

# THE STEEPLE

The Church of the Nativity

October 21, 2015

## 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.*



CHURCH  
OF THE  
NATIVITY,  
EPISCOPAL

Est. 1843

## Worship Schedule

(\* Nursery available)

### SUNDAY

7:45am Rite I

Holy Eucharist

(Bibb Chapel)

\*8:45am Rite II

Holy Eucharist

Children's Chapel

\*11:00am Rite II

Holy Eucharist

### WEDNESDAY

Noon

Holy Eucharist & Healing

(Bibb Chapel)

### THURSDAY

6:00pm Rite II

Holy Eucharist

(Bibb Chapel)

GOD  
THE GIVER

SUNDAY OCTOBER 25

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY

BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARD TO CHURCH  
TO PRESENT AT THE ALTAR

## Responding to God the Giver

### Finding the Gateway to a Deeper Love and Relationship with God

Tonight at our Thanks for Giving Celebration we celebrate **God the Giver** and our faithful and generous response to God's love and blessings so abundantly given. I hope you heard faithful steward Marilyn Land's lay homily this past Sunday ([if not, there's a link to her homily on our website!](#)). Marilyn beautifully expressed that in our giving to God's mission and ministry through Nativity we find a gateway to a deeper connection to God. Our spiritual life depends upon our generous giving.

Archbishop Desmond Tutu in his book, *In God's Hands* says, "Ours is a God who intervenes on our behalf, not because we deserve it, but because God's love is freely given. It is grace. It is not earned; it cannot be earned. It does not need to be earned. God is the Giver, the ultimate lover of all God has created."

Can we grab hold of the exhilarating truth that all we are and all we have are gifts from God? Tutu further writes, "We are quite bamboozled when we encounter the God of the Bible." Indeed we are. We can't quite believe that God cares so deeply about us. It is counter to our culture. Our culture says we must earn everything while the Bible tells us we can't. God's love is freely given.

What a difference it would make in each of our lives if we believed, "We are loved by God, no matter what." Our lives would be more joyful. We would truly see God's abundance all around us. We then could even see ourselves as God intended us to be—stewards of all that God has bestowed upon us.

It is time for us all to respond to God the Giver's generosity through our giving to God's work and mission through Nativity. I pray that your response and your giving will come from a deep and abiding sense of gratitude for the gift of our Nativity family and the gift we have from God in Christ Jesus who loves all boundlessly. Just think about the many ways our lives and so many others lives are enriched by the gift of God's love and blessing through our many Nativity ministries and our strong life together.

My life is enriched when I give not from a perspective of "what is my fair share," or even, "what can I afford"; rather, my faith comes alive when I give from a grace-filled and grateful heart. Giving generously gives me strength and hope for life and its challenges. Reveling in our God who is the giver of all things, my life becomes further joined to God's divine life.

Thank you for joining us in considering God's gifts. May our exploration open us to deeper gratitude and love. May we awaken to a greater sense of abundance in our life together at Nativity. We have this incredible place of blessing, our family at the Church of the Nativity. Thanks be to God the Giver of it all! Walking through the gateway of generous stewardship, you will find God's love and presence with you as you have never known it.

*Andy +*

5th Annual Nativity & First Presbyterian

# Trunk or Treat

You'll Have A Scary Good Time on Greene Street!  
**Spaces are still available!**

Sunday,  
October 25  
5.00 to 6.30

In the Greene Street  
Market parking lots



- 🎃 Decorate your car trunk!
- 🎃 Wear your costume!
- 🎃 Have lots of fun!

Questions? Want to help?  
Contact Mary Coe, 256.533.2455  
or [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org)

Click or tap anywhere on this image to reserve a spot for your trunk via SignUpGenius

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ca8a62ca2fc1-trunk>

Free Hot Dog Dinner  
At 1st Pres.



EYC Church of the Nativity

## Youth fun at Lyon Family Farms



Nativity youth and adults at Lyon Family Farms  
on October 18th for the EYC's second annual  
Corn Maze trip.

October 25th Trunk or Treat. Meet at  
3:30pm with our friends from First Pres-  
byterian Church to begin decorating the  
youth selfie booth

November 1st All Saints' Bonfire, At the  
Ellisons. Meet at the church at 5:00pm  
for a ride. We'll return to the church  
around 7:30.

Contact: William Blackerby  
[wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:wblackerby@nativity-hsv.org)

You are cordially invited to attend the 2015 Church of the Nativity

## Thanks-for-Giving Celebration

presented by the Nativity Stewardship Ministry

*Date/time: This evening (October 21st), beginning at 6:00 pm*

*Location: Huntsville Museum of Art, Loretta Spencer Hall (Entrance on Williams Avenue)*

*Call the Church Office (256.533.2455) or email [rsvp@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:rsvp@nativity-hsv.org)*

**it helps if you RSVP, but that even if you haven't,  
we would love to have you attend as we celebrate the generosity of our parish family!**



October 25 is  
Commitment Sunday

*Proper 24  
Mark 10:35-45*

Abraham cast Hagar and her baby into the desert with nothing but some bread and water. When those ran out, Hagar left Ishmael alone because she could not bear to watch him die. When baby Ishmael lost everything— parents, sustenance, shelter—he had nothing—but the God that saved him.

