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The Church of the Nativity

September 18, 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.

Walking with Integrity: The Heart of the Christian Journey

Walking with integrity involves reflection, discernment and evaluation from time to time. All Christians are called to periods of reflection and discernment regarding the integrity of their faith. The Episcopal Church gives priests of the church the invaluable opportunity to explore what it means to live an undivided and whole life, a life that is congruent with one's values, beliefs, and faith—a life that is whole and holy—through participation in the CREDO conference.

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, EPISCOPAL

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CREDO conferences are committed to the work of the heart, body, mind, and the spirit in a learning community with other clergy and professional leaders to offer new tools of inquiry about one's life and work, and new lenses through which to view vocation and relationships. The conference encourages the integration, application, and transformation of knowledge in practice in four major areas of health: spiritual, vocational, financial, and physical. The three-legged stool of Anglicanism of Scripture, Tradition, and Reason reflected upon in our experiences undergirds the work (including time for worship, prayer, and rest).

Fall 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 This week, I am immersed in the sacred space of CREDO at the Duncan Conference Center of the Diocese of Southeast Florida. I am grateful for this time that allows for me to reflect on my relationship with God and God's relationship with me in my life, both professional and personal. I have time to look at where I am now in life and to reflect on the path that has brought me thus far. The conference aims to renew the passions that enliven my relationship with God while refreshing my vocational commitments, relationships, and creativity.

O God, in whose presence I am made whole; create within me the desire to seek you with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength. Teach me that the external worth of my soul is the gift I am given to tend and steward. When the demands of life interrupt my commitment to nourish my relationship with you, awaken me to the reality of your presence that is as near as my breath. When sadness, trouble, or willfulness keep me from you, grant that I may turn my eyes inward and listen once again to the silent longing that alone will lead me back to you. Keep me tethered to heaven through the power of your love that is boundless, unconditional, and everlasting in Jesus Christ our Savior, who, with you and the Spirit lives now and forever. Amen. (The CREDO Pre-Conference Prayer)

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Coming soon! The Greene Street

Market STORE, a year round store,
set to open in mid October. It will be located in the former bookstore fronting Eustis Avenue.

Open 10:00 am — 5:30 pm Monday — Friday, the store will offer:

- local vegetables, meats, cheeses, breads, and other products.
- relishes, jams, jellies, candies, & many other items
- sandwiches & soups for a take-out lunch or supper.

Beth Roberts will be the store manager. The Store will be staffed by volunteers. As a great project for our community we NEED you!

Can you work a shift? Shifts are 10:00 am – 1:30 pm, and 1:30 – 5:30 pm, but we can be flexible. Please contact us. Email - greenestreetmarketmail.com or go to the GSM web site – www.greenestreetmarket.com and click on "Volunteers" and then submit your information.

Money earned from Greene Street Market and Store supports outreach projects in our area.



Four Weeks of Miracles

Wednesdays September 18 and 25 6 - 7 pm

Facilitator: Rusty McCown

We will look miracle stories that are exclusive to each of the four gospels and what they mean for all Christians today.

St. Francis of Assisi Celebration Sunday September 29



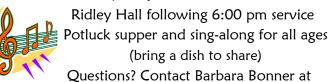
St. Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and the environment

You may bring your beloved pets and creatures to the 8:45 a.m. service (on leash or in crate.) The pet blessing follows immediately afterwards at approximately 9:30.

For those not coming to 8:45 a.m. service and want to bring your pets for a blessing, please meet in the courtyard about 9:45.

We WILL have Church School on September 29.

Food, Friends, & Song! Thursday, September 19th



<u>bcbonner65@gmail.com</u> or Minda Alexander at mindaa@comcast.net

Hope to see you there!

Interfaith Mission Service

Day of Unity and Service on the International Day of Peace September 21, 2013

Sign up to volunteer online at IMS' website. Then on September 21st come to Faith Presbyterian at 7:30 a.m.; check in, enjoy refreshments and meet other volunteers.

Peace Rally. Light a candle for peace on Friday, September 20th at Big Spring Park Gazebo from 5:30-6:30.

donations are always welcome. Food supplies, bottled water, light snacks, and tools may be needed for the volunteers to complete their task. If you or your group would like to make a donation, feel free to drop them off at the IMS office.

www.interfaithmissionservice.org

News from the Top of the Hill...

