

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

March 20, 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.



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

## WORSHIP TIMES SUNDAY

(\* Nursery available)

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

12:00 noon  
Holy Eucharist &  
Healing  
(Bibb Chapel)

## THURSDAY

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

## PARISH WEEKEND AT CAMP MCDOWELL

**Oh the things we will do from 0-92!**

You can't afford to miss this years Parish Weekend at Camp McDowell with Steve Mosher as our speaker and Allen Little as the musician.

**The deadline to register is this Friday!**

The cabins are filling up. Email [elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com](mailto:elizabethfoster1704@yahoo.com) if you have questions or concerns. Your mountain is waiting!

## Top Ten Reasons to Go to Parish Weekend

10. Because Big Dave says its "awesome".
9. Chances of the "swine flu" hitting again are slim.
8. Because suits and dresses are not required.
7. Because the only non-optional item on the agenda is FUN!
6. Because relaxing with a glass of wine (or 2) on the front porch of a cabin at beautiful Camp McDowell is never a bad idea!
5. Dancing with Sally Ann Culver !!!
4. Bike parades, softball, kickball, playground time, canoeing, hiking, guitar pickin'...
3. Because babies grow up fast.
2. Rev. Steve-o Mosher is our speaker this year!!!!!!
1. Because it won't be the same without you!!!

Registration form is on last page of this newsletter.

**The deadline to register is this Friday, April 5!**

Episcopal News Service, March 2013

Presiding Bishop's Easter message 2013

### 'Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death'

Rejoice, rejoice and sing, rejoice and be glad... for earth and heaven are joined and humanity is reconciled to God! [1]

As the Lenten season ends in Easter rejoicing, note what has been wrought in you this year. A remarkable cross-section of America has been practicing Lenten disciplines, even some who are not active Christians. [2] There is a deep hunger in our collective psyche to re-orient our lives toward life and light, healing and peace. We share a holy hunger for clarity about what is good and life-giving, and we yearn to re-focus on what is most central and important in life.

Easter celebrates the victory of light and life over darkness and death. God re-creates and redeems all life from dead, dry, and destroyed bones. We are released from the bonds of self-obsession, addiction, and whatever would steal away the radical freedom of God-with-us. Our lives re-center in what is most holy and creative, the new thing God is continually doing in our midst. Practicing vulnerability toward the need and hunger of others around us, we have cultivated compassionate hearts. We join in baptismal rebirth in the midst of Jesus' own passing-over.

The wonder of the resurrection is upon us once more. May we embrace God's ever-new life with every cell of our being, every yearning of our soul, and every muscle of our will. Christ is risen, death is vanquished, humanity is restored to holy and creative relationship with God's ongoing and eternal liveliness. Praise God who brings light out of darkness, life out of death, and newness out of the stale and moribund. Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori**  
**Presiding Bishop and Primate**  
**The Episcopal Church**

[1] From the Exsultet, Book of Common Prayer pp 286-7

[2] [http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/16/us/a-ritual-of-lent-attracts-nonbelievers.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/16/us/a-ritual-of-lent-attracts-nonbelievers.html?_r=0)



*Cookies & Prayers*

### Kairos Cookies and Prayers

Byron Hulsey and Michael Shipley are on Staff for Kairos #55 April 18-21. We would love to shower the 'men in white' at Limestone Prison with some great homemade cookies from our wonderful bakers at Nativity. One dozen per gallon zip lock bag. No fruit, icing, powdered sugar on the cookies. Of course Chocolate Chip cookies are always a big hit, but if you would like to do something a little different, here are some suggestions; Peanut Butter cookies, M&M cookies, Rice Krispies Treats, Oatmeal Cookies, Sugar Cookies, Brownies. **Please bring your bagged Cookies are to the church office no later than Wednesday April 17, by 1:00 p.m.**

### Pictorial Directories Are Here!

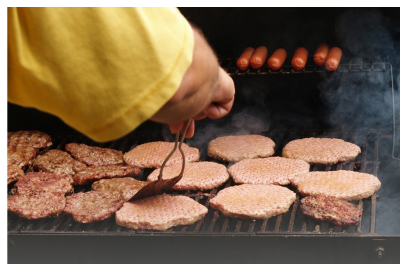
If you had your portrait made during the directory photo sessions last October, you may pick up your directory and complementary 8x10 portrait at the distribution tables in the **foyer of Ridley or outside the main church doors** if weather permits **this Sunday, April 7th**. If you are unable to pick-up **your directory** today, **they are available in the church office** during the week. The Nativity Pictorial Directory team thanks everyone who participated and we hope you will enjoy your 2013 edition.

