Parish Business Meeting
January 15, 2012—9:00 a.m.
To make it possible for everyone to attend the Parish Business Meeting we will have both 8am and 10:30 am services that day. Between the two services we will meet in Sanderson Hall for the meeting. The main purpose of the meeting is to ratify and vote on the budget for 2012.
Sheila Myrick will serve a free full breakfast at 8:45 a.m.

Bishop Kee Sloan Coming to Epiphany

The Bishop of Alabama, The Right Rev. Kee Sloan, will be coming to Epiphany January 22 to officiate over the confirmation and reception of new members to Epiphany. There will be one service at 10:30 a.m. Bishop Sloan will have open Sunday School with all of us at 9:30 a.m. He will speak to us on any topic we might find of value. Plan now to be there for this informative meeting.

There will be a potluck lunch following the service. (See article on page 2)

The undesignated, loose plate offering will be given to Bishop Sloan for his Discretionary Fund which will be administered by him. This is not a fund for his personal use but for the special needs that arise out of the life of the Diocesan community. This fund is a direct, personal part of his ministry. Strict confidentiality is maintained as to the charitable uses to which it is used. Donations by check should be made out to “The Church of the Epiphany” and designated Bishop Discretionary Fund.

ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP

The Carol Jean Rives Forum on Spirituality will hold a workshop on January 13 and 14 conducted by Dr. Joseph B. Howell, PhD.

The cost of the Enneagram Workshop is $50 and includes workshop fee, materials, lunch and refreshments. There is a sign up sheet on the Nave bulletin board. The workshop is limited to the first 50 people who sign up.

An eye-opening and ancient spiritual tool, the Enneagram is a phenomenal encounter with your own spiritual path. It transforms and leads you to fantastic insights which enliven, enrich and heal. Dr. Howell will reveal the nine personality types of this spectacular spiritual aide. Come discover more of yourself and more of God.

EPIPHANY SEAFOOD BASH

All You Can Eat Shrimp, Crawfish, Homemade Gumbo, Corn on the Cobb, Potatoes, Coffee, Iced Tea, Soft Drinks

*Other drinks available at extra charge*
Serving from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
$20.00
To buy your tickets come by the church office or call 256-582-4897
Hot dog plate for $5 may be purchased at the door.
February 22 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. The name “Ash Wednesday” comes from the traditional practice of imposing ashes on worshipers’ foreheads. Since at least the seventh century, Ash Wednesday has been observed as the first day of Lent.

As is our tradition, we burn the blessed palm crosses from last year’s Palm Sunday to prepare the ashes that are used during the Ash Wednesday services. Please bring your crosses from last year to the church office. The Altar Guild will collect them and then burn the crosses to create the ashes for the first service of our Lenten season.

MEALS FOR EYC
Interested in providing a meal for the EYC on a Sunday night during the Winter Semester? If you would like to sign up to cook or contribute $35 towards food, contact Shelly in the office.

MINISTRY COUNCIL
The Ministry Council will meet on Thursday, January 5, at 6:00 p.m. We need to update the calendar for 2012 and plan for upcoming events.

The Parish Business Meeting is January 15 so it is time to hand in your annual reports. Deadline for reports is January 9.

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the Altar Guild, I thank you for your 2011 candle dedications and Poinsettias for Christmas. Our worship service is greatly enhanced by your generosity.

Please send in a check to the church office for your dedications, if you have not already done so. The candle dedications are $10.00 per date and the Poinsettias are $20.00 per plant.

Note on your check what it is for and what date(s). If you have chosen one candle date or several for 2012, it is acceptable to pay for candle dedications ahead (and makes my job easier). Paying ahead also helps Martha keep your contributions up to date.

If you have any questions, please call me at 256-571-2300.
Thank you,
Marsha Babb
My Dear Parish Family,

From your Epiphany Staff we wish all of you, young and not so young, a very Happy New Year. We have much to be grateful for this year. Our God has blessed us with many new folk that fill our pews. We are grateful for the gift they are. Epiphany obviously is a beautiful building, but it is our people that make us distinctive and share the ministry of Christ. We, as a parish, long to grow both in Spirit and in number this coming year. There is much in store for us as a parish.

In January we continue the Carol Jean Reeves Forum on Spirituality with Dr. Joseph Howell, a clinical psychologist from Anniston. Dr. Howell is one of the leaders in providing the Church with an understanding of Enneagram – a tool which helps us “fast forward” our spiritual growth and awareness. This class will be limited to 50 people and will cost $50 (scholarships available).

Beyond that we are working on our 2012 Lenten Program, and beyond. If you desire to grow in your Christian formation, Epiphany is the place to be.

Our new Diocesan Bishop, Kee Sloan, will be with us to confirm and receive a large class of adults on January 22. Although we are well acquainted with Bishop Kee this his first time with us as our Diocesan Bishop. I hope everyone will join us for this rousing celebration.

What will matter the most in 2012 is how well we love each other. I have so much to learn in that regard, but the only place I learn is in contact with others. Plan now to come spread your love at Epiphany as best you can. The way we become a well tuned body of Christ is when we come together to become renewed and then sent out on missions. I look forward to seeing each of you often in 2012.

Peace,
Bill

New Vestry and Wardens

Our new vestry will be installed by Bishop Kee Sloan, on January 22.

