

THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

April 1, 2015



CHURCH
OF THE
NATIVITY,
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

Worship Schedule

(* Nursery available)

SUNDAY

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

Our Mission

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 in the Way of the Cross: The Resurrected Christ Is No Stranger!

Walking in the Way of the Cross this Holy Week, we discover that the Crucified Christ is no stranger. On Easter Sunday, having walked *this way* we discover that the Resurrected Christ is no stranger, either! Our Collect for Holy Week bids our walking in the way of the cross, finding it none other than the way of life and peace. Over these next three days walking with Christ through his suffering, passion and death, you will find resurrection life.

The truth is that before we discover the Resurrected Christ is no stranger, we must discover that the Crucified Christ is no stranger. One of the most important books I have ever read about Christ's death is the Episcopal Monk Sebastian Moore's book *The Crucified Christ is No Stranger*. Moore writes when we see Jesus crucified we see the truth about ourselves.

Jesus crucified reveals all the cruelty we human beings inflict upon another. Jesus was not simply nailed upon the cross because a group of local leaders, both political and religious living in Jerusalem 2,000 years ago, wanted to get rid of a troublemaker. We confront the reality that this story didn't just happen once. Children of God have been killed in every generation. History is strewn with holy wars, concentration camps, and prison cells that seek to destroy God's faithful servants. There are crosses littered across human history. We have contributed to this darkness in our own lives in small and large ways.

But if we come close, we will see the one we see hanging on the cross actually represents you and me in all the ways we crucify ourselves. Jesus was the complete human being, living his life free of fear, free of possessiveness, free to be himself, and to give himself freely away. Crucified, he reveals the ways we crucify the True Self God created us to be, rather than allowing ourselves to risk real living. Moore says that the crucifixion is above all about our frightened refusal to be our real selves, our God selves.

The secret of our lives is that we often don't believe in ourselves, and we don't completely trust God and God's ways. Because of that we react in fear, we build walls to protect our frightened inner selves, we subtly corrupt even the best parts of our lives. We use each other for reassurance, to make a sale, to get a step ahead, or simply for pleasure. We plunge into a driven, acquisitive culture, work ourselves to the bone, and keep busy enough to silence the restlessness within. Our only hope is that our fearful behavior can be exposed.

This happens as we gaze upon the crucified Christ, seeing God holding us and showing us a love that contains and heals it all. The crucified Christ is no stranger, because we are not only the crucifiers, but the crucified. Seeing our darkness, we can come into the light of God's love. This love on the cross enables us, too, to exclaim, "Into your hands Father, I commend my spirit." And so we discover that ultimately, the Resurrected Christ is no stranger, but the one whose life we know and share; Easter life, Easter joy!

Enough! The Resurrection

A heart's-clarion! Away grief's gasping, joyless

Days, dejection...

In a flash, at trumpet crash,

I am at once what Christ is, since he was what I am,
and

This Jack, joke, poor potsherd, patch matchwood,
Immortal diamond,

Is immortal diamond.

Gerard Manly Hopkins

Amby +

Children's Corner

Save the dates:

Wednesdays:

4:30 St. Cecilia's Choir (2nd grade and older)

4:45 Cherub Choir (Pre-K - 1st Grade)

Sundays:

during 8:45 service: Children's Chapel

10:00am

Age 3 thru Kindergarten - Godly Play

1st-3rd grade - Workshop Rotation: Heifer Int'l

4th grade: Telling God's Story

5th & 6th grade: Club 56

Apr 2 - Maundy Thursday

6:00pm - Children's Agape Meal

Apr 5 - Easter Sunday

+ 8:30am - Bring your mite box decorated with a flower to Ridley Hall

(Mite boxes available at the Thursday evening program)

+ 10:15am - Easter egg hunt immediately following the 8:45 service. Bring your basket! No Church School

Apr 17-19 - Family Parish Weekend at Camp McDowell

Apr 29 - Family spaghetti supper with all ages activity

May 3 - 10:00am, Heifer Market

May 10 - 8:45am Youth and Children Sunday

10:00am - End of Church School year celebration

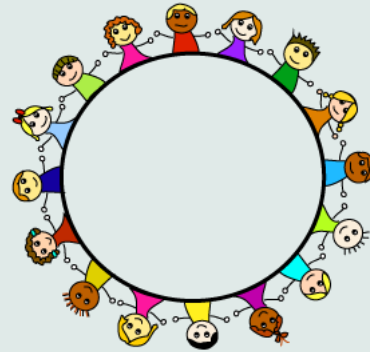
May 17 - Bishop's visit

July 14-16 - VBS!!