Ishmael's polar opposite is Willy Loman in "The Death Of A Salesman." Thomas Dumm describes Willy as lonely, alienated, and trapped in the struggle to succeed by having. But the life of having is empty. "Getting and spending we lay waste our powers. Little we see in nature that is ours." (Wordsworth)

Psychoanalyst Eric Fromm said that Western culture had promised us happiness through possessions, but that a life of getting, spending, and clutching had failed to deliver. It cuts us off from ourselves and reduces us to jumping through economic hoops. But we can live happily through participation in the dance of humanity. Fromm calls that "being." We develop the capacity for being through letting go of possessions and connecting with each other.

Gabriel Marcel says the problem is treating the world as something we can watch, dominate, possess, manipulate. He calls that "having." We can "have" our families as much as our homes. We stand one step removed from everything; using instead of celebrating.

Real life happens when we give ourselves away. It's as vulnerable as baby Ishmael because it is engaged with others, participating rather than controlling. It's surfing.

Jesus' disciples left everything to follow him. Eventually, they asked, "Now what will we get in return?" Jesus said, "Whoever finds his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake

will find it." The word translated as "life" is psyche. It means our core identity.

Communion is about plunging into a spontaneous flowing state of appreciation and gratitude. We place our gifts on God's altar to represent all we have and all we are. Our gifts are blessed, broken, and shared with one another. It is the exchange of having for being. We give ourselves to God and open our hearts to life.

Meister Eckhart said, "The person who is full of things is empty of God; but the person who is empty of things is full of God." He also said, "No one ever gave so much of himself away that he did not have more to give."



### Reflection Questions:

How does "having" mark the habits and values of your life?

How do you practice "being" in the world rather than having?

How has God opened your heart?

The Rt. Rev. Dan Edwards is the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Nevada.

**Reminder: You can pledge online anytime! Click or tap here for Nativity's 2016 pledge page or select PLEDGE NOW under the GIVING tab from the website.**



**Friends of Music Concert**  
Friday, October 23, 7:30pm (Church)



**Organ Plus**  
**A Concert for Organ, Piano, English Horn & Saxophone**

Featuring: Robert Delcamp-Organ, Bernadette Lo-Piano, Rebecca Van de Ven-English Horn, César Leal - Saxophone. Free admission.

Nativity's recorded music line: (256.533.2455 x216)

**Wednesday, October 28 - 5:30pm**

# **Family Spaghetti Night** *at Nativity*



Guest speaker The Rev'd Jeff Meyers, teaching pastor at North Avenue Presbyterian Church in Atlanta,  
**Intersection: The place where God's story meets your story.**

Separate kids and youth activities are planned.

As always, dinner reservations are appreciated but not required. Nursery is available (age 4 and under) but reservations are required.

**\$5 per person - \$20 family maximum**

Reservations: call the Church Office (256.533.2455) or [cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:cgadomski@nativity-hsv.org)

## **Evensong for All Saints'**

**Sunday, November 1, 5:00 (Church)**

The Nativity Choir will offer Choral Evensong for All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 1 at 5:00 pm. All are cordially invited to worship in the beauty of our historic worship space for this annual service which remembers all Nativity members who have died in the past year. Dr. Stephen G. Schaeffer, Interim Organist-Choirmaster, will conduct the choir and be at the organ for the closing hymn and voluntary, assisted in all other organ accompaniments by Nicholas Bergin of Nashville. Dr. Andy Anderson will officiate the service.

Dr. Schaeffer has chosen music by English Victorian composers John West, Charles Villiers Stanford and Edgar Bainton, whose poignant anthem, "And I Saw a New Heaven," is a staple for All Saints' Day services. The Evening canticles of "Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in C Major" are one of Stanford's most ingratiating settings. The psalm for the day is set to a double chant composed by Dr. Schaeffer.

The service begins with John West's well known setting of "Hide Me Under the Shadow of Thy Wings." Organ Voluntaries before and after are George Thalben Ball's "Elegy" and the John Cook "Fanfare."

The Anglican service of Choral Evensong is one of its most treasured traditions. Come and worship in the beauty of candlelight and holiness on Sunday, November 1st.





Join us for a spirited evening of sweet and savory treats  
prepared by many of Nativity's chefs.  
A Pre-Bazaar event to tempt your palate!