### Nativity Mission Guild News

This month we are in for another treat when William Blackerby, Nativity's Youth Ministry Coordinator, will speak to us about his challenging, exciting and fun job. We will meet in the library of Joffrion Hall at 10 o'clock on Monday, April 15th. This will also be a budget planning session so you won't want to miss it. Mary Jean Diehl and Ann Epps will provide the refreshments. Please try to be on time as we have a lot to do. Remember to bring bingo prizes for the Aquarius Club.



## NATIVITY MEN'S FIRST ANNUAL BBQ - SUNDAY MAY 5th!



"Nativity men, come join us for fun & fellowship"  
at the home of Rusty Stephenson, 526 Adams Street.

Backyard casual at 5:30.  
You do not want to miss this adventure!

All ages welcome.

Men's Cookout!

Call the church office @ 256-533-2455 for reservations .



the  
Greene  
Street  
Market  
at Nativity

# Farmers' Market

Every Thursday Afternoon May 2 – Oct 31

4 – 8 pm from May – August

4 – 7 pm in September

3 – 6 pm in October

## 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, April 9: Free dinner & worship, 6pm *Church of the Nativity Episcopal*
- Tuesday April 23 SAVE THIS DATE to attend Canterbury Open House, 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 or Email: [canterburyhsv@gmail.com](mailto:canterburyhsv@gmail.com)  
Interns, Claire Douthit and Kristin Hanson Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Basye Holland-Shuey

## Stewardship of Creation Tip for April 4, 2013

As a result of interest among participants in the recent Stewardship of Creation Sunday School class in learning more about recycling and the issues of garbage and garbage disposal, tours of the Huntsville Recyclery and the Garbage to Steam Facility were taken on Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. The tours were very informative and group members learned many interesting facts about the recycling program operated by Allied Waste, and about what happens to our garbage after being picked up curbside and delivered to the incinerator site which is operated by Covanta.

Following are details of the Recycling program to help remind all of us of the many items which CAN be recycled, and also what cannot be recycled in our local program. Please remember that by recycling and by cutting down on the garbage you produce, you can be a better steward of the resources we have been given and of God's marvelous creation.

The Recycling program for Huntsville City, Madison City, and Madison County is administered by The Solid Waste Disposal Authority and operated by Allied Waste (formerly BFI). Every week, Allied Waste picks up curbside recyclables from over 95,000 city and county households. The recyclables are taken to the Allied Waste Recyclery which is located at 1004 A Cleaner Way, Huntsville.

For more information on the Allied Waste Recyclery call 256-830-2467

## Easter Thoughts from Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

*To look forward? Ah,  
what balance is needed at  
the edges of such an abyss.  
I am alone on the surface  
of a turning planet. What  
to do but, like Michelangelo's  
Adam, put my hand  
out into unknown space,  
hoping for the reciprocating touch?*

*Welsh Poet R. S. Thomas*

God gives us life in all fullness when we open our lives to Him. The church heals lonely brokenness with love and forgiveness of one another. We find the grasp of the risen Jesus always making us new. We are aflame with the truth that Christ is risen, and life is filled with creative hope and purpose.

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### **BRANCHES OF ART APRIL 25, 2013 5:30 – 8:30 P.M.**

The Vine Pastoral Counseling Center is an ecumenical center that promotes emotional healing with the love and grace of Christ. The Vine is growing, and thanks to the support of The Church of the Nativity, Episcopal and other churches in the area, we are able to offer counseling at a reduced fee to everyone who enters our door. In 2012, we supplied 3647 sessions of counseling with 879 of these being scholarship assisted sessions. The demand is great.