Camp McDowell Summer registration now open

<http://campmcdowell.dioala.org>

Contact: Barbara Bonner: bbonner@nativity-hsv.org



EYC Church of the Nativity

Youth Notes!

Upcoming Youth Events

No Sunday School or EYC on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Have a wonderful time celebrating Christ's resurrection with your families!

Sunday School returns at 10 AM on Sunday, April 12th. All classes will meet in their normal locations.

EYC returns on Sunday, April 12th, at 5:30 PM in the LOFT. Wear shoes you can walk around outside in!

High School Summer Mission Trip - July 19th through 25th

Rising 9th-12th graders! Save the date to come ride the train to New Orleans where we'll spend the week at Camp RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans) working hard and playing hard!

This trip has an estimated cost of \$450 per person, which includes transportation, lodging, and 3 meals/day July 20th through 24th. Financial assistance is available by request.

[Click here to fill out the pre-registration form!](#)

NATIVITY YOUNG ADULT NIGHT

Tuesday, April 14 - 6:00pm

Straight To Ale

3200 Leeman Ferry Road *Huntsville* AL 35801

Enjoy fun and fellowship along with Straight to Ale's "fun with friends game night!"

For more information, please contact Lauren Chenoweth

laurenchenoweth0@gmail.com or

Mother Bonnie bmccrickard@nativity-hsv.org



**MAY
1-3
2015**

**Episcopal Diocese of Alabama
Young Adults Retreat**

**Camp McDowell
May 1 - 3, 2015**

**Ages 23 and up
\$55 per person**

Applications available online at
<https://secure-q.net/EventQ/Event/Info?OrgID=dioala&EventID=1527>

For more information contact
Austin Cook at (334) 207-4505
or austinkendrickcook@gmail.com
or visit the diocesan website
Applications due April 20th

Sabbath: To Rest or Resist
May 1 - 3, 2015
Program by Rev. Sharon Hiers

Join us for a spiritual weekend retreat at Camp McDowell for young adults ages 23 and up. This weekend, we will explore what sabbath means to us and practice how we might find this call to observe a day of rest in a society that demands our productivity. Somewhere between "God rested on the seventh day" and "could you not wait one hour?" we will explore how we might incorporate Sabbath living in our daily lives.

We will also have lots of free time on Saturday to hike, canoe and relax in the great outdoors. The event will begin Friday evening at 8pm and will end Sunday after lunch. Participants are also welcome to come up Saturday during the day for \$20 (includes meals, programs, & activities).

HABITAT HOUSE 2015

Construction continues

The revised schedule now has an early June completion date. This is been moved back from mid-May. There is plenty of meaningful work to be done for all skill levels.

We started our house the last week in February. It is a 5 bedroom biggie for a single parent and her five children; ages 1 -14. This year's home (on Cornerstone Circle) is in the same subdivision as last year's home.

If you want to help, come on by. Volunteers just need to show up. Although having some skill is helpful, it is not necessary; we train as we go. Working hours are 8:00am to 2:00pm Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays with a lunch break usually around 11:30am. Lunches are furnished on Saturdays by one of the participating churches.

For more information, contact Bill Giardini (256.698.5307).

FINAL push for Stewardship !

Please send in your pledge if you have not done so already

as the Vestry will be approving the final budget at the April Meeting.

To make it easy, you may simply email Beverly Franklin at

bfranklin@nativity-hsv.org.

