

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

July 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.

The Wind of the Spirit and our Ministry Together

The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. Jesus reminds us in John's Gospel (3:8) that we are people of the Spirit. The Spirit infuses us with life and then sends us forth to do God's work as we are able and as we are called.

Nativity's Vacation Bible School this week explores the exciting force of the Spirit as the wind blowing us along in life and ministry. Our children are having a wonderful time and will share some of what they are learning this week at the 10:00 a.m. service this Sunday. The vibrantly blowing Holy Spirit has been all around Nativity this week in the experiences of our children and their VBS leaders!

A little over three years ago, the gentle wind of the Spirit blew Father Brad Landry and Elizabeth and their children into our harbor at Nativity to work with us in this vineyard for a while. Now the wind of the Spirit is taking the Landry's to San Antonio. We pray for a gentle and smooth landing for them as they set their sails westward on August 1st. Let's surround them with a large showing of Nativity love this coming Sunday on their last Sunday at Nativity when we honor them with a grand Nativity reception following the 10:00 service. Brad's last official day is Wednesday, July 24 and he officiates at our healing service that day.

Our ministries and life together at Nativity continue to flourish and gain momentum through the power of the Spirit among us. Our stride in ministry is strong and growing. The pastoral care and sacramental needs of our parish call for three full-time priests and I am in the process of discerning the process wherein the Spirit will bring that third priest on board.

Meanwhile, I am excited to let you know that I have worked out an interim solution to keep us moving ahead. Nine years ago, the winds of the Spirit brought Deacon Mary Groff among us to share our ministry. Mary has wonderful and wise pastoral care and organizational gifts that the Spirit has enabled us to draw upon in interim periods between Associate Rector calls in 2006, 2009, and this past November and December.

I am happy to let you know that Mary will again assist us in this interim period with her strong pastoral presence on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will be making hospital and homebound calls, and helping Rusty McCown coordinate some of our pastoral care lay ministries. She will also provide clergy leadership with our Outreach Ministry. Mary knows the parish well and her caring, friendly approach enables us to maintain our efforts in reaching out in care and concern. She will be available for pastoral care appointments at the church offices as well.

When Mary retired as our Deacon in 2011 (as required by Canon Law) it was just in time to welcome the gifts of our current Deacon, Jeannie Robison. Jeannie is a blessing to Nativity's ministry and our life together. Jeannie will be sharing in the Pastoral Emergency On-Call support and will also be present at some of our Wednesday noon services. We are fortunate, indeed, that the Spirit has brought such capable clergy among us in Brad, Rusty, Jeannie and Mary. I am blessed to share this ministry with the fine people God sends our way for a season. The Spirit indeed is blowing us in the direction God intends us to go!

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CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

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SUMMER WORSHIP TIMES

SUNDAY

(* Nursery available)

8:00 a.m. Rite I
Holy Eucharist
Bibb Chapel

10:00 a.m.* Rite II
Holy Eucharist
Children's Chapel

WEDNESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

Farewell Reception for Father Brad and his family

Sunday, July 21, 2013

Following the 10:00 service

Father Brad will be giving the sermon on the 21st. His last day with us will be July 24. If you would like to contribute to a farewell purse, please make your check payable to: *Church of the Nativity* with "Landry gift" on the memo line.

Haiti Medical Mission Team Forming



We are in the process of putting together the team for our February Medical Mission to Haiti. The date has not been fixed but we are looking at the first full week in Febru-

ary. We especially need medical personnel but also need some support staff so if you are interested please call Bob Serio at 256-881-6242 or e-mail rserio001@gmail.com. We will have an information session August 11 at 9 am between the services in the Bannister Room.

Dave Ramsey Class



Nativity is so excited to be offering a Dave Ramsey class beginning Wednesday, August 28th at 5:45 until 7:00p.m. and ending October 16th. The class will be located 2nd floor Joffrion

Hall. If you want to do something really special for yourself and your family, you don't want to miss this class. I have participated in this class three times and still love it and still learning!! "It provides biblically based, common sense education and empowerment which gives HOPE to everyone from the financially secure to the financially distressed." Dave Ramsey says "If you will live like no one else, later you can LIVE like no one else!" The cost is \$100.00 which you will see is well worth it - you get a lot for your money!! Contact Lane Tutt to order your material - 256-533-2455 or 256-653-7200.