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2015**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

*Event Location:*

**CONNIE & RUSTY STEPHENSON'S HOME**  
**526 ADAMS STREET**

*Silent Auction to Include:*

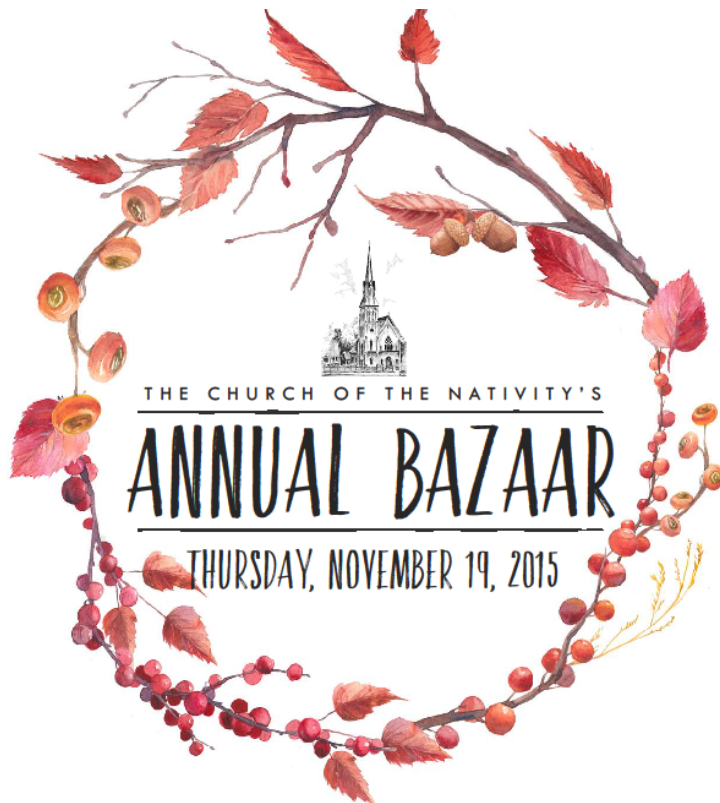
**WORKS OF ART BY NATIVITY CHILDREN & YOUTH**  
**AND VACATION HOMES OF NATIVITY PARISHIONERS**  
**\* AUCTION WILL END AT 7:30 PM \***

*\$25 Per Person*

**HORS D'OEUVRES • WINE & BEER • CASUAL ATTIRE**

Please RSVP by Friday, November 6, 2015 to Kate Noble Purvis  
Mail Reply Card | Call (256) 270-9447 | Email [katepurvis412@gmail.com](mailto:katepurvis412@gmail.com)

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT NATIVITY'S CHILDREN & YOUTH**  
**PROGRAMS INSIDE AND OUTSIDE OUR GATES**



**CRAFT & BAKE SALE BEGINS AT 10:30AM**

**11:15AM & 12:30PM SEATINGS**

For dine-in reservations, contact Marilyn Grundy at 256-509-9962 or [mtgrundy@yahoo.com](mailto:mtgrundy@yahoo.com).  
For take-out meals, email [churchofnativitybazaar@gmail.com](mailto:churchofnativitybazaar@gmail.com) or call the Church office 256-533-2455.  
Proceeds benefit Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama S.T.E.M. Lab for the Seminole Center  
and Children & Youth Ministries of Nativity.

## ANNUAL BAZAAR LINKS & NOTES

### RESERVE YOUR ARTS & CRAFTS BOOTH

There are a limited number of spaces available. Reservations are now being accepted.

[Click or tap here for the reservation form.](#)

For details or a paper copy, Contact Mem Bryant  
(256.509.9971) or [membryant@knology.net](mailto:membryant@knology.net)

### DONATE TO THE ANNUAL BAKE SALE

Sign up online via SignUpGenius to donate baked, canned, or frozen items:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4baaac2fa75-nativity>

### TASTE OF NATIVITY RESERVATIONS

Kate Noble Purvis (256.270.9447)  
[katepurvis412@gmail.com](mailto:katepurvis412@gmail.com)

### ANNUAL BAZAAR DINE-IN RESERVATIONS

Marilyn Grundy (256.509.9962)  
[mtgrundy@yahoo.com](mailto:mtgrundy@yahoo.com)

### ANNUAL BAZAAR TAKE-OUT MEALS

Church Office (256.533.2455)  
[churchofnativitybazaar@gmail.com](mailto:churchofnativitybazaar@gmail.com)

As we prepare  
for the Annual  
Nativity Bazaar  
on November 19<sup>th</sup>,  
we need to rearrange  
the majority of our "Meeting  
Spaces."

If you have a weekly or monthly  
meeting scheduled for Tuesday,  
November 17<sup>th</sup> thru Thursday,  
November 19<sup>th</sup>, contact Amy  
Baxter 256.533.2455 x221 or  
[abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org) to re-  
schedule or cancel your meetings.

**Thank you in advance for your help!!!**





## HAP for November

Items needed: Canned fruit, soup, spaghetti sauce, meats of all kinds, all kinds of vegetables (even green beans).

Thanks for all your support!

HAP Sunday is November 1

## QUICK BITS

### Trunk or treat Volunteers Needed:

If you are a trick or treat free household, please consider volunteering, leaving parents of young children free to chase their trick or treaters. Sign up to decorate your car trunk: extreme theme or extremely simple, all are welcome.

And we need help with set up, the moon walk, and serving supper. Bring your candy donations (individually wrapped pieces) to the box in Ridley Hall.