Monthly Men's Breakfast

Tuesday, April 14, *Suggested donation \$5*



6:30 am Simple Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

7:00 am Guest Speaker: Bob Serio is going to speak on Haiti and his Deaconate experience

I WILL BLESS YOU AND YOU WILL BE A BLESSING

A Resource for Blessing Same-Gender Relationships

5 SESSION STUDY COURSE BEGINS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 6:00pm. IN RIDLEY HALL

The Episcopal Church's resource exploring how the church has discerned missionally, theologically, and scripturally to move forward with same-gender, faith rooted, life-long, monogamous commitments, *I Will Bless You And You Will Be A Blessing*, has been available on our website for a few months now. These materials contain a Five (5) session study guide to help individuals and parishes understand why the church and our Bishop Kee Sloan believe we should offer these blessings. Bishop Sloan's policy on offering blessings asks that vestries explore the materials first, and that they be available to the parish membership at large, preferably offering the 5 sessions in a class. The Nativity Vestry has been studying the materials and we are making them available to anyone in the parish who would like to engage the materials in an interactive class. Beginning Wednesday, April 8, at 6:00pm in Ridley Hall, we will offer the study sessions over 5 Wednesday evenings. The schedule follows:

PLEASE DOWNLOAD AND REVIEW THE 98 PAGE RESOURCE PRIOR TO ATTENDING THE CLASS. CLICK [HERE](#) FOR THE MATERIALS.

April 8: History: *Reviewing the history of The Episcopal Church's decisions regarding same-sex relationships and reflecting on the current context*

April 15: Theology and the Bible: *Examining our understanding of God's blessing through the lens of theology and scripture*

April 22: Liturgy: *Discussing liturgy and the liturgical resources developed for the blessing of same-gender relationships*

April 29: Study Session does not meet this week.
Attend Nativity's monthly Family Night Dinner and Heifer Market program

May 6: Civil and Canon Law: *Exploring legal, canonical, and spiritual issues that arise as the Church considers blessing same-gender couples*

May 13: Mission: *Exploring the blessing of same-gender relationships as part of the Church's mission and God's reconciling work in the world*

The Rector and Wardens will also conduct a parish forum on same-gender relationship blessings on Sunday, April 19, at 10:00am in Ridley Hall

OUTREACH IN ACTION - Huntsville Assistance Program

A young woman, who is a single parent with small children, is behind on her rent and utilities having missed over a week of work at her job at Burger King because her car needs repairs. In desperation, she contacts the Huntsville Assistance Program (HAP). Through HAP, she was able to receive food, rent and utility assistance; along with getting her car running, and enrolling in the Financial Counseling and Mentoring program. During the interview, the HAP volunteer noticed that she also needed dental work and referred her to the Community Free Dental Clinic. The young woman is now working on her GED which will open new employment opportunities.

The Huntsville Assistance Program provides much more than food. In addition to our monthly food collection, Nativity Outreach Supports HAP with a monthly donation of \$1,200. This allows HAP to provide: rent or mortgage or utility assistance, transportation for medical appointments (Handy Ride Vouchers), and prescription drug assistance. Individuals and families are eligible to receive food two times per 12 months, and financial assistance once per 12 months. HAP serves as a clearinghouse for all other non-profit assistance programs in North Alabama. Free financial counseling is available to anyone who requests it. HAP also has a program to assist individuals who need car repairs in order to get to work. Soon they will offer ZERO interest loans to qualified individuals who want to re-enter the work force. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Visit the HAP Website: <http://www.huntsvilleassistanceprogram.org>

Contributed by: Lee Hicklen



Dave Phillips delivering food contributions to the HAP pantry

REMINDER: HOLY WEEK & EASTER RITES

You are invited to make an appointment for the
Sacramental Rite of Reconciliation



Set aside sacred time especially during Holy Week and the weeks following Easter for Self Examination, Penitence, and Confession. Spiritual guidance is a journey of deep healing and an affirmation of Holiness (wholeness), the Sacred, and the Mystery of all of life.

Self-examination: to reorient oneself toward God; how we find ourselves blocked from our own real life by things we hold onto that bind us to the past. These may be sins, human limitation, confusion, or grief. Lent is a time to remove the things in our life that have become barriers to living more fully in God.

Penitence: the action of feeling or showing sorrow and regret for having done wrong; repentance. *Penitence* shares the same Latin root as the verb repent, which means “to express regret.

Reconciliation/Confession: participating in the sacramental rite called Reconciliation of a Penitent, often referred to as confession is a sacred opportunity for true repentance and amendment of life through confession of sin to God in the presence of a priest, and receiving the assurance of pardon and the grace of absolution” (BCP, page 446). Saying the confession out loud and having a priest give counsel and pronounce absolution is a powerful act.

HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

Wednesday in Holy Week ~ April 1

Judas' Betrayal of Jesus

Noon - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

6:00pm - Stations of the Cross, Church Nave

Maundy Thursday ~ April 2

Jesus the Servant

**6:00pm Mandatum (Foot Washing), Holy Eucharist, and Stripping of the Altar

6:00pm Children's Agape Meal with activity, Ridley Hall

8:00pm -11:00pm - Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

(The Prayer Vigil begins at the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service)

Good Friday ~ April 3

The Crucifixion of Jesus

6:00am-Noon - Prayer Vigil, Bibb Chapel

11:30am - Prelude

**Noon - Good Friday Liturgy

The Church office closes at noon for Paschal Triduum

Holy Saturday ~ April 4

Waiting for Jesus' Resurrection

7:30pm - Great Vigil of Easter; Holy Eucharist, Baptism

Easter Day ~ April 5

The Risen Lord Gives Us New Life

7:45am - Holy Eucharist, Bibb Chapel

*8:45am - Festal Holy Eucharist

Children's flowering of Mite Box Cross

*10:15am - Easter Egg Hunt

Please gather in Ridley Hall for instructions

*11:00am - Festal Holy Eucharist

The Church office will be closed on Easter Monday, April 6

* Nursery available

** Nursery by reservation, call 256.533.2455



HAP Sunday is April 5

Items needed — Canned meat (small hams would be great), canned peas and beans, canned fruit, rice, dried beans.

Thanks for all your support!

Ensuring Nativity's Legacy

Did you know there are two great ways to help preserve Nativity's heritage for future generations?

If your passion is outreach, give to the
Nativity Trust

If your interest is historic preservation, give to the
Nativity Historic Trust

For more information about planned giving, visit the
Planned Giving page on our website

(nativity-hsv.org/giving/planned_giving)

or contact Frederick Lanier: (256.890.9055)

flanier@jsmithlanier.com.



MISSION GUILD

Nativity's Mission Guild meets on the third Monday each month at 10 o'clock. Our next meeting is April 20th in the Church Library. Members, please bring bingo prizes which are delivered to Central Presbyterian Church for their Aquarius Club.

We have an interesting guest speaker this month: Steven Canup, Commander, Disabled Veterans, Chapter 26.

Visitors and new members are always welcome so please join us.

Our hostesses on April 20th are, Joan East, Virginia Pearson and Vera Allen.

RenewalWorks™

A Ministry of Forward Movement

The RenewalWorks parish survey results are available by clicking [here](#) or on our website (nativity-hsv.org) under the 'Parish Life' tab and selecting Renewal Works 2015



Palm Sunday procession
March 29, 2015

Thank You from Haiti Medical Mission Team

The 2015 Haiti Medical Mission Team wants to express our heartfelt appreciation for the support we received. We provided care for approximately 500 men, women and children.



The only reason we were able to provide medical services as well as much needed medicine, condoms, hundreds of photographs, and even color crayons and paper was because of all the support of Nativity and three other parishes. We also felt emotional support from prayers of many. There were times when we needed those most of all.

Thank you so much, Father Andy Anderson, Bob Serio, Lisa Hardy, Debbie Collette, Margaret Devenish, and Libby Potter

Taking Nativity To Our Parishioners

If you know of a parishioner who is having a difficult time coming to church and would like to have someone visit them please let us know. Nativity's Pastoral Visitors and Eucharistic Visitors can take our church out to those who may dearly miss being here.

If you have any questions or would like to have a loved one matched up please contact Rusty McCown (256.533.2455) rmccown@nativity-hsv.org. Thank You!

Stewardship of Creation

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle – We’ve all heard that catchy phrase for years now. But have we thought of it with a prayerful attitude toward God’s creation?



Give us a reverence for the earth
as your own creation,
that we may use its resources
rightly in the service of others and
to your honor and glory.

Amen.

Prayers of the People, Form IV, Book of Common Prayer, pg. 388

Have you ever thought about what would happen if the trusty garbage men didn’t make our trash magically disappear every week? – Then we might start thinking very seriously about reducing, reusing and recycling – and about “the right use of the resources that God has so generously given into our care.”

As we enter more deeply into Holy Week and think about the amazing gifts of love God has given us, one of the ways we can respond with thankful hearts is by returning that love through using the resources entrusted to us in more careful and thoughtful ways.

