileage by about 3 percent.

### Fifth Week of Lent: Our daily bread

Prayer for the week:

*O God, may we use the gift of our senses to see, smell, touch and taste your goodness shown in the daily bread we share. Bless us as we live our lives with awareness of your loving gift of the natural world. May we always be mindful of the hungry who share the earth with us and may we be generous in providing for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Reading for the week:

John 6:12 When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted."

### Actions for the week – focusing on food

**Sunday 17th of March:** Buy food that's being grown or produced locally using local shops and farmers markets; where possible avoid packets and cans that are imported from faraway places.

**Monday 18th of March:** Eat by candlelight. How many rooms do you light in the evenings? Turn out the lights and enjoy a candlelit dinner!

**Tuesday 19th of March:** Cook some of your meal for free. Electric ovens take a long time to cool, so why not turn them off earlier so your food finishes cooking for free?

**Wednesday 20th of March:** Treat the coils of your fridge to a good cleaning to make sure it's running efficiently. This will also extend its life by requiring it to run less!

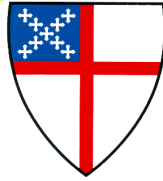
**Thursday 21st of March:** If replacing a kitchen appliance, be sure to select one with the Energy Star rating

**Friday 22nd of March:** Put a lid on it: put a lid on pans when cooking.

**Saturday 23rd of March:** Cook your food in a microwave; using significantly less energy than a conventional oven.

## Centering Prayer weekend retreat to be held

The Benedictine Sisters Retreat Center in Cullman and Contemplative Outreach Birmingham are sponsoring a Centering Prayer retreat to be held in Cullman March 22-24. The cost for the weekend is \$210/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](mailto:retreats@shmon.org).



## ALL YOUTH (7th—12th Grades)

- **First Annual Christian Athlete Series at St. Thomas Episcopal Church:**  
**Mo Isom, Saturday, March 16th from 6—8 pm.** Come hear the record-setting goalkeeper and first athlete to be homecoming queen at LSU share her story at St. Thomas (12200 Bailey Cove Rd SE). Invite your friends and teammates! Parents, please keep an eye on your email for details on car-pooling from Nativity.
- **Youth All\*luia III Jam Sessions!** Do you play guitar? Banjo? Ukulele? Zither? Bouzouki? Washtub bass? Bring your instrument to the **youth room Thursday, March 14th after Eucharist (around 7 pm)** and we'll learn and play some songs out of that yellow book together. We'll wrap up at 8 pm. Some guy in a collar said it would be a Lent-free zone, so we can call the book by its real name. :-)

Got questions? Call me, William Blackerby, at 205-240-3705, or email [wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org)

## Junior EYC — 7th and 8th Grades

### Here in Huntsville

- **Teens Relaxing At Someone's House Sunday, March 10th from 4—6 pm at the Creechs'.** Come ready to eat some snacks and play some games!

### Around the Diocese

- **Registration for Young People Paint Birmingham,** a unique mission opportunity for **rising 7th, 8th, and 9th graders,** is online at <http://bit.ly/yppb2013>

## Senior EYC — 9th and 12th Grades

### Here in Huntsville

- **Nativity Football League (boys)** continues **Sunday, March 10th from 7 — 9 pm** at the **Bryants'.**
- **Underage Drinking Seminar, Sunday, March 10th from 3— 6 pm,** hosted by our friends at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church.** Youth and parents are invited to a panel discussion followed by small break out groups. The panel will be made up of representatives from the legal field, Alcoholics Anonymous, and area clergy (Nativity's Fr. Rusty McCown.)