Please join The Vine at their annual fundraiser, the **Branches of Art** event on Thursday, April 25, 2013, in The Arbor - 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. Cost is \$50 per person. For more information, contact Wayne Laney (256-536-2944), The Vine at (256) 461-8580 or visit [www.vinepcc.com](http://www.vinepcc.com).

### **Calling All Musicians for Sunday, April 21 Alleluia-III Music Workshop**

**St. Stephen's Episcopal, 8020 Whitesburg Dr.**

Picnic lunch at 11:30, workshop starts at noon and runs until 4:00 p.m.

**This workshop is open to everyone.**

There is no requirement for the participants to have attended a Cursillo or other three-day weekend. This is not a training workshop for Cursillo music staff. It is simply a gathering of people who want to become more familiar with the Alleluia-III song book.

The workshop will require registration, and there will be a fee to cover lunch and other costs (watch for details...) The workshop will be conducted by Randolph Horn, the music representative to the Cursillo Secretariat, and Randolph will be doing some instruction other than just playing through the songs.

The day will end with an ecumenical Eucharist (Mass on the Mountain) that will be held on Monte Sano Mountain, at the State Park at 5 p.m. (optional - for those who can stay to attend it).

**Come Up On The Mountain To Pray  
(and Play!)**

*Episcopalians Celebrate Eastertide*

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**Mass on the Mountain 5:00pm- 7:00pm  
Meet at the Monte Sano Amphitheater at 5:00 \*\***

**Bring a picnic to share (including beverages of choice)**

**\*\*Musicians will gather at St. Stephen's on Whitesburg Drive at 11:30am to practice, then play for worship.**



## **Being a faithful friend means helping friends in their time of need, here is a chance to help many of our brothers and sisters through Christ and have fun while we are doing it!**

Madeline Mullins, Being Faithful Friends Bible Study leader, and others will work as a team to run from Memphis, TN to Mobile, AL later this month. They are doing this to raise money for St. Jude Children's Hospital. They are running as *Team John Randall*, and their journey will begin the 3rd week of April when BFF Girls Bible Study usually meets. John Randall Howard is one of many children from our community who have received treatment and care from St. Jude, and even if you don't know John Randall I am sure you or your family know someone who has been helped by this wonderful place.

### **On Wednesday, April 10th our BFF group will have the opportunity to help St. Jude!**

**We are going to host a BFF Lemonade & Sweet Treat stand at the Church from 3:30 until 6:30.**

**The girls will be in charge, mixing & serving up lemonade and sweet treats with a smile!**

**The stand will be set up in the traffic circle on Greene Street and everyone is welcome.**

We will have a suggested donation of \$1 per item but no amount is too large or small. ALL the money collected will go directly to St. Jude, and our goal is \$100. We will also have an area where you can make a card to send to the patients at St. Jude.

**This is going to be so much fun and we hope you will be able to join us, rain or shine!**

## **INTERCESSION REQUESTS**

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

David Phillips, Marian Delaney, Skipper Colin, Rich Goodwin, Bill Goodwin, Louis Amis, Bill Crump, John Randall Howard, Elaine Wood, Don Askins, Bob, Linda Giardini Drzycinski, Lynne Swanson, Phyllis Lawson, 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:**

Toni Reynolds, mother of Laura McCown

Betsy Manning, parishioner

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

4/9 Mary Kathryn Brooks

4/10 Trey Schiber, Ralph Hornsby, Harper Dawes

4/11 Kendall McCallum, Retta Bonner

4/12 Preston Heritage, Greer Heritage

4/13 Elizabeth Walker

4/14 Sam Rice, Sadie Anglin

4/15 Foster Fleming, Austill Baker

4/17 Ava Allen

4/18 Bradford Hall, Alex Ahearn, Mary Ellis Alison, Madelyn Alison

**We welcome new members:** Don, Rose Mary, and Tes Lambert; Michal and Del Turner

**We pray for Nativity parishioners attending Cursillo this weekend at Camp McDowell:** Sharon Darty, Vicky Havron, Bill Joyner, and Debbie Joyner

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## **"Disconnected: The Spiritual Care of the Lonely and Isolated"**

will be presented by the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care's School of Applied Ministry on Saturday, April 20, 9:00 am-Noon (breakfast and registration at 8:30) in The Community Room of The Family Life Center of First Baptist Church, 600 Governor's Dr. (Enter from the north--St. Clair--side, across from the Public Library.)