FLU AND PNEUMONIA SHOTS — Tuesday, September 24, from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. You MUST register with the office, no later than noon Monday, September 23 (256 -533-2455). Most insurance companies and Medicare cover the cost of the vaccination(s)

While you're signing up for the flu shots, sign up for the Top of the Hill Gang Luncheon that same Tuesday, starting with appetizers at 11:30 and lunch at noon.

See you then!

Huntsville Literary Association Event Sunday

At 3:00 pm on Sunday, September 22nd, you are invited come to Ridley Hall to meet and hear Anniston author Rebecca Burt discuss her book titled "I Had a Daughter", which recounts the story of her daughter's battle with cancer. This event is sponsored by the Huntsville Literary Association and is open to the public. For more information, call 256-534-9964.

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, Elaine Wood, Ann Garnett, Angel Colin, Nancy Colin Swenson, Gary Glover, Joan Bennett, Richard Hubbard, John Orosz, Louis Amis, Charles Mabie, RuthAnn Haymes, Barbara Hunkapillar, Tate Knapp, Carla King, George Thacker, Rob Ward, William Stroud, Ed Vaughn, Suzanne Purtee, Loch Neely, Mary Grainger, Linda Frost, Mike Bryan.

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Bahrain: Jonathan Serwecki; South Korea: Tim Fuhrman; Afghanistan: Michael Knight

We pray for the departed:

Joe Hackett, husband of Lynda Johnston

We give thanks for the birth of Graham Thomas Bailey, born September 9 to Erin and Robb Bailey. Grandson of parishioners John and Kim Hartley.

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

9/19	Jefferson Retzke	9/19 Jack Doty	9/20 Elise Nelson	9/20 May May Park
9/24	Caroline Curran	9/24 Maura Farrell	9/24 Rebecca McCoy	9/25 Van Dodgen

9/26 Alice Rowe 9/29 Emily Rowe 9/30 Meredith Walker 10/1 Hannah Page Clayton

10/2 Crayton Lovejoy 10/2 Sarah Moore

Upcoming Baptism Date November 3, All Saints', 8:45 & 11:00 services. Contact Connie in the church office to register.

Comments from Dave Ramsey regarding Stewardship (from his 'Financial Peace University' series)

We had a great crowd to view the Dave Ramsey video on stewardship during the Sunday School hour on September 8th. If you missed this inspirational presentation on stewardship, here are is a summary of what Mr. Ramsey had to say.

WHAT IS OUR RELATIONSHIP TO OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES?

- Everything belongs to God (The Earth is the Lord's and all that is therein–Psalm 24:1)
- We are merely stewards MANAGERS of what God has given us, not owners (Dave Ramsey refers to us as "asset managers for the Lord!")
- God gives us EVERYTHING we have and only asks for a small portion of it back to do His work!

WHY GIVE?

- God doesn't need our money (as Dave put it, "if God needs your money, he'll take it and there will be a greasy spot where you were!")
- We are made in God's image and God is a GIVER (for He so loved the world that He GAVE his only begotten Son....)
- When we give, we are most God-like

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF GIVING?

- The more we give, the more we move from SELFISH to SELFLESS
- When you give, you become the person God meant you to be
- We are happiest when serving and giving (a great side effect of giving!)
- Giving reminds us who the real owner is...God
- Giving is PRAISE and WORSHIP to God

HOW MUCH SHOULD WE GIVE?

- The Biblical standard is the tithe...10%
- Gross or net? God will take either, but the Bible talks of FIRST FRUITS, which would be off the top!

- Your tithe should go to your local church, the present-day equivalent of the biblical storehouse
- Offerings are above the tithe and are to be given out of surplus and of free will
- Never give with the motive of getting something in return

The Spiritual Development Committee invites you to

Wednesdays in October

Come hear our own Nativity Parishioners speak about "Spirituality...manifest in many ways"

Save the Dates! October 2, 9, 16 & 23.

Topics will include:

- Spirituality as Education
- Spirituality as Outreach
- Spirituality as Music
- Spirituality as Community

Guest speakers will be: Lane Tutt, Elizabeth Foster, William Blackerby, Suzanne Purtee, Judy Vann, Michael Shipley, Ginney McDonald, Jeannie Robison and others!

