

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

April 17, 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

Yes, but....Easter Hope prevails

We continue to celebrate Easter for the 50 days from Easter Sunday through Pentecost on May 19. Easter calls us to claim hope for ourselves and for this life. God is bringing new life in the midst of this sometimes broken and difficult world, raising us to know joy and peace. Even though this Easter was the coldest I've ever remembered it, we have finally gotten that burst of spring flowers and warmer temperatures, giving us the message from *the Book of Creation* that God indeed brings new life from the wintry landscape of life. But this weekend, I hear the weather is making a reversal and we will have some colder, non-spring like weather again.

And on Monday, when the dogwoods were perhaps at their springtime peak, we received the shocking news of terrorism at the finish line of the Boston Marathon. Three innocent lives were taken and almost 200 wounded and maimed, some still fighting for life. So, how do we hold on to Easter when we keep getting news of Good Friday?

In the midst of the world's darkness, we are called to be people of light. This means that we can neither ignore the darkness, nor run away from it, but claim God's presence with us, through it and in it. We claim God's love holds us always, and then we go and hold others in the name of that love when tragedy strikes. We hold on to the hope and message of Easter, even when it seems like Good Friday.

It was powerful hearing the stories of those who courageously helped the wounded on Monday, not knowing if other bombs might go off while unselfishly giving themselves to others. It was hopeful hearing people say that this event would not define them or their lives. Easter compels us to consider that we cannot be people of fear, or cynicism or despair. Easter celebrates Christ's overcoming despair, brokenness, fear—even our fear of death—taking us by the hand and raising us with him to life that eternally springs forth.

The great preacher and theologian William Sloane Coffin wrote that Easter gives a “yes, but” kind of message. “Yes, fear and self-righteousness, violence and indifference kill; **but** love never dies, not with God and not even with us. Easter says that all the tenderness and love which on Good Friday we saw scourged and nailed to a cross, all that goodness and beauty, are alive and always with us—no faded memory, but an undying presence in the life of everyone.”

As Christians, we deplore these horrific acts in Boston and we pray for God's strength and wisdom as we build a society that is free from violence and terror. We take great heart in our Easter faith that God will bring forth healing and hope from the worst of suffering and loss. Our prayers go out those who have suffered loss in Boston and in other places where violence and oppression diminish lives.

And we pledge ourselves to the holy work of creating a society free of the violence that haunts our species. May God's Spirit of healing and new life sustain us. As God's people in Christ at Nativity, may we pledge ourselves anew to building God's vision for humanity, a vision that is defined by mutual blessing and peace and love; a vision of life that is defined by Easter, not Good Friday. Love and hope prevail. Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Andy +



We welcome Dr. Stephen Schaeffer, Emeritus Organist & Choirmaster of the Cathedral Church of the Advent (Birmingham) to Nativity!

Dr. Schaeffer will be providing musical leadership to our liturgies and for the Annual Nativity Spring Choir Concert (Saturday May 18), while Suzanne Purtee is on sabbatical.

Dr. Schaeffer retired from the Cathedral in August of 2012 after 25 years of service to this Diocese. You may contact him through the church office.

Welcome, Stephen!

Suzanne Purtee takes Sabbatical

As many of you are aware Suzanne has begun her 'well-deserved and earned' Sabbatical. At the November 2012 Vestry Meeting a request was presented and approved to grant Suzanne the Sabbatical based on her seven years of service as Choirmaster and Organist. Below is one day from her Journey Blog. To follow Suzanne on her sabbatical journey (April 1—June 30) a blog is accessible at <http://nativitysabbaticaladventure.blogspot.com/>

I Was Glad!

The sun is rising here on the west coast of Florida; bursts of warm pink and purple clouds accent the palm trees against the shifting colors in the sky. Being a morning person and still living on central time, I am awake before these curtains to the day have been pulled back, and thinking about last Sunday -- a very beautiful and wonderful Easter celebration (thanks to a marvelous and dedicated choir --- as well as great clergy -- flower guild -- everyone).

A confession --starting this adventure took a couple more days past April fools day . . . There was the finalization of (each selection) of music for worship at Nativity between now & June 30, as well as a few other things -- taxes and making my home acceptable for its new temporary occupants (the kitty staff) and accordingly, stocking up on the basics that would be needed while away. (that's a lot of litter . . .)