Presenters will be Dr. Jack Ragland of the Vine Pastoral Counseling Center and Dr. Renee Mobley, Chaplain of Crestwood Hospital. CEU's available for nurses and social workers through Hospice Family Care. Cost: \$35 (includes hot breakfast!) except for those from sponsoring churches. To register or for more information: [malmcarl@hotmail.com](mailto:malmcarl@hotmail.com) or 256 883-6539.



## Thomazeau Trip March 2013

Recently Mark Fortner and Andrew Shea went to Haiti as a follow up to many of the projects that The Church of the Nativity and the Alabama Diocese are currently involved.

Our first full day in Haiti was spent at Double Harvest, where we were able to buy seedlings for the garden at Thomazeau, and then at St. Michel in Thomazeau. St. Michel in Thomazeau is where the young adults group from Nativity went last February to plant the Mary Garden, which utilizes a well that was already in place to irrigate a 50x100 garden which feeds many school children and Parishioners of St. Michel.

Our second full day in Haiti was spent making the final preparations for the garden and then planting. Once we were finished with the planting, we went to Crouch. Crochu is the site where the Krik? Krak! Program has been feeding school kids for many years. We spent the following day surveying the garden in Crochu as well as scouting out a new place for potentially a well and garden in the future.

Plans for the future are to work with the Nativity Outreach Committee to supply a more sustainable power supply for the well in Thomazeau, as it now runs off of a generator which requires constant fuel, as well as securing the well house with windows and doors.



### Pathways to God's Healing Presence

April 13, 2013

The Commission of Spirituality of the Episcopal Diocese will present a day of exploring God's healing presence in mind, body and spirit April 13, 2013, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Birmingham.

#### **"Pathways to God's Healing Presence"**

begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 2:30 p.m.

The day will conclude with a healing service led by The Rt. Rev. John McKee Sloan.

Panelists will include: Malcolm Marler, D.Min., BCC, Hans Watford, M.D., Kathy Logue, Reverend Craig Smalley, Tina and John Darnall, the Rt. Reverend Kee Sloan, and Joe Howell, Ph.D., moderator.

Registration forms are available from the front desk volunteer at Nativity. Cost including lunch is \$35. For additional information contact Kathy Graham at 205-358-9229 or [kgraham@dioala.org](mailto:kgraham@dioala.org).

## **Parish Leadership Training Event for lay leaders & clergy, April 20 at St. Luke's Episcopal Church Birmingham Featuring Mary Parmer, Newcomers' Ministry & Congregational Growth**

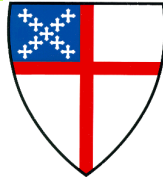
*A wide variety of workshops have been designed to challenge and educate diocesan lay leaders and clergy.*

*Registration begins at 9:00 with Welcome at 9:30 a.m., workshops will begin at 10:30 - 3:30 with lunch at 12:30.*

Register on-line at [www.dioala.org](http://www.dioala.org) or Send Registration Fee of \$25.00 and form to Episcopal Diocese of Alabama c/o PLTE 521 North 20th Street Birmingham, AL 35203. For more information contact: Georganne Perrine 205 715-2060 ext. 9230 or [gperrine@dioala.org](mailto:gperrine@dioala.org)

**Oh, the places you'll go! Registration form last page.**

**Friday is last day to register! Don't wait until it is too late!**



## ALL YOUTH (7th—12th Grades)

- **Youth All\*luia III Jam Session Number 2!** Do you play guitar? Banjo? Ukulele? Zither? Bouzouki? Washtub bass? Bring your instrument to the **youth room Thursday, March 21st after Eucharist (at 7 pm)** and we'll learn and play some songs from yellow book together. We'll wrap up at 8 pm.