Dinner & Nursery will be available *by reservation* through the church office, 256.533.2455



HAP Sunday, October 6



Needed are:

canned vegetables canned fruit meat bar soap soup

spaghetti noodles (have quite a bit of sauce)

The Libba Walker Wed. Night Bible Study for Women.

The book we will be using is *The Way –Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus* by Adam Hamilton. You can order on Amazon.com or try Life Way Book store.

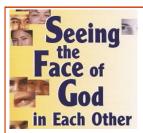
Wed. night – 6:00--7:00p.m. Place: library

Dates: October 2nd – November 6th (6 weeks)

Contact: Lane Tutt 256-653-7200.

Leaders: Lynne Evans, Kay Wheeler, Jane Brocato, Sarah

Gessler, Anne Robinson, Lane Tutt



Anti-Racism Workshop

Sponsored by the
Commission on
Race Relations in the Church
Friday, Oct 11 – Saturday, Oct
12th, 2013

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

Cost: \$40

For registration information contact Deacon Carolyn Foster at carolynfoster@bellsouth.net



STEWARDSHIP OF CREATION TIP

As we begin to see signs of fall around us, and we begin to think about the end of our summer gardens and preparing for cooler weather, we may want to evaluate our tree and shrub plantings. Fall is an excellent time to plant new trees and shrubs. Evaluate your site and do research on the type of trees you might want to have in your landscape in the coming years.

<u>Planting trees</u> is one of the most basic of environmental acts. Planting trees also happens to be a smart economic decision. Studies show that <u>trees increase property values and can significantly reduce heating and cooling costs if placed carefully. They also help to reduce air pollution, improve soil and water quality and shield living areas from noisy neighbors — whether those neighbors are people, school playgrounds or highways. The evidence:</u>

Strategically planted, trees can reduce home energy use by as much as 30%. The Arbor Day Foundation recommends planting deciduous trees on the east and west sides of your home to provide shade in the summer, but allow sunlight through in the winter. Plant evergreen trees to the north and northwest to shield your home from cold winter winds without blocking winter sunlight.

- Trees raise property values for the entire neighborhood; a 2010 Forest Service study estimated that "a neighborhood tree growing along the public right-of-way added an average of \$12,828 to the combined value of all houses within 100 feet."
- In 1985 dollars, the Forest Service estimated the value of an individual tree at \$273 annually well over \$57,000 over its lifetime. The estimate includes the value of climate control, soil erosion and stormwater management, wildlife shelter and air pollution reduction. Those numbers will be even higher in today's dollars!

Early spring and late fall, when the climate is moderate and trees are dormant, tend to be the easiest times to successfully plant trees. Look for offers of free and low-cost seedlings from local soil and water conservation districts, municipalities and environmental groups. Those little trees will take years to reach maturity, but that's part of the satisfaction; you can watch your investment — in natural beauty and dollars — grow.

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Like a Child I'm Always Learning A musical and Spiritual Journey in Recovery

by John McAndrew September 27-29, 2013

Camp McDowell

Deadline for registration is September 20th. Register online at www.dioala.org

A Diocese of Alabama Recovery Ministry Event

Medicine and Ministry

of the whole person

42nd annual conference for healthcare professionals, clergy, psychologists and their spouses/significant others

Dr. Ed Tick, Holistic Psychotherapist Keynote speaker

November 7-10, 2013 Kanuga Conferences Inc.

Deadline for registration is October 15, 2013.

Register online at medicineandministry.org

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Diocese of Alabama Annual Episcopal Churchwomen Gathering

"PRAY-BELIEVE-LOVE-SERVE"

Trinity Episcopal Church
401 North Main Street, <u>Demopolis</u>, Alabama 36732
334-289-3363
October 10-11, 2013

Trinity is located on 401 North Main Avenue in historic downtown Demopolis. We are one block west off of U.S. Highway 43, between Lyon and Monroe Streets.

Speaker: Dolores Hydock, award winning story teller. Make your plans with your fellow church women to attend this year's conference. There is limited hotel space in Demopolis so book early as this promises to be a sellout conference.

\$40 Registration fee (speaker, a wine and cheese reception with silent auction, a catered dinner, welcome bag surprises, plus lunches, snacks, wonderful worship and fellowship) by check to ECW Black Belt Convocation.