Contact Mary Coe: (256.533.2455) or [mcoe@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:mcoe@nativity-hsv.org).

## FLU SHOTS!!

Tuesday, October 27th

9:00 - 11:00am

Where:

Church of the Nativity  
Banister Room

Cost:

\$30 Standard FLU Shot  
\$60 High Dose FLU Shot  
(Covered under Medicare  
& Medicaid)

Contact to Register:

Amy Baxter

256-533-2455 ext. 221

[abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org)

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If you are needing a  
Pneumonia Shot, please  
contact: Mrs. Debbie  
Collette directly at 256-527-  
5050 so she can order the  
one you need.

**GOD**  
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Don't Forget  
the BBQ!

**November 14**

10 - 6 • 256.880.0248

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For Stephen Ministers, Ministers of Communion, Congregational  
Nurses, Elders, Deacons, Pastors and All Who Give Spiritual Care

## Dealing with Difficult Situations

Presented by the School of Applied Ministry of the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care

Tuesday, November 3, 6:00-9:00 pm

(Supper and Registration at 5:30)

First Baptist Church

600 Governor's Dr.

Community Room in the Family Life Center

(On St. Clair across from Public Library, Entrance 7)

Cost: \$35 (includes supper!) except for those from sponsoring churches. To  
register or for more information: [malmcarl@hotmail.com](mailto:malmcarl@hotmail.com) or 256 883-6539.

CEU's (3 contact hours) will be available for nurses and social workers through HAPC  
(ABN1490, Eugenia Graves, RN, BS, FCN, HAPC Education Director). Participants will be able to  
identify community resources; several practical ways to show care, compassion and concern;  
how systems theory can help; and ways to recognize the real situation and reframe it.

### Presenters

The Rev. Christie Ashton, Pastor, Hope Presbyterian Church; the Rev. David Freeman, Pastor,  
Weatherly Heights Baptist Church; the Rev. Al Garrett, Associate Pastor, Church St.  
Cumberland Presbyterian Church; the Rev. Susan Sloan, Rector, St. Stephen's Episcopal  
Church.

The Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care represents many Christian denominations and exists to  
improve the availability and quality of pastoral/spiritual care throughout our community. Among its  
ministries are supporting and encouraging community chaplaincies; the Center for Loss, Grief and  
Change; the Council for Faith and Mental Illness; congregational nursing and health ministries; Good  
Samaritan Ministries and Services; the School of Applied Ministry and other educational opportunities for  
both lay and ordained spiritual care providers. Tax-deductible donations to support this ministry may be  
made to HAPC, PO Box 16032, Huntsville, AL 35802. For additional information, contact Carl Malm,  
Executive Director, at [malmcarl@hotmail.com](mailto:malmcarl@hotmail.com) or 256 883-6539 or see our Facebook page.

Through the Season of Pentecost, we will use a different text for the core or *canon* of the Eucharistic Prayer, called Prayer 3 in Enriching Our Worship, an authorized supplement to our current Book of Common Prayer. It contains the same components as the familiar Rites I and II: praise, remembrance (*anamnesis*), offering (*oblation*), and invocation of the Holy Spirit (*epiclesis*).

Some of the imagery in Prayer 3 reflects ancient traditions in scripture depicting Jesus as Wisdom incarnate (1 Cor. 1:24), and God as giving birth to us in Creation (James 1:18).

The Memorial Acclamation is directed *toward* Jesus Christ, rather than talking *about* him, allowing us to declare to God our praise and our hope for his “coming in glory.” The EW preface reminds us that praying these different words helps us expand our vocabulary of how we acknowledge the magnitude of the mystery of the Holy One.

Let us listen closely to how God may manifest anew for us in these prayers!

## Organist/Choirmaster Search Update

Nativity’s search for a new Organist/Choirmaster is well underway and we have had almost 30 candidates apply for this important position by the time the application process closed on October 15.

This is exciting, but means we have our work cut out for us to go through all the applications. The Search Team is in the process of focusing on the most qualified candidates that match our needs at this time, and we have begun calling references and will be setting up Skype interviews with the goal of presenting Rector Andy Anderson a short list within the next month.

The top candidates will come to Nativity for personal interviews.

Please keep the Search Team in your prayers:

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Mac Phillips – chair | Martha Brouse     |
| John Lewis           | Ginney McDonald   |
| Stacy Moon           | Jerry Nutt        |
| Patrick Robbins      |                   |
| Fr. Andy Anderson    | <i>ex-officio</i> |

## Outreach in Acton



**Nativity’s Outreach Committee is a major supporter of the Huntsville Association for Pastoral Care, represented in this photo by Frank Broyles.**

**HAPC offers training and continuing education to lay persons and clergy, and supports chaplaincies in local long term care facilities.**

## The Heart of St. Francis of Assisi with Renaissance Florence and classical Rome

**Join Nativity’s pilgrimage to Italy: May 26-June 6, 2016**

Father Andy Anderson and Academy International Travel lead this 12 day trip praying in the steps of St. Francis and St. Clare in Assisi other holy places significant to Francis. We begin our pilgrimage in Renaissance Florence and will explore Francis’ impact upon the arts through seismic changes initiated in the church in the early 13th century inspired by Francis’ life and ministry. Our pilgrimage’s final stop is Rome where Francis’s order was recognized in 1209 by Pope Innocent III. Departing from Huntsville on Thursday, May 26, we fly to Florence, returning to Huntsville from Rome on June 6. Father Anderson spent considerable time in Italy “chasing St. Francis” during his 2011 sabbatical. Francis’ motivation to “rebuild” the church spiritually has been the focus of Andy’s ministry since then after leading the parish in physically rebuilding Nativity’s historic landmark church from 2007 to 2011.