## Junior EYC — 7th and 8th Grades

### Here in Huntsville

- **Teens Relaxing At Someone's House Sunday, April 7th from 4—6 pm at Michele and Ross Hunter's house.** 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>

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

## Senior EYC — 9th and 12th Grades

**Parish Retreat, Friday April 19th—Sunday, April 21st** — Is your family skipping out on this year's Parish Retreat? Or is your family going and you would (how do we put this nicely...) MUCH rather stay somewhere else? Then you're in luck! **Senior High Youth are invited to stay together in the Stough Lodge dorms at the Parish Retreat at Camp McDowell!** The cost is \$20 for a bed in the dorms and \$35 for meals. Got questions? Call William at 205-240-3705. You can find out more and sign up to go at <http://bit.ly/youthretreat2013>.

### Here in Huntsville

- **Boys' Spring Training, the Spring version of Nativity Football League, every Sunday in April, 6:30—8:00 pm in the youth room.** Come for supper, a talk by a local sports figure, and a closing service of evening prayer. Starts this Sunday, April 7th. See you there!



### 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.

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE APRIL 2013

Please check over this schedule carefully since you may be scheduled more than once OR in a different position. If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute then let us know who will be filling in for you. Thank you for your service in this important ministry at Church of the Nativity!

### April 7

8:45	11:00
C Laurel Sharp, Spencer Anglin	C Jordan Dunn, MM Ragland
T Robert Walker, Palmer Ford	T Chloe Parsons, Evans Alison
T G Sharp, Sidney Gunter	T SL Miller, Sims Windham
S Kate Noble Hall	S John Laney
AS Jackson Anglin	AS Powell Stockton

### April 21

8:45	11:00
C Noelle Carter, Alexander Young	C Will Ellison, Julie DiFranco
T Huston Moring, Elise Greco	T Evan Ellison, L Luther
T Margaret Bryant, Cole Greco	T D DiFranco, Emily Ellison
S Tindall Moring	S Julie DiFranco
AS Hall Blake Bryant	AS Neill Luther

### April 14

8:45	11:00
C Hanly Ward, K Correale	C Rosie Chilton, Foard Naumann
T K Hunter, Evan Ward	T C Knight, Steuart Evans
T Molly Ward, Van Dodgen	T Anna Chilton, J Chilton
S Maria Caprio	S Jordan Cozby
AS Windham Hunter	AS Savannah Watson

### April 28

8:45	11:00
C Travis King, Carter McDonald	C S Watson, R Quillen
T Ireland Braudaway, Ellie Walker	T R McCown, B Creech
T Meredith Walker, Franklin Aldag	T A Taylor, JS Evans
S Cassidy Bates	S K Schneider
AS Allie Starnes	AS Emily Evans

## 182nd Convention of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama Resolutions

Nativity Delegates and Clergy in attendance for the 182nd Convention were Rusty Stephenson, Pat Goodson, Russ Alexander, Michael Shipley, David Collette, Mark Fortner, Marilyn Lands, Erin Teal-Elliott, The Reverends Andy Anderson, Brad Landry, and Rusty McCown.

### RESOLUTION # 1

#### EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ALABAMA OPERATING BUDGET

RESOLVED that the 2013 Proposed Program and Budget, as developed by the Diocesan Council, be and hereby is adopted as the Program and Budget of the Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Alabama for the calendar year 2013.

#### SUMMARY

2012 BUDGET		2012 ACTUAL	2013 BUDGET
OPERATING CASH RESERVES (Jan 1)	as amended 5/2012	\$185,738	\$186,004
ANTICIPATED RECEIPTS			
Prior Year Covenants		\$246,603	
Current Year Covenants	\$2,502,894	\$2,066,048	\$2,583,465
Contributions to Perkins Fund for Mission	\$0	\$245,235	\$0
Short Term Investments	\$4,000	\$3,063	\$4,000
Designated & Holding Fund Transfers	\$93,316	\$0	\$136,980
Miscellaneous Income	\$3,000	\$980	\$3,000
Grants from Trust& Invested Funds	\$54,000	\$0	\$64,000
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$2,657,210</b>	<b>\$2,561,929</b>	<b>\$2,791,445</b>
DISBURSEMENTS			
Support of the Episcopate	\$385,437	\$349,061	\$470,724
Lay & Ordained Leadership Develop-	\$191,274	\$163,307	\$204,955
Departments of Stewardship	\$3,800	\$1,540	\$3,800
The People & Their Ministries	\$218,198	\$209,060	\$219,475
Mission and Outreach	\$529,368	\$509,095	\$528,832
Parish Development/Evangelism	\$322,646	\$301,268	\$324,088
Communications	\$130,080	\$127,374	\$130,894
Ministry in Higher Education	\$333,654	\$329,612	\$348,117
Camp and Conference Center <sup>1</sup>	\$104,973	\$104,760	\$106,485
Administration/Carpenter House	\$437,780	\$460,729	\$454,075
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,657,210</b>	<b>\$2,555,807</b>	<b>\$2,791,445</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$6,122</b>	<b>\$0</b>
End of Year Cash Reserves <sup>3</sup>	\$185,738	\$185,910	\$186,004