Here are some suggestions:

- 🌍 Challenge yourself and your family to reduce your volume of garbage. Cut down by 1/4th the number of bags of garbage you put out each week.
- 🌍 You can cut back on the volume of garbage you produce not only by recycling but also by “reducing” and “reusing”!
- 🌍 Keep a basket of cloth napkins on the kitchen table instead of paper napkins – use easily laundered ones and just throw them in with a load of towels.
- 🌍 Stop buying bottled water. There are numerous reasons this would be beneficial!
- 🌍 Limit the amount of processed food you buy, thereby reducing the plastic containers and cardboard boxes you need to recycle or throw in the garbage.
- 🌍 Bring your own reusable shopping bags to the grocery store.
- 🌍 Compost vegetable and fruit scraps, tea bags, eggshells and coffee grounds.
- 🌍 Take a coffee mug for coffee or tea purchases; - an added bonus is that many places give a discount if you bring your own cup or mug!
- 🌍 Buy food items in glass jars and reuse the jars as storage containers for soups and other foods you prepare, and for leftovers. This saves money that would be spent purchasing plastic storage containers and also reduces your family’s exposure to chemicals that leech into food from plastic containers!
- 🌍 Reuse prescription bottles to hold nails and screws, picture-hanging supplies – and many other uses.
- 🌍 Reuse aluminum foil. It often has no food residue or can be washed off easily for reuse.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle - it can be good for the earth, good for your wallet, and good for your soul!



The 27th Annual Madison City, Huntsville City and Madison County Prayer Breakfast

will be held on Thursday May 7th at 7:00am in the North Hall of the Von Braun Center. Guest speaker this year will be the Right Reverend John McKee Sloan, since 2012 the 11th Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Alabama. Rev. Sloan previously served as Alabama's Bishop Suffragan after serving for 14 years as rector of Huntsville's St. Thomas' Episcopal Church. A graduate of Mississippi State University and the University of the South, Rev. Sloan is a noted speaker and author.

Madison County Chairman Dale Strong will serve as host of the event, co-hosted by the Huntsville and Madison Mayors. Kiwanis of Huntsville sponsors the Prayer Breakfast as a service project.

Special Music will be provided by the Blue Notes, five Huntsville Police Officers who sing a cappella gospel quartet style music. The group began singing in 2005 and has performed at over five hundred appearances, including a memorial service for the former Governor Guy Hunt.

Tickets are available at \$20 each. For more information, please contact Lou Durnya at ldurn@aol.com. Lou will get your tickets to you. Tickets will also be available at the door.

ADULT CHURCH SCHOOL

New Class starting April 12 (Bibb Chapel)

Art and Literature - Spring Series - April 12, 19, and 26.

The topic for this Spring is: Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension.

Led by: Lynne Berry, Jeannie Robison, Walter Thames

Nativity Concert Series 2015 Spring Schedule

*Sunday, May 31st ~ 5:00pm
Nativity Choir ~ England Tour Concert

* Friends of Music

PLEASE Save this Date

**Sunday, April 12 at 4:00pm at the
Cedarhurst Clubhouse**

Celebrating Older Americans!

At Nativity, people of all ages are valued.

Through our Top of the Hill Gang ministry, we want to celebrate older adults as productive, active, and influential members of our parish.

If you are interested in thinking out loud about re-envisioning our senior ministry, please join us on Sunday afternoon, April 12, at 4:00pm at the Cedarhurst clubhouse.

We'll have a little something to eat and drink, and explore the challenges of aging today. We'll also look at examples of successful senior programs across the Episcopal Church.

Questions? email Deacon Jeannie at

jrobis1@comcast.net

Call the office to register! 256.533.2455.



the
**Greene
Street
Market**
at Nativity

**Available now at the
Greene Street Market
Store**

Episcopal shields for your car, prayer books, books for folks interested in the Episcopal church, and cards.