### INFORMATION GATHERING SUNDAY,

November 8, 5:30pm Andy and Tippy Anderson’s home, 447 McClung Avenue, Huntsville  
R.S.V.P. to Amy Baxter at [abaxter@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:abaxter@nativity-hsv.org) or call the church office (256-533-2455)



# Stewardship of Creation

## “Good reasons to avoid bottled water”: PART 1

It's expensive, wasteful and, contrary to popular belief, usually not any healthier for you than tap water. Most bottled water isn't any healthier than tap water, and the plastic bottles end up in landfills or oceans.

Marketers would have us believe that bottled water is healthy water. Just look at the labels or the bottled water ads: deep, pristine pools of spring water; majestic alpine peaks; healthy, active people gulping down icy bottled water between biking in the park and a trip to the yoga studio. In reality, most bottled water is just water. That fact isn't stopping people from buying a lot of it. Bottled water is big business. But in terms of sustainability, bottled water is costly, wasteful and distracts from the brass ring of public health: the construction and maintenance of safe municipal water systems.

Want some solid reasons to kick the bottled water habit? Here are some to get you started:

### **Bottled water is NOT a good value.**

For example, the 20-ounce bottled water sold in vending machines with soft drinks, at the same price. Assuming you can find a \$1 machine, that dollar works out to 5 cents per ounce. The bottled water is filtered tap water, bottled close to their distribution point. Most municipal water costs less than 1 cent per gallon.

Huntsville Utilities recently provided the following:

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Estimated cost of a 20oz bottle of bottled water: \$1.59

1,000 gallons of HSV Utilities Award-Winning Water: \$1.30

Studies of bottled water have found that 22% of the brands tested contained levels of contaminants above state health limits. Plastic bottles (especially those labeled #1) can leach phthalates into the water, which can disrupt hormones in humans who consume it.

So, there's no guarantee that bottled water is safer or cleaner than water from the tap! And, up to 40% of bottled water comes from municipal water systems. That's water paid for by taxpayers and sold back to the public at a steeply inflated price!

### **Bottled water means garbage**

Bottled water produces 1.5 million tons of plastic waste per year. According to Food and Water Watch, that plastic requires up to 47 million gallons of oil to produce. And while the plastic used to bottle beverages

is in demand by recyclers, more than 4 of 5 plastic bottles are simply thrown away. That assumes empty bottles make it to a garbage can. Plastic waste is now at such a volume that vast eddies of current-bound plastic trash now spin endlessly in the world's major oceans. This represents a great risk to marine life, killing birds and fish that mistake our garbage for food.

Thanks to its slow decay rate, the vast majority of all plastics ever produced still exist — somewhere.

A study quoted on the WebMD News site cites when people buy bottled water, health is not usually their primary motivation, but rather the primary motivator is [simply their own] CONVENIENCE.

Something to think about: Somehow our parents managed to bring us up and keep us hydrated before there were such things as plastic water bottles!!

CREATION - Let's Take Care of It

The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. Genesis 2:5

**Next time: more facts about bottled water, and ways to break the habit!**



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## Upcoming Events at a Glance November

|             |                                                                                |         |
|-------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1st         | Daylight Saving Time Ends<br>HAP Sunday<br>Nativity Choir All Saints' Evensong | 5:00pm  |
| 8th         | Annual Parish Meeting (Ridley Hall)<br>No adult Sunday School                  | 10:00am |
| 10th        | Men's Breakfast w/ Simple Eucharist                                            | 6:30am  |
| 12th        | A Taste of Nativity (off-site)                                                 | 6:00pm  |
| 15th        | 3rd annual EYC Great SPAM Hunt - date change                                   |         |
| 19th        | Nativity's Annual Bazaar                                                       |         |
| 22nd        | Youth and Children's Sunday, No EYC                                            |         |
| 25th        | Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist (Bibb Chapel)                                      | Noon    |
| 26th & 27th | Church office closed (Thanksgiving holiday)                                    |         |
| 29th        | The Season of Advent begins                                                    |         |



# Vestry Nominations Slate for 2016

## to be presented at Annual Parish Meeting on November 8, 10:00am

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### DONALD CHRISTIAN

Donald and his wife Tracey have attended Nativity since 2010, were confirmed in 2011 and married at Nativity in April 2013. He has four children: Twin sons Harris and Shelby, attending the University of North Alabama and the University of Alabama, respectively; daughter Sarah Elizabeth who is currently teaching at Blossomwood Elementary;

and stepson Cameron Graham, a graduate of Sewanee, beginning graduate studies at Kings College - London.