1. Camp McDowell operations are funded primarily from fee income generated by the Camp. See resolution # 2 for detailed information on the Camp operating budget. Because the Camp is an integral part of the overall diocesan operation, the Executive Director's compensation and the meeting expenses of the Department, which guides Camp operation, are funded directly from diocesan funds.

2. By Standing Resolution the Surplus is transferred into the Maintenance Reserve.

3. By Standing Resolution a cash reserve of 7% of the prior year budget is required. The Diocese is due Pension Assessment credits in 2013 which will fund the addition in the Reserve Funds over 2012.



## Camp McDowell Budget 2013

## Resolution #2

RESOLVED that the Proposed Budget of Camp McDowell, and presented by the Diocesan Council, hereby is adopted as the for the calendar year 2013.

INCOME	2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
SummerCamp	\$ 310,000	\$ 326,962	\$ 325,000	\$ 351,128	\$ 350,000	\$ 355,899	\$ 380,000	\$ 361,277	\$373,000	\$ 360,178	\$ 375,000	
Camp	\$ 88,000	\$ 57,358	\$ 75,000	\$ 59,658	\$ 65,000	\$ 63,390	\$ 65,000	\$ 60,497	\$ 66,000	\$ 58,027	\$ 84,000	
Stough	\$ 210,000	\$ 251,890	\$ 235,000	\$ 217,329	\$ 275,000	\$ 206,093	\$ 245,000	\$ 182,862	\$220,000	\$ 252,045	\$ 263,000	
ScoE	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,204	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,149	\$ 12,000	\$ 9,715	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,870	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,451	\$ 14,000	
MillerCommons	\$ 240,000	\$ 259,844	\$ 275,000	\$ 270,428	\$ 305,000	\$ 270,612	\$ 310,000	\$ 252,729	\$315,000	\$ 303,813	\$ 350,000	
MiniCamps	\$ 25,000	\$ 47,446	\$ 30,000	\$ 27,999	\$ 40,000	\$ 26,713	\$ 50,000	\$ 16,698	\$ 35,000	\$ 36,390	\$ 35,000	
VentureOut	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,100	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,581	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	
Farm	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 7,275	\$ ---	
ECB&M	\$ 310,000	\$ 344,562	\$ 306,000	\$ 318,634	\$ 350,000	\$ 421,391	\$ 355,000	\$ 472,861	\$480,000	\$ 563,828	\$ 495,000	
FolksSchoolB&M	\$ 17,000	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 30,636	\$ 30,000	\$ 25,037	\$ 36,000	\$ 28,385	\$ 36,000	\$ 32,497	\$ 40,000	
Canteen	\$ 75,000	\$ 79,357	\$ 77,000	\$ 84,834	\$ 80,000	\$ 70,728	\$ 75,000	\$ 86,388	\$ 93,000	\$ 85,340	\$ 90,000	
DonaPons	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,000	\$ 10,850	\$ 10,000	\$ ---	\$ 2,000	\$ 625	\$ ---	\$ 250	\$ 1,000	
Scholarships	\$ 60,000	\$ 41,070	\$ 62,000	\$ 62,109	\$ 65,000	\$ 47,495	\$ 60,000	\$ 43,297	\$ 50,000	\$ 49,464	\$ 48,000	
Miscellaneous	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,386	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,115	\$ 16,000	\$ 32,368	\$ 18,000	\$ 63,544	\$ 15,000	\$ 75,778	\$ 17,000	