There is a great cathartic feeling when driving away on an extended trip. With most all of the home details set; the various checks in the mail, and library books returned - the road ahead felt clear and new. Better than a move (due to the unknowns), this kind of adventure feels invigorating and exciting!

Operating a new vehicle requires working the Cd player. A standby Cd is always available, (J. Scott/ Westm Abbey Choir) and it has started each day of the trip now with the famous (title) anthem of C.H.H. Parry. (link below) What a glorious and perfect way to start each day! This work is then followed by an exquisite setting of Psalm 23 in Anglican Chant; once these two selections fill the air, the day feels right.

My neighbor's were missing out on the opening of their daughter's Fashion Truck in Birmingham, so my first adventure was to drop in to Homewood and check it out. As food trucks are already a source of delight (try the one at Straight to Ale in Hsv), I was eager and thrilled to oblige. Something about the creativity required to make great fashion available on a converted delivery truck is both admirable and enticing. . . I hope they come to Huntsville -- they will even set up at farmer's markets!!

Further on in Alabama, the churches of Ascension and St. John's, Montgomery, were beckoning. (yes, I hear some of you saying . . this is NOT a work trip Suzanne. . . .) Oh well -- my first time to the lovely capitol of my new home state. It was beautiful; azaleas and wisteria are in bloom. Both Ascension and St. John's had impeccable grounds and architecture. I was fortunate to meet the rector at St. John's (can't do justice to his name here); he was very cordial and welcoming (this the week after Easter no less!) They were in the throes of an Easter egg hunt -- a great idea to have one the week after Easter day, yet while we are still in Eastertide. . I had a full tour of the church and took a few notes . . . choir be forewarned -- we will sing in St. John's!!

In Dothan, I wanted to visit our sister church -- the Church of the Nativity, and was not disappointed there either. Such a beautiful setting and architecture. Plus -- the choir room is on the ground level! With windows, and easy access to the front sidewalk for processions!!

The dogwood in this surrounding neighborhood were just opening; the beautiful labyrinth in the courtyard allowed for some wonderful minutes of prayer and thought on a very quiet and peaceful afternoon....

Sarasota & its famous museum (& organ) will be on tap today; with quiet moments at a park or refuge to take in the natural wonders of Florida.

Posted 1 week ago by [suzp](#)

May 11th - We need *YOU* to help STOP HUNGER NOW!



Visit www.stophungernow.org to learn more about this effective and efficient organization.

On Saturday, May 11th the Outreach Committee is sponsoring a Meal Packaging Event from 1:00-3:00 in the parish hall. **We need 35-40 people to make a commitment to help package the meals.** We will package **10,000** meals in two hours. **This is a fun, hands on mission project that is suitable for all ages - children, youth, families, adults, everyone!**

Stop Hunger Now's meal packaging program is a volunteer-based program that coordinates the streamlined packaging of highly nutritious dehydrated meals comprised of rice, soy, vegetables, flavoring and 21 essential vitamins and minerals. *The meals are easily transported to crisis-burdened areas or supplied to school feeding programs around the world. The meals cost only \$0.25 per meal to create.*

Prayers Needed

Being a Sawyerville Prayer Partner is a wonderful way to provide support and energy to the staff. Through your words of encouragement and daily prayers, you broaden and strengthen the network of support that will contribute to the success of the project. It is an especially good activity for youth groups or bible studies! With almost 300 staffers participating, we really need your help this year.

This year, prayer partners will write 4 notes of encouragement to one of our staffers. The letters will reflect on the theme, "Growing Together" and the overall verse for the week: "I am the Vine and you are the branches..." from 1 Corinthians 3:6-9.

This is one of the most important things we do for the camp. Please contact Linda Kennedy at (205) 324-7116 or lindakennedy17@gmail.com if you have any questions or to volunteer; or contact The Rev'd Brad Landry.



Please remember we continue to support the Huntsville Assistance Program.

One of the ways we offer support is to collect non-perishable items each first Sunday. For the month of May collection they are in need of Canned Meats, Canned Vegetables, Cereal, Bar Soaps, Diapers

HABITAT for HUMANITY UPDATE for house located at 6316 Banks Rd.