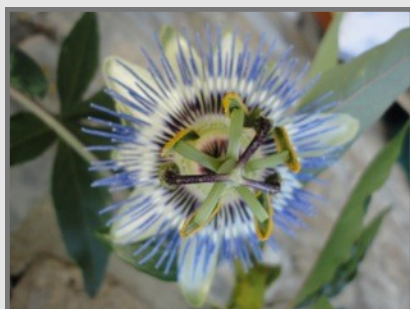
The Greene Street Market is a Nativity outreach ministry

NATIVITY PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

"In the Steps of St. Francis and St. Clare"
IN THE WORKS FOR MAY/JUNE 2016

The early stages of developing a pilgrimage to Italy for May or June of 2016 are underway. This will be a 12-14 day pilgrimage, door to door (airport to airport!) going to Assisi and other hill towns in Umbria and Tuscany important to Francis and Clare's tradition including Gubbio, and the "high places" of Greccio (first live Nativity scene), the Eremo di Carceri, and La Verna (where Francis received the Stigmata). We will also visit Rome, and possibly Sienna and Florence. If you are interested in finding out more and being on the "info list" please email Amy Baxter

abaxter@nativity-hsv.org or call her at the church office,
(256.533.2455)



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

Table of Abraham:

The importance of prayer in the Abrahamic Traditions

Monday, April 13th, 2015

6:00pm - Reception

6:30pm - Program Begins

The Episcopal Church of Nativity
208 Eustis Avenue SE
Huntsville, AL 35801

The importance of prayer across the three Abrahamic religions (Judaism, Christianity and Islam) will be explored during this interfaith dialogue. We will learn about and discuss each tradition's history and methodology, which fosters different viewpoints and an atmosphere of understanding.

The Table of Abraham is a panel discussion with representatives from each of the three Abrahamic traditions who explain and examine their faith with one another. Each speaker gives a brief interpretation on the given topic from their own background followed by a collective discussion over the topic. This event acknowledges the demand and importance for interfaith dialogue and the positive role it plays in society.

Speakers:

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar, Temple B'nai Sholom
Dr. Daniel Crosby, Church of Latter-Day Saints
Imam Ragab Abdelmoneim,
Huntsville Islamic Center

Light refreshments will be served

Call the Church Office to RSVP or online at the link below:

<http://theatlanticinstitute.org/huntsville/table-abraham-importance-prayer-abrahamic-traditions>

This event is sponsored by The Atlantic Institute Alabama (formerly known as the Peace Valley Foundation).

ATLANTIC INSTITUTE *Creating a legacy of understanding*

Episcopal Day

at the

Birmingham Barons

Friday, April 24th

Gates open at 6:00 Game starts at 7:05

Join your friends in the Episcopal Diocese at the Center Field Picnic Terrace at historic Regions Field for a fun night of food, fireworks, fellowship and BASEBALL!

Bishop Marray will throw out the first pitch!

\$25 for Adults
\$21 for Children 2-12 yrs
Under 2 is free
\$15 for Children singing**
Other pricing options available on request

This Includes:

- ✓ Admittance to the game
- ✓ Dreamland BBQ or hotdog dinner with all the fixins
- ✓ Cash Bar
- ✓ Fireworks

Sign up NOW! Deadline is April 17th

Sign up and pay
On-line at www.dioala.org

Tickets will be at Will Call at the game

For more information contact Georganne Perrine gperrine@dioala.org 205-538-9230 or
Kathryn Dorlon at Kathryn@ssechurch.org 205-967-8786

**If your children's Choir would like to join in singing the National Anthem, please contact
Kathryn Dorlon at Kathryn@ssechurch.org 205-967-8786

INTERCESSION REQUESTS

We pray for those who are ill or recovering: Don Askins, Carol Jean Exby, Nancy Jane Hundley, Anna Post, Cecelia Duncan, Stephanie Sherman, Bob Hale, Aubrey Tycer, Ann Garnett, Raye Newton, Gary Comfort, Bill Dilworth, Lorene Dilworth, Lynn Jones, Carla King, Nancy Colin Swenson, Eileen Sullivan, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

We pray for the departed:

Sally Elliot, mother of Tom Elliot
Mabry Miller

We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

Afghanistan, Shelby Smith
Afghanistan, Denver Colin
US Navy, Jesse Teal

We give thanks for birthdays of our children:

4/1 Brayden Durnya	4/1 Alana Putt	4/2 Sidney Gunter	4/2 Karl Schneider
4/3 Tindall Moring	4/4 Maggie Jones	4/4 Nannette Aboudonia	4/5 Sean Burke
4/5 Celeste Nelson	4/6 Harry Cantey	4/6 Bankston Creech	4/7 Carter Watson
4/8 Sarah Miller	4/9 Mary Kate Brooks	4/10 Trey Schiber	4/10 Ralph Hornsby
4/10 Harper Dawes	4/12 Preston Heritage	4/12 Greer Heritage	4/13 Elizabeth Walker
4/14 Sam Rice	4/14 Sadie Anglin	4/14 Abby Ham	4/14 Jack Ham
4/14 Luke Ham			

Family Spaghetti Night

Wednesday, April 29, 5:30pm - 7:00pm(Ridley Hall).