LandIncome	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,250	\$ 12,000	\$ ---	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 22,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 12,000	
TotalIncome	\$ 1,391,000	\$ 1,460,929	\$ 1,434,000	\$ 1,471,450	\$ 1,610,000	\$ 1,540,441	\$ 1,619,000	\$ 1,603,033	\$ 1,709,000	\$ 1,850,336	\$ 1,824,000	
EXPENSE		2008	2009	2009	2010	2010	2011	2011	2012	2012	2013	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Actual	Budget	
AdministraPon	\$ 16,000	\$ 21,278	\$ 20,000	\$ 17,630	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,954	\$ 18,000	\$ 31,234	\$ 18,000	\$ 27,229	\$ 28,000	
Canteen	\$ 58,000	\$ 63,932	\$ 57,000	\$ 67,600	\$ 65,000	\$ 69,736	\$ 60,000	\$ 69,475	\$ 70,000	\$ 92,938	\$ 70,000	
Food	\$ 205,000	\$ 230,112	\$ 210,000	\$ 213,964	\$ 230,000	\$ 225,369	\$ 230,000	\$ 236,033	\$245,000	\$ 267,448	\$ 280,000	
Insurance	\$ 190,000	\$ 181,354	\$ 205,000	\$ 208,389	\$ 231,000	\$ 222,979	\$ 240,000	\$ 235,747	\$265,000	\$ 257,628	\$ 240,000	
Maintenance	\$ 60,000	\$ 67,564	\$ 65,000	\$ 54,325	\$ 65,000	\$ 68,897	\$ 66,000	\$ 85,108	\$ 80,000	\$ 112,610	\$ 90,000	
Payroll	\$ 636,000	\$ 659,023	\$ 645,000	\$ 676,310	\$ 700,000	\$ 674,262	\$ 710,000	\$ 710,923	\$755,000	\$ 806,911	\$ 770,000	
RePrement										\$ 23,439	\$ 70,000	
Programs	\$ 5,000	\$ 14,616	\$ 12,000	\$ 22,481	\$ 14,000	\$ 14,223	\$ 20,000	\$ 13,303	\$ 20,000	\$ 15,681	\$ 25,000	
Reserves	\$ 38,000	\$ 40,998	\$ 35,000	\$ 38,643	\$ 43,000	\$ 35,758	\$ 37,000	\$ 35,901	\$ 37,000	\$ 41,463	\$ 41,000	
Supplies	\$ 15,000	\$ 22,346	\$ 18,000	\$ 20,727	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,932	\$ 22,000	\$ 22,006	\$ 20,000	\$ 21,418	\$ 22,000	
TransportaPon	\$ 20,000	\$ 29,640	\$ 25,000	\$ 22,771	\$ 28,000	\$ 27,165	\$ 28,000	\$ 32,141	\$ 35,000	\$ 30,570	\$ 32,000	
UPIIPes	\$ 95,000	\$ 113,607	\$ 117,000	\$ 116,260	\$ 125,000	\$ 116,571	\$ 132,000	\$ 118,473	\$125,000	\$ 119,631	\$ 120,000	
VentureOut	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,368	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,593	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ ---		\$ ---	\$ ---	
Miscellaneous	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,444	\$ 8,000	\$ 2,717	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,548	\$ ---	\$ 1,668	\$ 1,000	\$ 10,917	\$ 3,000	
ScholarshipFundraising	\$ 1,000	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 1,947	\$ 1,000	\$ 978	\$ 5,000	\$ 997	\$ 1,000	\$ ---	\$ ---	
LandExpense	\$ 24,000	\$ 9,896	\$ 15,000	\$ ---	\$ 24,000	\$ 5,509	\$ 24,000	\$ 6,092	\$ 30,000	\$ 5,030	\$ 30,000	
TOTALEXPENSE	\$ 1,376,000	\$ 1,459,178	\$ 1,434,000	\$ 1,467,357	\$ 1,575,000	\$ 1,502,881	\$ 1,592,000	\$ 1,599,101	\$ 1,702,000	\$ 1,832,913	\$ 1,821,000	
	\$ 15,000	\$ 1,751	\$ ---	\$ 4,093	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,560	\$ 27,000	\$ 3,932	\$ 7,000	\$ 17,423	\$ 3,000	