Tuesday, July 23, Ridley Hall

The Centering Prayer Groups continue the [summer movie series](#) on the third Tuesday evening of the month with prayer, a [light pot-luck supper and a movie](#) in Ridley Hall.

Centering Prayer begins at 5:30 PM, followed by supper and movie at six. Our July movie is "Quartet," starring Maggie Smith, Tom Courtenay, Billy Connolly and Pauling Collins. Reservations are not required, just bring a dish (ready to eat) to share for supper. Interesting and stimulating discussion always follows the viewing of the movie.

*Note - Call Brenda Chynoweth if you have a question.



Eucharist forms a major part of our weekly, and, in some cases, daily, worship. Every Sunday we approach the altar and receive the body and blood of Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist.

Have you ever wondered how the Table gets set? A dedicated group of volunteers known as the Altar Guild ensures that the altar is properly prepared for EVERY service, whether it be a regularly-scheduled service in the Sanctuary or Bibb Chapel; a wedding; or a funeral. The members of the Altar Guild

follow strict requirements and guidelines set out both by the Church and the priest officiating at a particular service. Attention to details and the care of holy things are important in our work.

Without the hands of members of the Altar Guild, the Table cannot be set, but the members need help. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Altar Guild (male or female!), please contact Sara Little at sadie59@comcast.net.



EfM Classes are now being formed. Learn how to think theologically, deepen your faith and your understanding of our Christian heritage, and become more confident in being Christ's minister.

For more information contact: Lea Ellison: 256-520-6652 or George Thacker: 256-533-3005



Father Anderson's birthday was celebrated Sunday, July 14 with a surprise party following the 10:00 service.



Nativity Plans CPC Sunday

July 28, 2013

What IS CPC?

The Mission of the **Alabama Church Periodical Club (CPC)** is to provide funds to assist seminarians from the Diocese of Alabama to purchase their books. Envelopes marked **CPC** will be provided in the bulletins on July 28, 2013 for your donation of cash or **checks payable to Nativity, marked for: CPC**. The money collected will be divided equally among Alabama Seminarians in the fall. Thank you for supporting this wonderful ministry which gives every penny to our seminarians.

Questions? Contact Joan East,
joaneast@knology.net or call
256-325-1418.

Vestry Nominations Update

The Vestry Nominating Committee needs your help! The deadline to submit candidates for the Vestry is August 18. It is easy to nominate a candidate or yourself for consideration. Simply fill out the form and put it in the drop box in the foyer of Ridley Hall or mail it to the Church Office:

The Church of the Nativity, Episcopal
Attention: Nominations Committee
208 Eustis Ave
Huntsville AL 35801

The Committee appreciates your dedication to this process. This is your Church and your Vestry. We encourage you to get involved in the process and look forward to your submissions.

Thank you,

The Vestry Nominating Committee

Pat Goodson, Chair, Sr. Warden 2012 (patgood@knology.net)

Bland Warren, Sr. Warden 2011 (blandwarren@me.com)

Alyce Smith, member- at-large (256-536-4198)

Jennifer Hulsey, member-at-large (jat.hulsey@yahoo.com)

Mac Phillips, Sr. Warden 2010 (macphillips@gmail.com)

Rusty Stephenson, Sr. Warden 2013 (firstmom21@aol.com)

Shelley Whitney, member-at-large (smwhitney51@gmail.com)

VESTRY NOMINATION PROPOSAL

Church of the Nativity

Name of candidate: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: Home _____ Cell _____ Work _____

What strengths would this person bring to the Vestry _____

In what Parish activities has this person participated? _____

Have you discussed this with the person; if elected, would he/she agree to serve on the Nativity Vestry? _____

Thank you for your input on this candidate. The Nominations Committee meets regularly to consider all proposed nominees and to ensure representative leadership from the entire Parish.

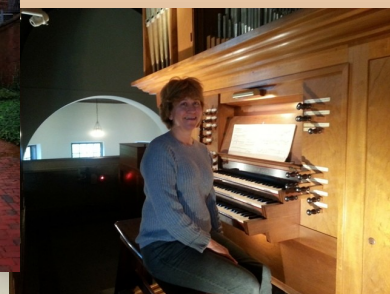
Your signature _____

Printed name _____ Date: _____

Greetings to all Nativity Members!