Return form and check by September 20th to:
Bea Strong, 1518 Bellwood Lane, Northport, AL 35476
gtr113@aol.com

Parish Financial Report								
Period Ending 08/31/2013								
CURRENT BUDGET for								
		MONTH	PERIOD		ACTUAL YTD		BUDGET YTD	
					\$			
Pledges Received	\$	99,360.79	\$	105,833.33	809	9,303.63	\$	846,666.68
Plate	\$	5,650.57	\$	6,666.67	\$	47,930.17	\$	53,333.32
Other Revenues	\$	4,711.42	\$	8,733.33	\$	74,519.19	\$	69,866.68
TOTAL	\$	109,722.78	\$	121,233.33	\$	931,752.99	\$	969,866.68
Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach	\$	16,649.58	\$	23,841.64	\$	153,573.01	\$	190,733.42
Personnel	\$	57,245.39	\$	67,281.66	\$	527,396.14	\$	538,921.38
Other Expenses	\$	40,981.58	\$	30,054.37	\$	240,863.61	\$	240,434.52
TOTAL	\$	114,876.55	\$	121,177.67	\$ \$	921,832.76	\$	970,089.32

INTRODUCTION TO CENTERING PRAYER WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 28, 2013 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Asbury United Methodist Church 980 Hughes Road, Madison, AL Registration \$30 per person, includes lunch.

To register call or email Judy
Ann White at 256 772-1537 or
jawhite95@gmail.com.
Registration deadline is
September 26, 2013.



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Youth Notes!

EYC Church of the Nativity

Fall FUN

Tennessee Valley District Day

Sunday, September 22nd at Church of the Good Shepherd, Decatur

Come eat tasty snacks and enjoy a **powder paint color war** (like the Color Run!) and other games with youth from Episcopal Churches all over the Tennessee Valley area! Youth Department representatives from the Tennessee Valley and Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator Susan Oakes will be there to talk about diocesan opportunities for youth. 2-4 pm at Church of the Good Shepherd in Decatur. **Wear a white t-shirt so the paint shows up and bring a towel.** Need a ride to Decatur? **Be at Nativity at 1:15 pm. Pick up time will be no later**

7th & 8th Grade Lake Day at the Stocktons!

Sunday, September 29th

All 7th & 8th graders are invited to the Stockton's lake house in Scottsboro for an afternoon of fun! Transportation will be provided from the church at 12:30 pm and we'll be back at the church for pickup at 6:45 pm. Go to the 11:00 service? Bring your bathing suit and towel to church! There will be no 7th & 8th grade LOFT

October Opportunities

Awakenings, a Spirituality Retreat for 7th and 8th Graders, sponsored by the Diocese of Alabama Friday, October 11th through Sunday, October 13th at Camp McDowell

The Diocese has put together a great program for 7th and 8th graders to awaken the awareness of God's power and presence at work in your lives! Nativity senior Julie DiFranco will be on staff for the event. Space is very limited and the signup deadline is **Monday, September 30th.** Cost is \$115, make checks payable to the Diocese of Alabama. Click here to sign up!

3rd Annual Sawyerville 5k and 20th Birthday Party Saturday, October 12th at St. Paul's Greensboro

Registration begins at 8 AM, race is at 9 AM. \$25 registration fee for the race. A 20th birthday party at Cannon Farms for Sawyerville Day Camp follows the race. Free food and drink, kids activities and entertainment.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- •Monday, September 23rd, Online sign-up for Secular and Sacred Christmas opens
- •Monday, September 30th, Sign up deadline for Awakenings at Camp McDowell

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

STEEPLE SCHEDULE

The Steeple is published each 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

To submit events or articles, you may bring them to the church office or email: cwatts@nativity-hsv.org

The deadline for the next issue is Monday noon, September 30.

CLERGY & STAFF

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The Rev'd Rusty McCown
Associate

The Rev'd Mary Groff

Associate for Pastoral Care The Rev'd Jeannie Robison

Deacon

Suzanne Purtee

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Lane Tutt

Adult Christian Formation

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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.

Church of the Nativity, Episcopal

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Thanks-for-Giving Celebration

Thursday, October 17, 2013, 6:00 p.m.

Huntsville Museum of Art

Williams Street Entrance

with guest speaker

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray

Bishop Suffragan of Alabama

RSVP by October 11

rsvp@nativity-hsv.org

256-533-2455

Catering by The Bottle

this event is sponsored by contributions from parish donors.