Donald earned a BA from the University of Alabama, a JD from the Cumberland School of Law, and has practiced law in his hometown of Huntsville for the past twenty-five years. At Nativity, he has served as a lay parish visitor and a Stephen Minister



### FISHER HUTCHENS

Fisher rejoined the Nativity congregation in 1999, upon returning from the beaches of Southern California with his new bride Johanna. He joined his father Vernon at the family business; The Hutchens Co., and is the 4th generation to lead the Company. He and Johanna have 2 wonderful children: Sara and John.

Fisher was born in Huntsville, baptized at Nativity, and went to Camp McDowell as a kid. He was in the youth choir, acolyte and EYC member. He received a BEE from Georgia Tech, He is an Eagle Scout and an assistant scoutmaster. He has attended Cursillo, and likes to cook breakfast for the Nativity congregation on Sundays with "the fellowsh the biscuit". He is a regular in the "Breakfast Club" Sunday school class.



### DOTTIE CRAWFORD

Dorothy (Dottie) Crawford began attending Nativity in 1962, and married her husband, Ronny, at Nativity, in 1967. After living in Greensboro, Alabama for many years, she and Ronny returned to Huntsville in 2012 to be closer to their children.

Back at Nativity, Dottie is actively involved with everything from the Blue Apron Ministry to the Cursillo community (and most programs in between). She and Ronny are also avid supporters of Camp McDowell and its programs.

Dottie and Ronny have three children and six grandchildren. Daughters Holly Ellis and Madeline Mullins, and their families, live in Huntsville and are active members of Nativity. Their son Matt, and his family, lives in Frisco, TX.



### DORRIE NUTT

Dorrie Nutt has been a member of Nativity since moving to Huntsville in 1981. She has taught Sunday school for 4 year olds, taken part in the EfM study, and served in the Acolyte master group for 14 years. This will be her second time to serve on the Vestry.

She is a musician with the Huntsville Symphony and freelances with opera, Broadway shows, chamber music groups and church orchestras throughout the region. Dorrie teaches private music lessons and is on the faculty of UAH. She is married to Jerry (and because of this, gets to travel with and listen to the Nativity choir!) and has two grown children who live in New York City and Houston TX.



### KIM HUSKEY

Kim was baptized at The Church of the Nativity in 1969 and confirmed as an adult in 2001. Kim and her husband Tom were married at Nativity in 1994. They have 2 children, Joshua (14), and Alec (9), and 5 pets (3 dogs and 2 cats).

Kim has been teaching Sunday school since 2004, in Godly Play, The WoRM and currently teaching 2nd grade "The Story". She has enjoyed serving in several church ministries along with training as a Stephen's Minister.

Kim has worked for 18 years as an instructor with EARTHSOPE, a part of Huntsville City Schools and was awarded the Best Environmental Educator in the State of Alabama in 2015. As a community volunteer she has recently served on the board of Friends, Inc. and is involved in the Monte Sano community.



### ROBERT (BOB) THOMPSON

Robert and his wife Connie Ruth have attended Nativity since 2013. For over thirty eight years, Robert worked as a construction supervisor and maintenance for a paper mill in Jackson County, AL.

Robert and Connie Ruth have three children and three grandchildren. Robert has been active in many groups and activities at Nativity. These groups include: Cursillo, the Soap reunion group, sponsor in the Seekers Class, a volunteer at the Greene Street Market, and the parish retreat.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Elaine Sampson, Anna Chilton, The Rev'd Van Foreman, Pam Rogers, Martha Joffrion, Kingslea de Roode Merkel, Cecelia Duncan, Claire Johnston, Charles Smith, Lorene Dilworth, Anna Post, Nancy Colin Swenson, Bob Hale, Carla King, Leigh Wahl, Elsie Olsen

### We pray for the birth of a child:

Tyson Patrick Mouron, son of Allyson & Lewis Mouron born October 13th. Great-Grandson of Sally Ann Culver

### We pray for the departed:

John Manning Cantey, father of Tommy Cantey  
Nellie Craddock  
Andy Serio, father of Bob Serio

### We pray for those who recently participated in Kairos #60 at Limestone Correctional Facility:

Staff, Michael Shipley, Chris Singer, and the 42 Men in White

### We pray for those deployed/serving with the Military:

US Navy, Jesse Teal

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

|       |                  |       |                 |       |                |       |              |
|-------|------------------|-------|-----------------|-------|----------------|-------|--------------|
| 10/21 | Phoebe Duncan    | 10/21 | Windham Hunter  | 10/23 | William Keener | 10/23 | Jacob Clute  |
| 10/25 | James Overstreet | 10/26 | Waring Cantey   | 10/27 | Evan Brown     | 10/28 | Piper Smith  |
| 10/29 | Davis Manning    | 10/30 | Grace Molloy    | 10/30 | Charles Warren | 10/31 | William Post |
| 10/31 | Hunter Warren    | 11/3  | Dalson Brantley | 11/3  | Tucker McClung |       |              |