I have had the trip of a lifetime and a sabbatical that will go down in history! It was a heavenly, amazing experience, from visits to Cathedrals, Abbeys, and Parish churches to many coastal cities from Key West to Maine! Yes! Almost 10, 000 miles later I'm back in Huntsville and have a blog of the experience. If you are not a computer person I will have a print out of the blog available by Sunday, August 18 at the Ministries Fair, and it will be in the office to borrow. It's not professional but there are lots of pictures and stories! Thanks to many helpers who enabled this time off to go so smoothly. From Father Andy and the Vestry for good will and planning assistance, to the choir, many of whom took on extra duties individually, to our children's choir assistants, Anne Chelekis and Barbara Bonner, to the wonderful Stephen Schaeffer and then our excellent summer organists and soloists. It takes a lot of folks to keep a music program together and I am grateful to everyone. Hope to see **You** in church soon! ---Suzanne

<http://nativitysabbaticaladventure.blogspot.com/>



Nativity Summer Choir



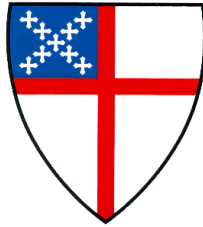
All are welcome No experience needed
rehearsal is at 9:10 in the Church

Parish Financial Report

Period Ending 06/30/2013

	CURRENT MONTH	BUDGET for PERIOD	ACTUAL YTD	BUDGET YTD
Pledges Received	\$ 90,647.08	\$ 105,833.33	\$ 625,490.31	\$ 635,000.02
Plate	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 6,666.67	\$ 38,054.20	\$ 39,999.98
Other Revenues	\$ 37,946.73	\$ 8,733.33	\$ 68,625.77	\$ 52,400.02
TOTAL	\$ 135,203.81	\$ 121,233.33	\$ 732,170.28	\$ 727,400.02
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$ 19,400.12	\$ 23,937.48	\$ 110,054.88	\$ 143,625.12
Personnel	\$ 63,712.34	\$ 67,183.55	\$ 396,322.19	\$ 403,796.70
Other Expenses	\$ 21,917.83	\$ 30,054.36	\$ 167,412.15	\$ 180,325.84
TOTAL	\$ 105,030.29	\$ 121,175.39	\$ 673,789.22	\$ 727,747.66
NET	\$ 30,173.52	\$ 57.94	\$ 58,381.06	\$ (347.64)

Youth



Notes!

Rafting Trip 2013! August 16th and 17th

WE'RE GOING RAFTING!!

- **Who?** Rising 7th-12th graders
- **What?** Rafting on the Ocoee River and paintball!
- **When?** Friday and Saturday, August 16th and 17th
- **Why?** To have fun, get to know each other better, and grow as Nativity's youth community as we head into a new year at church and at school!

The Scoop

I am so excited about this trip! **All the details you need to know (time to meet at the church, trip itinerary, forms you need to fill out, and packing list) will be available on the church website as a PDF packet and distributed via email no later than Wednesday, July 24th.**

****The cost of this year's trip is \$125.** This includes transportation to and from the Whitewater Express Ocoee Camp, one night's lodging, two meals, rafting, and paintball. Some scholarship money is available. If the cost of the trip is making you hesitate about going, please let me know!

All forms and payment are due Sunday, August 4th. Please make checks payable to Church of the Nativity, and put "EYC Rafting Trip" in the memo line. Sign up online at <http://bit.ly/>

Save the Date! — Contact William if you want to go!

- Friday-Saturday, August 9-10, Jonathan Daniels Annual Pilgrimage & Lock-in

I love feedback! Call me, William Blackerby, at 205-240-3705, or email wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org