We did not make the progress hoped for, so we are another week behind. If the planets get aligned, the Inspection Dept. responsive and the sheet-rockers boogie up, we may be able to paint this Saturday. Contact Bill Giardini for directions or more information.

DATE	ACTIVITY
Apr. 16, 18, 20	Install wall insulation, (sheetrock by sub), continue vinyl siding
Apr. 23, 25, 27	Paint walls, continue vinyl siding
Apr. 30, May 2, 4	Clean floors and windows, install floor tile, landscape
May 7, 9, 11	Paint and install interior doors, and trim, install cabinets, electrical fixtures, (plumbing by sub)
May 14, 16, 18	Install closet and door hardware, window blinds, shutters
May 21, 23, 24	Catch up work, touch up paint, clean and wax floors
May 28, 30, Jun 1	Work punch list. DEDICATION CEREMONY Sat, 11.

Regular working hours are from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a break for lunch around noon. Bring carpentry tools, a utility knife, gloves, safety glasses if you have them. (Lunches are provided only on Saturdays by area churches.)



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

Backyard casual at 5:30 with chow from Moe's Original. All ages welcome. No charge! But please make reservations to the church office at 256-533-2455 by noon, April 30th so we can place the order for barbeque.

You do not want to miss this adventure!



the
Greene
Street
Market
at Nativity

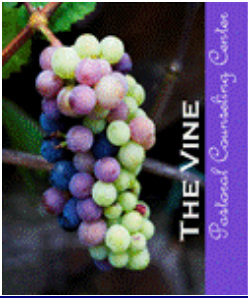
Farmers' Market

Every Thursday Afternoon May 2 – Oct 31

4 – 8 pm from May – August

4 – 7 pm in September

3 – 6 pm in October



THE VINE
Pastoral Counseling Center

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

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.

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 church office during the week.

FINANCIALS

Parish Financial Report Period Ending 3/31/2013

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 116,762.38	\$ 109,708.33	\$ 339,626.17	\$ 329,125.03
Plate	\$ 6,720.00	\$ 6,666.67	\$ 21,634.04	\$ 19,999.97
Other Revenues	\$ 17,460.65	\$ 8,733.33	\$ 26,291.15	\$ 26,200.03
TOTAL	\$ 140,943.03	\$ 125,108.33	\$ 387,551.36	\$ 375,325.03
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 16,595.97	\$ 25,374.97	\$ 46,537.33	\$ 76,125.27
Personnel	\$ 67,723.17	\$ 67,879.00	\$ 193,873.71	\$ 203,637.00
Other Expenses	\$ 28,097.83	\$ 31,854.36	\$ 84,157.88	\$ 95,562.76
TOTAL	\$ 112,416.97	\$ 125,108.33	\$ 324,568.92	\$ 375,325.03
NET	\$ 28,526.06	\$ -	\$ 62,982.44	\$ -

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\$1,000 or <	110
\$1,001—\$2,999.99	157
\$3,000—\$4,999.99	76
\$5,000—\$9,999.99	55
\$10,000 —\$14,999.99	11
\$15,000—\$24,999.99	9
\$25,000—\$39,999.99	1
\$40,000 or >	1
Total Number of Pledges	420
Total Dollar Amount of Pledges	\$1,330,668.65
Average Pledge	\$3,168.26

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Sara Ellen Neil, Louis Amis, Elaine Wood, Don Askins, Bob, Linda Giardini Drzycinski, John Randall Howard, Marian Delaney, 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:

We pray for parishioners: Byron Hulsey and Michael Shipley, on staff at Limestone for Kairos #55, and for all the *men in white* at Limestone Prison.

We give thanks for the birth of a child:

- Brayden Louis Durnya born on April 1, to parents Nicole and Cameron L. Durnya; grandparents Beth and Lou Durnya.
- Alana Roxanne Putt born on April 1 to parents Nina & James Putt, grandmother Janis Miskelly.

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

4/19 Luke McClendon
4/22 Lily Cantey, Sellers Rawson
4/23 Clara Williams
4/26 Kaia Lightfoot
4/27 Jackson Anglin
4/29 Harrison Whitehead
4/30 Thomas Aldag
5/1 Sydney Suggs
5/2 Gabrielle Lightfoot, Rachel McCoy
5/3 Stella Allbritton

Bishop's Annual Visit and Confirmation will take place Sunday, May 19.