SUNDAY OCTOBER 25  
STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY  
BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARD TO CHURCH  
TO PRESENT AT THE ALTAR

## Parish Financial Report - Period Ending 9/30/2015

|                                          | CURRENT MONTH      | BUDGET for PERIOD | ACTUAL YTD          | BUDGET YTD          |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Pledges Received                         | 75,783.07          | 107,144.79        | 885,497.24          | 964,303.13          |
| Plate                                    | 6,030.55           | 8,333.33          | 60,992.70           | 75,000.01           |
| Other Revenues                           | 3,749.23           | 10,141.68         | 165,225.58          | 91,274.96           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>85,562.85</b>   | <b>125,619.80</b> | <b>1,111,715.52</b> | <b>1,130,578.10</b> |
| Diocesan, School of Theology, & Outreach | 22,191.84          | 25,089.58         | 191,306.75          | 225,806.26          |
| Personnel                                | 66,636.50          | 71,083.33         | 638,496.94          | 639,750.01          |
| Other Expenses                           | 21,751.02          | 29,447.52         | 228,400.06          | 265,027.44          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>110,579.36</b>  | <b>125,620.43</b> | <b>1,058,203.75</b> | <b>1,130,583.71</b> |
| <b>NET \$</b>                            | <b>(25,016.51)</b> | <b>\$ (0.63)</b>  | <b>\$ 53,511.77</b> | <b>\$ (5.61)</b>    |

**Copies of financial records** and vestry minutes are available in the church office for members to review. Please contact Beverly Franklin or Amy Baxter to set up a time to review these documents.

**Vestry meetings** are open to the congregation. Vestry meetings are the **third Tuesday** of each month, beginning at 5:30pm



# WORSHIP SCHEDULE November 2015, published 10/21/15

## SUNDAY, November 1, All Saints' Day

| Service  | Celebrant  | Preacher   | LEM                                             | Lector                      | Intercessor        |
|----------|------------|------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 7:45 am  | McCrickard |            | Lea Ann Barnett                                 | Lea Ann Barnett             | Lea Ann Barnett    |
| 8:45 am  | Anderson   | McCrickard | Cameron O'Riley, Basye Holland Shuey, Mike Ward | Buddy Moon                  | Melissa Kirkindall |
| 11:00 am | Anderson   | McCrickard | Aelred Dean, Sam porter, Rob Cozby              | Ed Vaughn, Sally Ann Culver | Virginia Kobler    |

## WEDNESDAY, November 4, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM       |
|---------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 12 noon | McCown    | O'Riley  | Joan East |

## THURSDAY, November 5, HE

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

## SUNDAY, November 8, 24th Sunday after Pentecost

| Service  | Celebrant  | Preacher | LEM                                                | Lector                  | Intercessor    |
|----------|------------|----------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 7:45 am  | McCown     |          | John Hendricks                                     | John Hendricks          | John Hendricks |
| 8:45 am  | McCrickard | McCown   | Aelred Dean, Joan East, Lee Hicklen                | Stacy Moon              | Shirley Hale   |
| 11:00 am | Anderson   | McCown   | Cameron O'Riley, Basye Holland Shuey, Gary Rasponi | Mickey Ellis, Ron Hogan | Deborah Baker  |

## WEDNESDAY, November 11, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM           |
|---------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| 12 noon | Anderson  |          | Marilyn Lands |

## THURSDAY, November 12, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM            |
|---------|-----------|----------|----------------|
| 6:00 pm | Anderson  | Dean     | Shari Williams |

## SUNDAY, November 15, 25th Sunday after Pentecost

| Service  | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM                                              | Lector                       | Intercessor   |
|----------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 7:45 am  | Anderson  | Dean     | Don Lambert                                      | Don Lambert                  | Don Lambert   |
| 8:45 am  | Anderson  | Dean     | Cameron O'Riley, Lane Mickle, Warren Vann        | Allen Daniels                | Jim Douthit   |
| 11:00 am | McCown    | Dean     | Cameron O'Riley, Sally Ann Culver, Marilyn Lands | Robbie Shafer, Walter Thames | Ronnie Rogers |

## WEDNESDAY, November 18, HE

| Service | Celebrant     | Preacher | LEM             |
|---------|---------------|----------|-----------------|
| 12 noon | Holland-Shuey |          | Lea Ann Barnett |

## THURSDAY, November 19, HE

| Service | Celebrant | Preacher | LEM         |
|---------|-----------|----------|-------------|
| 6:00 pm | Anderson  |          | Don Lambert |