WORSHIP SCHEDULE August 2013, published 7/15/13

THURSDAY, August 1, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
6:00 pm	Anderson		Joan East		
SUNDAY, August 4, 11 th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	McCown	Anderson	John Hendricks	Mary Hendricks	Clay Sherrill
10:00 am	McCown	Anderson	Ed Vaughn, Ronnie Rogers, Joan East	Rich Goodwin, Mickey Ellis	Virginia Kobler
WEDNESDAY, August 7, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00 noon	Robison – Deacon’s Mass		Don Askins		
THURSDAY, August 8, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Lambert		
SUNDAY, August 11, 12 th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	TBD	Pat Sampson	Jim Douthit	Jim Douthit
10:00 am	Anderson	TBD	Rich Goodwin, Barbara Buice, Virginia Kobler	Meredith Walker, Martha	Ronnie Rogers
WEDNESDAY, August 14, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00	Anderson		Marilyn Lands		
THURSDAY, August 15, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	McCown		Sally Ann Culver		
SUNDAY, August 18, 13 th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (Robison – out)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	McCown	Sue Johnson	Steve Johnson	Lee Hicklen
10:00 am	Anderson	McCown	Lane Mickle, Mike Ward, Erin Elliott, Will Elliott	Mhairi Kerr, Mike Innes	Jordan Cozby
WEDNESDAY, August 21, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00	McCown		Mary Hendricks		
THURSDAY, August 22, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Anderson		Virginia Kobler		
SUNDAY, August 25, 14 th Sunday after Pentecost					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM (McCown & Robison – out) (Groff here)	Lector	Intercessor
8:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	Mary Hendricks, John Hendricks	John Hendricks	Mary Hendricks
10:00 am	Anderson	Anderson	Cheryl Watts, Walter Thames, Don Lambert,	Ed Greene, Lane Mickle	Marilyn Lands
WEDNESDAY, August 28, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher	LEM		
12:00	McCown		Cheryl Watts		
THURSDAY, August 29, HE					
Service	Celebrant	Preacher			
6:00 pm	Anderson		Don Lambert		
USHERS					
8:00	Robert Mullins, Chad Ayres, Michael McClung, Ray Moring, Read Windham				
10:00	Daniel Suggs, Stephen Prucha, Marina Prucha, Barbara Buice, Teague Smith, Steve Brouse				
ALTAR GUILD					
3	Mary Johnson, Caffey Litkenhous, Lea Ann Barnett, Flo Stockton, Sara Little				
10	Wanda Cobb, Emily Moody, Sue Johnson, Judy Heacock, Debbie Joyner				
17	Nancy Colin, Judy Vann, Suzy Naumann, Jewell Reynolds, Louise Reynolds				
2	Connie Stephenson, Renée Elliott, Rose Anne Shearer, Linda Watts, Laura Innes				
31	Beth Pugh, Elaine Calhoun, Sara Little, Alice Lanier, Gail Brown				
CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE					
July 29 – August 4		August 5 – 11		August 12 – 18	August 19 – 25
McCown		Robison		Anderson	McCown/Anderson
					Robison/Anderson

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering:

Nancy Kelly, Emile Joffrion, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen, Eileen Sullivan, Phyllis Lawson, Lynne Swanson, Bob, Elaine Wood, Ann Garnett, Joe McDaniel, Angel Colin, Barbara Hunkapillar, Will Joyner, Louis Amis, George Thacker, Julian Kobler, Elise Goodson, Nancy Colin Swenson, Gary Glover, Tom Nixon, Charles Mabie

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Afghanistan: Denver Colin; Bahrain: Jonathan Serwecki; South Korea: Tim Fuhrman

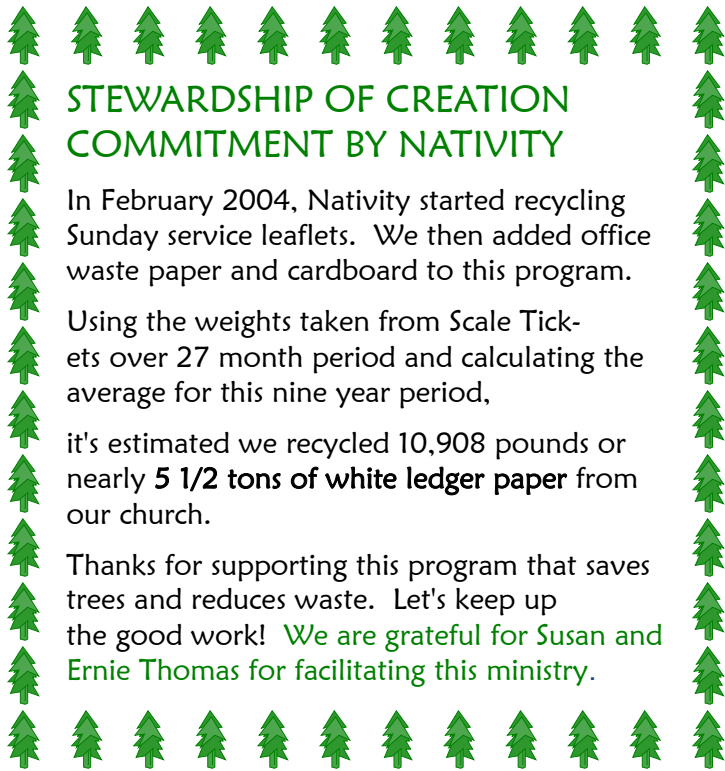
We pray for the departed:

Lawrence Coggins, cousin of Lee Coggins;
Richard Preston Watts, father of John Watts and Steve Watts

We give thanks for the birth of: Harvey Charles Wilson, July 11 to Mindy and Patrick Wilson.