Your vestry members for 2012 are:
- Lamar Auman, Senior Warden
- Hollis Babbs, Junior Warden
- Jack Camper
- Rick Cooley
- Sam Harrison
- Lee Hoggle
- Meredith Jackson
- Jim King
- Ray Klaiver
- Bob Moses
- Bill Thompson

Our treasurer for 2012 is Guy Caffey, and Clerk of the Vestry is Martha Ross.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR 2012 PLEDGE

The Vestry wanted to thank each of you who submitted a pledge for 2012. Epiphany is a fine parish with an excellent commitment for giving. The vestry and I promise to do everything within our power to lead our parish in a strong commitment that our Lord is leading too. If you were unable to pledge this year, give what you can.

All God’s children are part of the family and help us in our goal of ministry. Those that pledge each year help us prepare a budget that guides us in our ministry. The budget is not a task master but a guide to our priorities. The budget gives us an educated guess how we should live our lives as family. Just like each family must budget each year, so must our church family.

Budgeting is a healthy and fiscally responsible thing. Once again no one knows your pledge except God and Martha (and she only knows it because she needs to give you credit for your gift each month). So thank you, dear and faithful brothers and sisters. Together we can do great things.

Christmas Cards

Rita and I thank all of you for all your marvelous Christmas cards. They are overwhelming and we appreciate them. As a rule, Rita and I, do not send cards to parishioners although if we did it would come close to eliminating the U. S. Postal Service debt. There are simply too many of you, but we love receiving each and every one of yours. I do continue the practice of writing birthday cards to each of you. I have followed that practice for going on 24 years and it brings me a few moments to concentrate my love and prayers on each of you.

God bless you my friends, Rita and I love ya’ll
Epiphany hosts Happening #60
March 2-4,
Please plan to attend church on January 29th, 2012 to find out more about what Happening is, how it has affected our youth and how you can help.

Coming to Epiphany Happening! In Alabama – A Christian Experience

Happening! In Alabama – A Christian Experience is a program designed for high school youth. It is one of the instruments to renew the church in the power of the Holy Spirit, that the church may respond more readily to its call to spread the Kingdom of God throughout the world. During a two day gathering, participants experience the love of our Lord Jesus Christ as shown through the sacraments and the ministry of fellow students, clergy and lay adults. Teens are encouraged to take a renewed faith back into their worlds to “make a friend, be a friend, and bring a friend to Christ.”

Epiphany is very fortunate to be the host parish for Happening! on March 2 - 4, 2012. This wonderful experience for these young people from all over Alabama brings a great responsibility for our parish. We will need your help in multitude of areas, but the most difficult and challenging will be arranging for showers for each Happening! participant as well as each staff member. Not only do we have to find a way to get each person showered on Saturday and Sunday mornings, we have to do it with some time constraints. Epiphany parishioners who live within 15-20 minutes from the church, please consider volunteering to pick up youth and/or staff on Saturday and Sunday morning, take them to your home for a shower, and return them to the church. The number of showers you have in your home will determine the number of youth you can accommodate, i.e., one per shower, unless you live so close to the church that the transportation time is not an issue. We are projecting anywhere from 85 to 100 participants and staff. Please pray about this and consider opening your home to these Happening! youth. If you have questions, the transportation/shower coordinator is Shari Harrison, 256-582-2600 (home), 256-673-3458 (cell), or email sbharrison@aol.com.

Sr. EYC (9th-12th grades) Ski Trip
January 13-16, 2012

Ober Gatlinburg Ski Resort, Gatlinburg, Tennessee
Cost $250 - Includes all expenses except lunch and dinner, and spending money for souvenirs. Breakfast is free at the hotel. Registration and payment must be received by January 6, 2012. Spaces will be reserved on a first to register and pay basis. See Shelly Hardin in the office.

Winter Weekend at Camp McDowell
7th and 8th Grade Youth
January 13-16, 2012

Calling all 7th & 8th graders for a weekend of winter fun at Camp McDowell!
This three night event will include all your favorite camp activities such as singing, hiking, worship in the "old chapel", group games, roasting marshmallows at a bonfire, a talent show & dance in Eppes Hall, an enthusiastic and creative staff and more!

Epiphany Float takes 2nd place in the Guntersville Christmas parade!
Congratulations to Lief and Jennifer Thornton on the birth, November 26, of a son, Case Taylor Thornton. Robert Thornton is the proud grandpa and proud uncle is Mark Thornton.

The Epiphany family extends its most heartfelt sympathy, love, prayers and support to Michelle and Josh Bradshaw and family in the loss, November 30, of Michelle’s grandmother, Louise Newton of Pell City.

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FOR OUR NEW MEMBERS
(And any confused present members)

“Episcopal” is an ADJECTIVE—an Episcopal church
“Episcopalian” is a NOUN, and refers to a member of the Episcopal Church.
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Never, ever do Episcopal go to the Episcopalian Church.

We will resume our regular Wednesday schedule on January 4.
We will have:
Worship 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 5:45 p.m.
Programs 6:30 p.m.
   Adult Study class
   Women’s Group
   VYP (Very Young Persons)
   Choir Practice

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**CODE:** BSA—Brotherhood of St. Andrew; CP—Centering Prayer; DOK—Daughters of the King; DG—Dream Group; HC—Holy Communion; HE—Holy Eucharist; SS—Sunday School; Birthdays

**February**
- 4—Dancing As Stars 6:30pm
- 10—Vestry Retreat thru 12th
- 17—Diocesan Convention thru 18th
- 21—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- 22—Ash Wednesday 12pm & 7pm
- 26—First Sunday in Lent

**March**
- 2—4 Happening #60
- 11—Daylight Savings Time ends
- 24—PLTE at St. Luke’s
- 26—School Spring Break begins

**April**
- 1—Palm Sunday
- 5—Maundy Thursday
- 6—Good Friday
- 7—Easter Eve & Easter Egg Hunt
- 8—Easter Day