Dinner is at 5:30pm with an all-ages program following
(about 6:10pm)



\$5.00 per person, \$20.00 family maximum. Nursery is available for little ones 4 and under if they'd prefer a different activity. (parent's discretion)

As always, dinner reservations appreciated but not required. Nursery reservations are required.

Contact: Church office (256.533.2455)
cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org

Nativity Parish Family Weekend



Congratulations to Jennie Coe, winner of the original watercolor by Nativity's own Michele Banish

"Come Shine with Us"
April 17-19

Acolyte Schedule ~ April 2015

There are a lot of services this month! Many of you are scheduled more than once, so do look carefully for your names. If you are unable to serve as scheduled—especially during Holy Week, please arrange for a substitute and let us know who will be filling in for you. We certainly appreciate all your efforts supporting the Acolyte ministry here at Nativity!

Wed April 1 6:00 P.M. Stations of the Cross A/M Ward

C Allison Taylor T Sidney Gunter T Dylan Chenoweth

Thursday April 2 6:00 P.M* Maundy Thursday A/M Nutt/Putt

**Arrive NO LATER THAN 5:40 for instruction*

C Gillianne Sharp, Allie Starnes Thurifer David DiFranco
T Laura Kamelchuk T Riley Kamelchuk
S Caroline Knight AS Robert McCown

Saturday April 4 Easter Vigil 7:30 P.M.* A/M Sherrill/Nutt

**Arrive NO LATER THAN 7:05 for instruction*

C Emily Ellison, Forrest Webber T Ella Jane Duncan, Evan Ellison
S Ireland Braudaway AS Britt Webber

Sunday April 5 Easter Sunday* Arrive AT LEAST 20 min prior to your service!

8:45 A/M Ward, Putt

C Jackson Anglin, Neill Luther
T Paxtyn Whitney, Katherine Hunter
T Sam Hartley, Margaret Foster
S Windham Hunter
AS Leighton Luther
Banners: Park Ellis, Van Dodgen

11:00 A/M Sherrill, Nutt

C Jordan Cozby, Savannah Watson
T Margaret Bryant, Alice Malone
T Mary Kate Brooks, Luke Alison
S Bankston Creech
AS Chloe Parsons
Thurifer Alexander Young
Banners: Evans Alison, Hall Blake Bryant

Sunday April 12

8:45 A/M Nutt

C Gillianne Sharp, Tindall Morring
T Huston Morring, Emery Windham
S Sims Windham
AS Joshua Huskey

11:00 A/M Ward

C Scott Louis Miller, Molly Ward
T Patrick Ahearn, Elizabeth Evans
S Evan Ward
AS Steuart Evans

Sunday April 19

8:45 A/M Sherrill

C Meredith Walker, Ellie Walker
T Clay Walker, Parker Sanders
S Sidney Gunter
AS Cameron Pinson

11:00 A/M Nutt

C Emily Evans, Powell Stockton
T Laura Kate Evans, Chloe Parsons, Jack Benton Stockton
S Powell Stockton
AS John Sadler Evans

Sunday April 26

8:45 A/M Putt

C Franklin Aldag, Kate Noble Hall
T Sarah Whelden Hall, Evelyn Warren
T Park Ellis, Joshua Huskey
S Tindall Morring
AS Van Dodgen

11:00 A/M Ward

C Emily Ellison, Robert McCown
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T Alice Malone
S Evan Ellison
AS Dylan Chenoweth

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A chilly morning greeted Palm Sunday celebrants as a horse named Honey and a jazz band led the colorful palm-waving procession around the block and back into the sanctuary for the Palm Sunday Service. The full story and more photos are available at:

http://www.al.com/news/huntsville/index.ssf/2015/03/palm-waving_sunday_procession.html



al.com story and photos by Eric Schultz