A reception will follow the 10:00 a.m. service. In Ridley Hall. The Rt. Rev'd Kee Sloan will be preaching both services and attending the reception in honor of 2013 Confirmands.

**This will be our Summer Worship
Schedule with services at
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.***

MUSIC WORKSHOP and Alleluia-III sing along

April 21st (Sunday) beginning with lunch at 11:30 AM
St. Stephen's in Huntsville

There is no requirement for attendees to have attended Cursillo. We are especially inviting the younger crowd (High School and up).

You do not have to play a musical instrument. Your voice is all you need. But if you do play guitar or any other instrument, by all means please bring it.

We will end the workshop at about 4:00 PM and move up to Monte Sano State Park for an area-wide Eucharist followed by a pot luck supper.

The workshop fee is \$20 per person, which covers lunch and all of the overhead of renting the space on Monte Sano, etc.

REGISTER BY EMAIL alleluia3workshop@gmail.com

PLEASE LET US KNOW THAT YOU ARE COMING SO WE CAN PROVIDE THE CORRECT NUMBER OF LUNCHESES!

Come One, Come All!

Richard and Elaine Hamner

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

Episcopalians Celebrate Eastertide

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST

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.**

The Two Renovations: Youth Ministry @ Nativity

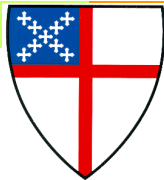
With a renewed focus on youth ministry at Nativity, it is important to understand the two major forms of renovation the youth ministry is currently undergoing. The renovation that is, perhaps, easiest to observe is the **physical renovation** of the second floor of Ridley Hall, where the 5th-8th graders meet. This space has long been neglected, and is overdue for a major overhaul. This involves moving walls, building cabinets, updating doors, lighting and electrical to make classroom space more functional for both Club 5/6 and Jr. High. This physical renovation should be near completion by May 12th (Youth Sunday) and there will be an open house reception for parents, grandparents, and other parishioners to see the new space. While the vestry has committed \$65,000 for these major capital improvements, there will still be a need to furnish this new space with couches, tables, TV's and other items listed on the wish list to make this a welcoming, fun space for our youth.



The second - and arguably more important - renovation is the **programmatic renovation**. This is the essential renovation that began last September when Youth Ministry Architects hosted listing sessions throughout the parish and provided us with a thorough assessment of our youth ministries, as well as recommendations and a timeline to institute critical renovations to our organization/program/infrastructure. This work is being carried on by a committed group called the **Youth Ministry Renovation Team** (Lewie Bates, Mem Bryant, Steve Creech, Holly Ellis, and Lori Webber - along with Fr. Brad and William Blackerby.) The specific tasks of the Youth Ministry Renovation Team are outlined in the assessment given to us by Youth Ministry Architects and distributed to the church. We are working a proven method of communication, recruitment, and planning that we are very excited about. The members of this team are committed to working a proven process to achieve a sustainable and successful youth ministry here at Nativity. Please don't hesitate to contact any of the members of this renovation team, Fr. Brad, or William Blackerby to learn more about this important renovation of our youth ministry.



Youth



Notes!

Got questions? Call me, William Blackerby, at 205-240-3705
or email wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org

Junior EYC — 7th and 8th Grades

- **Teens Relaxing At Someone's House Sunday, May 5th from 4—6 pm, location TBA.** Come ready to eat some snacks and play some games!

Senior EYC — 9th and 12th Grades

- **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 worship service. **April 21st** we'll welcome Bobby Davis, and **April 28th** we'll welcome Grant Hill. See you there!
- **Girls' Art Night! — Sunday, April 28th from 4—6 pm at the home of Holly and Jeff Ellis.** Come for snacks, a fun art project, and a closing worship service! Be sure to bring the prayer journal you've started!

WHAT AND HOW TO RECYCLE

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 God's marvelous creation and of the resources we have been given.

What can you put in the Bin?