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

7/18 Emmeline Marsh	7/20 Reagen Huskey	7/21 Alice Hinton	7/23 Dylan Chenoweth
7/24 Madison Doss	7/26 Anna Zuga	7/26 Hattie Crosby	7/26 Anna Crawford Mullins
7/29 Greer Baker	7/29 Emma Markwalter	7/29 Sadler Evans	7/29 Powell Stockton
7/31 Sarah Rowe	8/2 Caroline Cooper	8/2 Sean Berman	8/3 Caroline Brooks
8/3 Harrison Little	8/3 Alexander Young	8/3 Dylan Hicks	8/4 Addison Duncan
8/4 Evan McCarty	8/5 Drew Dodgen	8/6 Henry Keener	8/6 Noah Huskey
8/6 Anna Post			



STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION COMMITMENT BY NATIVITY

In February 2004, Nativity started recycling Sunday service leaflets. We then added office waste paper and cardboard to this program.

Using the weights taken from Scale Tickets over 27 month period and calculating the average for this nine year period,

it's estimated we recycled 10,908 pounds or nearly **5 1/2 tons of white ledger paper** from our church.

Thanks for supporting this program that saves trees and reduces waste. Let's keep up the good work! **We are grateful for Susan and Ernie Thomas for facilitating this ministry.**

Join us at Trinity Commons, (1170 11th Avenue S, Birmingham) as we celebrate

Twenty years of

Birmingham Episcopal Campus Ministries

Sunday, August 4

6:00pm Holy Eucharist

*7:00pm Potluck Supper**

Entertainment by

The Allen Tolbert Unit

Featuring Glenn Tolbert

** Dessert and beverages will be provided*

You're invited to the
Huntsville Premiere of the Award-winning Documentary

The Second Cooler www.secondcooler.com

Directed by Huntsvillian Ellin Jimmerson Narrated by Martin Sheen
This documentary looks at the issues surrounding the issues of illegal immigration.

When: Friday, July 26, 2013

6:30 – reception for Ellin Jimmerson, 7:00 -- Film, followed by a Q&A with Ellin

Where: Trinity United Methodist Church, Airport Road, *the New Room*

Admission: \$10, includes reception

Income from the premier will be split between the
Huntsville Immigration Initiative and the Interfaith Mission Service.

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:

cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

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

CLERGY & STAFF

The Rev'd Dr. Andy Anderson
Rector

The Rev'd Brad Landry
Associate

The Rev'd Rusty McCown
Associate

The Rev'd Jeannie Robison
Deacon

Suzanne Purtee
Organist/Choirmaster

Lane Tutt

Adult Christian Formation

William Blackerby

Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Elizabeth Foster

Children's Formation

Cassie Chenoweth

Assistant Children's Formation

Audrey Clayton

Nursery Coordinator

John Buysse

Property Manager

Al Ford

Sexton

Sally Stockton

Kitchen Coordinator

Beverly Franklin

Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

Connie Gadomski

Worship & Ministry Assistant

Prentice White

Verger/Wedding Coordinator

WARDENS' COUNCIL

Rusty Stephenson Sr Warden

Brad Hall Jr Warden

Stacy Moon Clerk

Robert Mullins Treasurer

Frederick Lanier Finance Chair

Don Wheeler Nativity Trust

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCY

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

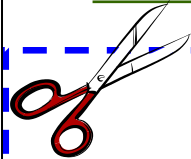
The number to call *In Case of an Emergency Only* is 256-533-7007. All other calls should be directed to church phone 256-533-2455 and follow the prompts to leave a message for a priest to respond.

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2013 ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION FORM

If you are interested in dedicating Altar flowers for a specific Sunday in 2013, please complete this form and mail with your check made payable to *Nativity Flower Guild* 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:

October 27; December 1, 8, 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 - underline or circle 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: _____