**Resolution # 3**  
**Resolution on Gun Violence**

RESOLVED, that we the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama can no longer remain silent while children, teachers, and other citizens of our country are drastically affected by gun violence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge our elected officials to take seriously their charge to review and prayerfully consider all laws, including those concerning the regulation of firearms, that work to reduce the prevalence of gun violence, and acknowledge that, absent a concerted and coordinated effort to address the mental health crisis in this state and nation, no gun control legislation can begin to reduce and eliminate acts of gun violence;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Diocese of Alabama encourages all faith communities and persons of good will to add their voices to ours so that we can turn the tide of violence in America.

**Resolution # 4**  
**Resolution to Recognize Canterbury of Huntsville**

RESOLVED, that the 182nd Convention of the Diocese of Alabama recognizes Canterbury of Huntsville as a Diocesan Campus Ministry site according to the provisions of Canon 9, Section 7. Canterbury of Huntsville is a ministry to numerous institutions of higher education in Madison County and the Tennessee Valley.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Canterbury of Huntsville be accorded one (1) voting delegate to Diocesan Convention, beginning with the 182nd Convention of the Diocese of Alabama, according to the provisions of Canon 3, Section 2.

SUBMITTED by the Department of Ministry in Higher Education

**Resolution # 5**  
**RESOLUTION OF BISHOP'S ADDRESS TO "INVITE, INSPIRE, TRANSFORM"**

WE, the tall, thin, awkward, goofy and shy but now cool Episcopalians of our Diocese in gratitude to our Bishop and his staff here by RESOLVE to invite all to a reasonable, authentic faith; beautiful, meaningful worship; genuine, loving community that offers an environment in which we can explore the Christian faith honestly and openly. We pledge ourselves to flesh out the "dreams and bones" of this Dioceses in planting a place of hospitality and inclusion called Bethany Village on the patch of fertile soil at Camp McDowell and to further expand our invitation within all parishes. It's funny the things that will change your life.

Under the theme of invitation, be it RESOLVED, that we call upon the Bishop to initiate a process by which we may have an authentic conversation on the status of the blessing of same gender unions and that a report be made to the 183rd Diocesan Convention.

**Resolution # 7**  
**Resolution Expressing Gratitude to the Host, of the 182nd Convention of the Diocese of Alabama**

Resolved that the Convention recognizes that the fertile ground of St. John's Episcopal Church, Montgomery has been a most gracious host for the 182nd convention of the Diocese of Alabama, and

Be it further resolved that the St. Johns Angels be recognized for their compassionate hospitality and the use of their beautiful worship space. We recognize the outward & visible signs of their direction and guidance, and we will strive to model the example in our home parishes,

Be it further resolved that the seeds sown here at St. John's will bear fruit to be seen for future generations.

**Resolution # 8**  
**A Resolution to Extend an Invitation to the 183rd convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama**

Be it resolved that Bishop Sloan and the Diocese of Alabama invite all to come Feb. 21-22, 2014 to the Winfrey Hotel and be a part of an awkward, goofy, shy, community that will continue to be stewards of the great treasures God has planned for us, and to share in the gifts of God with the people of God. Invite a friend, bring a deck of cards and we just might play a game of spades.

**Resolution # 9**

By the grace of God we welcome the "cool" Bishop Santosh Marray and his wife, Lynn to the Diocese of Alabama. He brings us his many gifts and will help the diocese grow from the bottom up. His presence is a blessing for the Diocese of Alabama. We are grateful to have Bishop Santosh and his wife as additional broken pieces in our diocesan mosaic.

**Resolution # 10**

We welcome Bishop Lloyd Allen to the 182nd Convention. We thank him for his presence. May the seeds that he is planting inch-by-inch, row-by-row, allow the Diocese of Honduras to grow to self sufficiency by 2019.

## 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](mailto:linda.wheeler@nativity-hsv.org)

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

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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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## 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! \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Guest Speaker  
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## Oh, the places you'll go!

Questions?  
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## Deadline to sign-up is APRIL 5