City and county residents are encouraged to put the following items into their blue recycling bin:

Product	Yes! It's recyclable	NO! Don't put it in your bin!
Paper	Newspapers & inserts; Magazines & catalogs Junk mail & stationery; Shredded paper (in <u>bags</u>) Computer & printer paper; School & office paper Paperback books & phone books Paper bags Cereal & pasta boxes ; Tissue boxes & beverage cartons Cardboard (must fit in bin)	Plastic wrap, bags, film, or Styrofoam
Cans	Aluminum Cans Steel Cans EMPTY Aerosol Cans from Shaving Cream, Hair Spray or Air Freshener. PLEASE remove and discard lids.	Cans that contained Poison, Paint or Auto Products Scrap Metal Aluminum Foil Disposable Aluminum Pie Plates
Plastic	Milk Jugs and Soft Drink Bottles Laundry Products Bottles Shampoo Bottles Any narrow neck bottle that has a #1 or #2 on the bottom PLEASE: Rinse and remove lids and pumps. Containers may be crushed to conserve space.	Motor Oil Containers Poison Containers Plastic Wrap Plastic Bags Wide mouth plastic containers such as Yogurt and Margarine Tubs.
Batteries	PLEASE: Put used batteries in a clear plastic bag beside your blue bin. Household dry cell batteries used in: Cameras and Watches Toys Flashlights Smoke Detectors Electronic Equipment	Lead acid batteries used in: Cars Motorcycles Lawnmowers Boats These batteries are accepted at the Handle With Care Collection Center as part of our <u>Household Hazardous Waste Program</u> on the first Saturday of each month.
Used Motor Oil	Engine Oil used in vehicles and lawnmowers. PLEASE: Put used oil in a CLEAN, CLEAR, PLASTIC container (such as a milk jug or a soft drink bottle) and fasten the lid securely. Put the container NEXT to your recycle bin. If the oil is not in a clear plastic container, it will not be picked up.	Antifreeze Transmission Fluid Brake Fluid Motor oil that has been mixed with other things

Upcoming Baptism date: June 23rd at 10:00 a.m. Please contact Connie in the church office for scheduling 256-533-2455 cgomski@nativity-hsv.org

Choir Fundraiser Continues

The Nativity choir has step-stools for sale with proceeds to benefit the choir tour to England and Scotland 2015. The choir's solid wood stools (choice of three stains) are available for \$50 each. Contact Joan East to place your order; 256-325-1418.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S SUNDAY is MAY 12th.

Be sure to come to support our youth and children. The kids are working hard getting ready for this special service. After the 8:45 service, we will have a moon bounce and refreshments in the church yard. Don't miss out on the fun!



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 and click on the "Follow Nativity on Facebook" link.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE May 2013, published 4/17/13

WEDNESDAY, May 1, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Landry		Don Askins

THURSDAY, May 2, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Anderson		Joan East

SUNDAY, May 5, 6th Sunday of Easter

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Landry – out)	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	Anderson	Anderson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson	Sue Johnson
8:45 am	McCown	Anderson	Mike Ward, Charlie Warren	Lane Mickle	Martha Joffrion
11:00 am	McCown	Anderson	Marilyn Lands, Sally Ann Culver	Dianne Nettles, Mike Innes	RuthAnn Haymes

WEDNESDAY, May 8, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Anderson		Marilyn Lands

THURSDAY, May 9, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Landry		Virginia Kobler

SUNDAY, May 12, 7th Sunday of Easter, Youth Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
7:45 am	McCown	Youth	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett	Lea Ann Barnett
8:45 am	Landry	Youth	Bob Serio	Bankston Creech	Youth
11:00 am	Anderson	Youth	Robin Cozby	Rachel Quillen, Jordan Cozby	Deborah Baker

WEDNESDAY, May 15, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	McCown		Cheryl Watts

THURSDAY, May 16, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	McCown		Sally Ann Culver

SUNDAY, May 19, Pentecost, Bishop's Visit

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Bishop	Bishop	Linda Boyer	Stacy Moon	Melissa Kirkindall
10:00 am	Bishop	Bishop	Lewie Bates	Sally Ann Culver, John Conover	Marilyn Lands

WEDNESDAY, May 22, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon	Anderson		Janet Robbins

THURSDAY, May 23, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm	Landry		Don Lambert

SUNDAY, May 26, 1st Sunday after Pentecost: Trinity Sunday

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	Landry	Robert Dunn, Don Lambert	Melissa Kirkindall	Lane Mickle
10:00 am	Anderson	Landry	Peter Cobun, Don Askins	Jim Douthit, Mary Johnson	Rich Goodwin