### Around the Diocese

- **Sawyer ville Day Camp staff applications are online now!** The deadline to apply is **March 22nd.** *I cannot emphasize enough how highly I recommend this experience for all youth 16 and older.* Find out more at: [www.sawyer villeworkproject.org](http://www.sawyer villeworkproject.org)



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE March 2013, published 2/20/13

## SUNDAY, March 3, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Landry-out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Warren Vann, Lee Hicklen	Cassidy Bates	Melissa Kirkindall
11:00 am	McCown	Anderson	Walter Thames, Marilyn Lands	Jordan Cozby, Mike Innes	RuthAnn Haymes

## WEDNESDAY, March 6, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Anderson		Don Askins

## THURSDAY, March 7, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 pm	Landry	

## SUNDAY, March 10, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Robison-out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Landry	Landry	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	McCown	Landry	Lewie Bates, Lane Mickle	Meredith Walker	Shirley Hale
11:00 am	Anderson	Landry	Erin Elliott, Will Elliott	Rachel Quillen, Ed Vaughn	Jim Douthit

## WEDNESDAY, March 13, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Landry		Janet Robbins

## THURSDAY, March 14, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 pm	McCown	

## SUNDAY, March 17, 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Landry- out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown	McCown	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett	Ken Barnett
8:45 am	Anderson	McCown	Bob Serio, Cheryl Watts	Buddy Moon	Virginia Kobler
11:00 am	Anderson	McCown	Robin Cozby, Don Askins	Mickey Ellis, Walter Thames	Deborah Baker

## WEDNESDAY, March 20, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	McCown		Marilyn Lands

## THURSDAY, March 21, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher
6:00 pm	Anderson	

## SUNDAY, March 24, Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	John Hendricks	John Hendricks	John Hendricks
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Robert Dunn	Lee Hicklen	Martha Joffrion
11:00 am	Landry	Anderson	Ed Vaughn	Chris Jackson, Ronnie Rogers	Adalene Bledsoe

## MONDAY in Holy Week, March 25, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Landry		Lewie Bates

## TUESDAY in Holy Week, March 26, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	McCown		Walter Thames

## WEDNESDAY in Holy Week, March 27, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Anderson	Scheide	Mary Hendricks

## MAUNDY THURSDAY, March 28, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector
6:00 pm	Landry	Robison	Robert Dunn, Warren Vann	Rachel Quillen

## GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	Passion Reader	Lector
12:00 noon	Anderson	McCown	TBD	Martha Joffrion, Mickey Ellis

## HOLY SATURDAY, March 30, The Great Vigil of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:30 pm	Anderson	McCown	Lewie Bates, Ronnie Rogers	Allen Daniels, John Conover, Rich Goodwin, Ronnie Rogers	Clay Sherrill

## SUNDAY, March 31, The 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	Charlie Warren, Mike Ward	Stacy Moon	Lee Hicklen
11:00 am	Landry	Anderson	Rich Goodwin, Peter Cobun	Debbie Collette, David Collette	Sally Ann Culver

## USHERS

8:45	Josh Kelly, Jeff Ellis, Tom Ford, Melissa Helton, Bill Joyner, Gripp Luther, Grant Thomson
11:00	Madalyn Hicks, Jeffrey Dortch, Jim Douthit, Bobbie Graham, Joe Worley

## 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, April 1.**

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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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### ALTAR FLOWERS 2013 DEDICATION FORM

If you are interested in dedicating **Altar flowers for a specific Sunday in 2013**, please complete and mail this form with your check made out to "Flower Guild" and mail to: Andrea Vandervoort, 434 Locust Ave. Huntsville, AL 35801. If you have questions, you may call Andrea at 539-2673.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU.

Altar Flowers are \$40 or \$20 for shared dedications

***The following dates are available; March 17; April 28; May 5, 26; June 30; July 14; August 4, 11, 25***

Date desired \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Would you share a dedication? \_\_\_\_ Do you wish to have your name listed in the bulletin? \_\_\_\_

*Please be specific by underlining or circling your desired dedication below:*

All dedications read "To the glory of God and...

**in loving memory of...**

**in thanksgiving for...**

**in celebration of...**

**Name for this altar flower dedication:**