## SUNDAY, November 22, Last Sunday after Pentecost – Christ the King; YOUTH SUNDAY

| Service  | Celebrant  | Preacher | LEM                                               | Lector                     | Intercessor  |
|----------|------------|----------|---------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------|
| 7:45 am  | McCrickard | Youth    | Sue Johnson                                       | Sue Johnson                | Sue Johnson  |
| 8:45 am  | McCrickard | Youth    | Cameron O'Riley, Basye Holland Shuey, Lewie Bates | Bankston Creech            | Club 56      |
| 11:00 am | Anderson   | Youth    | Aelred Dean, Deborah Baker, Rich Goodwin          | Jim Douthit, Chris Jackson | Jordan Cozby |

## WEDNESDAY, November 25, HE – Thanksgiving Eve Service

| Service | Celebrant  | Preacher | LEM            |
|---------|------------|----------|----------------|
| 12 noon | McCrickard |          | Mary Hendricks |

## SUNDAY, November 29, First Sunday of Advent

| Service  | Celebrant     | Preacher | LEM (McCrickard-out)                                       | Lector                    | Intercessor |
|----------|---------------|----------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 7:45 am  | McCown        | O'Riley  | Ken Barnett                                                | Ken Barnett               | Ken Barnett |
| 8:45 am  | McCown        | O'Riley  | Cameron O'Riley, Bob Serio, Allen Daniels, Pat Sampson     | Jennifer Dill             | Joan East   |
| 11:00 am | Holland-Shuey | O'Riley  | Cameron O'Riley, Lea Ellison, Virginia Kobler, Peter Cobun | Pamela Briggs, Ted Briggs | Ed Vaughn   |

## USHERS

|       |                                                                                               |
|-------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:45  | Bill Starnes, Hall Bryant, Allen Daniels, Andy Kelly, Pat Sampson, Clay Sherrill, Ward Wilson |
| 11:00 | Hanns Billmayer, Veneta Billmayer, Ernie Thomas, Susan Thomas, John Lewis                     |

## ALTAR GUILD

|    |                                                                              |
|----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 7  | Gail Brown, Louise Reynolds, Sue Johnson, Wanda Cobb, Nancy Colin            |
| 14 | Linda Watts, Sara Little, Caffey Litkenhous, Judy Heacock, Debbie Joyner     |
| 21 | Lea Ann Barnett, Connie Stephenson, Mary Johnson, Beth Pugh, Jewell Reynolds |
| 28 | Sue Johnson, Nancy Colin, Judy Vann, Rose Anne Shearer, Sophia Rowe          |

## CLERGY ON CALL SCHEDULE

| Oct. 26 – Nov. 1 | Nov. 2 – 8 | Nov. 9 – 15 | Nov. 16 – 22 | Nov. 23 - 29      | Nov. 30 – Dec. 6 |
|------------------|------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Anderson         | McCown     | McCrickard  | Anderson     | McCrickard/McCown | McCown           |

## STEEPLE SCHEDULE

*The Steeple* is published the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month.  
To submit events or articles, you may bring them to the church office or email:

[gsommer@nativity-hsv.org](mailto:gsommer@nativity-hsv.org)

The deadline for the next issue is **Monday Noon, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

### CLERGY & STAFF

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Rector

**The Rev'd Rusty McCown**  
Associate

**The Rev'd Bonnie McCrickard**  
Associate

**Dr. Stephen G. Schaffer**  
Interim Choirmaster and Organist

**Lane Tutt**  
Adult Christian Formation

**William Blackerby**  
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

**Anna Quirk**  
Youth Ministry Assistant

**Mary Coe**  
Children's Formation

**Amanda Goeke**  
Children's Formation Assistant

**Audrey Clayton**  
Nursery Coordinator

**John Buyse**  
Property Manager

**Marlin Wilder**  
Sexton

**Sally Stockton**  
Kitchen Coordinator

**Beverly Franklin**  
Bookkeeper/Business Mgr

**Connie Gadomski**  
Worship & Ministry Assistant

**Amy Baxter**  
Assistant to the Rector

**Glenn Sommer**  
Communications

**Prentice White**  
Verger/Wedding Coordinator

### WARDENS' COUNCIL

**Bill Starnes Sr** Warden

**Allen Daniels Jr** Warden

**Michele Hunter** Clerk

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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.

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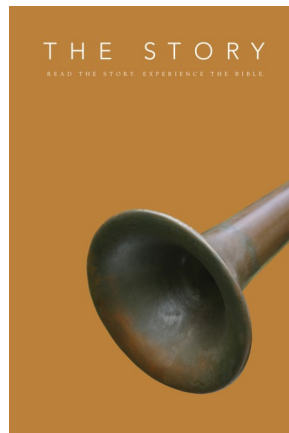
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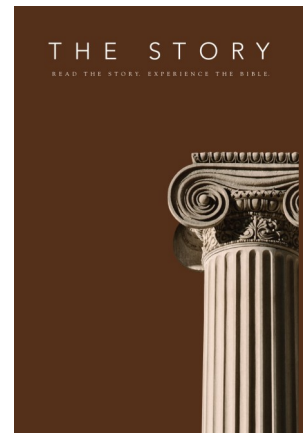
## THE STORY at Nativity



October 24 & 25

Joshua

Chapter 7



November 1 & 2

Judges

Chapter 8

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October 21, 2015