WEDNESDAY, May 29, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
12:00 noon			Don Askins

THURSDAY, May 30, HE

Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM
6:00 pm			Joan East

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8:00/8:45	Bill Starnes, Hall Bryant, Allen Daniels, Andy Kelly, Pat Sampson, Clay Sherrill, Ward Wilson
10:00/11:00	Hans Billmeyer, Veneta Billmeyer, Madalyn Hicks, Don Askins, Ernie Thomas, Susan Thomas, John Lewis

ALTAR GUILD

4	Sue Johnson, Lea Ann Barnett, Judy Vann, Connie Stephenson, Flo Stockton
11	Jewell Reynolds, Suzy Naumann, Renée Elliott, Nancy Colin, Laura Innes
18	Sara Little, Rose Anne Shearer, Judy Heacock, Alice Lanier, Mary Johnson, Beth Pugh
25	Elaine Calhoun, Wanda Cobb, Gail Brown, Louise Reynolds, Caffey Litkenhous
1	Linda Watts, Suzy Naumann, Debbie Joyner, Lea Ann Barnett, Sue Johnson



April 4, 2013
Church of the Nativity, Episcopal
208 Eustis Avenue SE
Huntsville AL 35801

On behalf of the Child Protection Board, the CAJA Friends Board, and the abused and neglected children supported by the Court Appointed Juvenile Advocate (CAJA) Program of Madison County, we would like to express our sincere gratitude for the Church of the Nativity's donation of \$8,000.00 (No goods or services were received.) It was an honor to have been selected as one of your charity for this past year's Nativity Bazaar. Please be assured your support will be put to good use in furthering our mission of providing trained, competent volunteer advocates to speak for the best interests of abused and neglected children in Madison County.

The Church of the Nativity's support helps bring us one step closer to ensuring that abused and neglected children entering an overburdened social welfare system do not slip through the cracks. Studies have shown that children fortunate enough to have a CAJA volunteer advocating on their behalf tend to spend less time in foster care than other children, move less frequently from placement to placement, receive more appropriate individual services and are placed in permanent homes more quickly.

I wanted to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the Church of the Nativity's contribution to our program and let you know that through this contribution to our work, you are making a difference in the lives of some of Madison County's most vulnerable children. Thank you again for thinking of the Court Appointed Juvenile Advocate Program of Madison County and supporting our work to help abused and neglected children find permanent, safe, and loving homes.

With sincerest appreciation,
Douglas F. Brown, MSW (signed)
Executive Director

Ashlyn Horry Foundation
presents
A Morning of 'Glamour'
with Keva Horry
...featuring the launch of Keva's newly released memoir,
GLAMOROUS SACRIFICE
Life...
in the Shadow of Championships
Friday, May 10, 2013
10am - 12:00 Noon

Event activities include:
Exclusive chapter excerpt reading
Q&A
Special-edition book signing

Church of the Nativity - Ridley Hall
208 Eustis Avenue Southeast
Huntsville, AL 35801

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For more information about this event at Nativity, please contact Beth Morring at bmorring@knology.net or 256-520-6500.

It's not too late to join other Nativity lay leaders at Parish Leadership Training Event
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. Cost is \$25.00

Register on-line at www.dioala.org or for more information contact: Georganne Perrine 205 715-2060 ext. 9230 or gperrine@dioala.org

Please visit www.nativity-hsv.org for Christian Education Opportunities:

Sunday Adult Classes 10:00 a.m.

- The Zimmerman Bible Study Class
 - Social Justice Class
 - The Breakfast Club
- Don't Let the Crazy World Scare You!
Children Sunday School nursery to Grade 6
Youth Sunday School Grade 7 to 12th.

Weekday and evening classes can also be found on the webpage or contact the church office

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 29.

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A member of the clergy is on call each week. If you need assistance from a priest outside office hours, the priest on call will respond to your message.

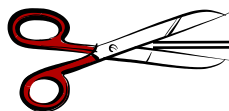
The number to call *In Case of an Emergency Only* is 256-533-7007. All other calls should be directed to church phone 256-533-2455 and follow the prompts to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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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.

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

The following dates are available: August 4, 11, 25; September 1, 15; October 13, 20, 27; December 1, 8, 22, 29.

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION, THANK YOU.

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: