Dear Friends,

At Church of the Ascension, we are committed to making Christ known by our love for all. By virtue of our baptisms, we are all called to make Christ's love known in our daily lives (at work, at school, at home, or in leisure). In addition, our calling to witness to Christ's love is a communal activity. Jesus said, "A city on a hill cannot be hidden." (Matt. 5:14). Our visible witness to the city of God is revealed through a number of ministries that help serve the needs of Christ in our midst.

This Ministry Magazine is meant to help you discern where you feel most called to help Ascension be that city on a hill where Christ's love is made visible. You are also invited to share how we might shine even brighter for the glory of God! Young or old, strong or weak, rich or poor, God has bestowed upon us all gifts and talents that point to the kingdom of heaven that shines through Christ. As you discern your place, remember what has been said by many before, "God does not call the qualified; God qualifies the called."

Please don't hesitate to contact one of our ministry leaders or myself if you'd like to get involved.

Faithfully,

THE REV. JACK ALVEY
RECTOR

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WHAT WE BELIEVE

ASCENSION COLLECT:
Almighty and Eternal God, you call us together as the Ascension family and bind us in Christian love and witness. So focus our hearts and minds upon our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and guide us to know your Holy Spirit in the life of our parish, that we may realize that our similarities are greater than our differences. Help us to recognize your image in all people as we work together as one body in Christ to the glory of your Kingdom now and forever. Amen.

VISION STATEMENT: To make Christ known by our love for all.

MISSION STATEMENT: To seek and serve Christ in all persons by respecting the dignity of every human being.

HASHTAGS: #MakingChristKnown #COABHM

CORE VALUES:
1) Gospel-centered Worship– Rooted in the liturgical traditions of the apostolic church, our hearts and minds are focused upon our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through the:
   a. Proclamation of the gospel
   b. Singing of sacred hymns
   c. Recitation of common prayer
   d. Confession and assurance of forgiveness
   e. Receiving of the spiritual food of Christ’s body and blood
2) Theological Exploration– We believe that the Holy Spirit guides us into all truth not by giving us the right answers but by inviting us to ask better questions within a community who values relationships over ideas.
3) Generous Hospitality– We believe that God looks upon the whole human family with a spirit of compassion, and we seek to do likewise through our parish family.
4) Reconciling Community – We seek to model a faith that believes the love of God breaks down the walls that separate making us one body in Christ.
5) Relationship-based Mission– We believe that all people - the weak and the strong, the rich and the poor, the young and the old - are an essential part of life together in the kingdom of God.
Brief History

Bishop Carpenter visits the newly formed mission circa 1953

In 1953, The Episcopal Church of the Ascension was chartered as a “Self-Organized” Mission Station, meeting in the Vestavia Hills Town Hall, in homes, and in kindergarten and school buildings, under the guidance of Bishops Carpenter and Murray; The Reverends John Turn, Marshall Seifert, Benjamin Smith; our first Vicars, The Reverends David Cady Wright and Lee Graham; and Lay Readers, Judge Eugene Hawkins. In 1956, we became an Organized Mission with The Reverend Josiah W. Ware, Jr. as first full-time Vicar. A building program was begun and in January of 1957 the first services were held in the room we now call Ware Hall. The Ascension received Parish status in December of 1960 with the Reverend Mr. Ware serving as Rector through 1969. During his ministry, the Educational Building was added in 1962. In 1970, The Reverend Edmund D. Campbell, Jr. became Rector. By 1972, Ascension had 402 communicants. In March, of 1972 The Reverend Robert N. Lockard became our Rector. As we grew, the worship area (now Ware Hall) was enlarged and in March of 1975 a pipe organ was installed, completely paid for by gifts and donations. In 1978, the paving of the parking lot on the north side of the Parish Hall was completed along with the beginning of an on-going landscape program. Then on July 27, 1986 an official ground-breaking ceremony was held for our new worship area which seats over 300 persons. Actual work began on August 14, 1986 and less than a year later, March of 1987, the first services were held with the dedication by our then Bishop of Alabama, Furman C. Stough on June 9, 1987 of the new building and furnishings. Later the Memorial Garden was added. In 1998/1999, a new organ, built by the Steiner-Reck organ company of Louisville, KY was installed. In the years since its installation, the organ has performed exquisitely in services, recitals, masterclasses, choral concerts and in recordings. In 2000, The Reverend Lockard retired and the parish called The Reverend Craig Smalley as Rector in October of 2001. The church received a substantial gift from the estate of Margie Terrill and the present grand staircase and the area now known as Terrill Foyer were added. In May of 2007, The Reverend Stephen Dale Hood was called as our Rector. In 2017, Fr. Stephen accepted a call to St. Luke’s, Bartlesville, OK. In September of 2018, The Reverend Jack Alvey was called as our Rector officiating his first service on September 19th and first Sunday service on September 23rd.
WORSHIP MINISTRIES

VESTRY LIAISONS: SUE BUSBIN & ALICE LAGRONE

STAFF: THE REV. JACK ALVEY, THE REV. JANE ELLIS, & MICHAEL SPARKS

Acolytes - Acolytes are the service participants who carry the crosses, candles, and other items in procession, and who help in a number of other ways throughout the worship service. Acolyte service is open to anyone age 8 and above with periodic training sessions. Acolytes typically serve once a month

Nancy Caltrider - 823.5345 - ncaltrider@charter.net

Altar Guild - The guild is comprised of dedicated parishioners whose ministry is to prepare the altar and sanctuary for all things necessary for worship and to care for the altar, vessels and altar linens of the parish. From polishing brass and silver to laundering and ironing linens it is a ministry of prayer, joy and care. Guild members typically serve once a month.

Sue Busbin - 492.3661 - sjbusbin@charter.net

Blessing of the Animals - In honor of St. Francis of Assisi, a yearly pet blessing takes place near the Feast Day of St. Francis which is usually in early October.

Choir - The Ascension Choir provides musical leadership in all of the principal services throughout the year. Its members include adults, paid student section leaders, and interested young persons grades four and above. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m., except holidays and during the summer, with warm-up on Sundays at 9:30am

Michael G. Sparks - Organist-Choir Director - 999-6714 - mike.sparks@ascensionepiscopal.org
**Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors** - At each service of Holy Eucharist the Celebrant is assisted by one or two Lay Eucharistic Ministers. They read lessons, lead the psalm and the Prayers of the People, and administer the chalice during Communion. The door is always open for additions. The main requirements for being a Eucharistic Minister are a desire to serve in this way and the ability to read clearly (and loudly). Imperturbability and a sense of humor are also assets. **Ben Chastain** - 871-3859 - bbchastain@att.net

**Flower Memorials** - To contribute the altar flowers as a memorial to loved ones, sign up on the calendar posted on Sign-Up Central or by contacting the parish office. Flower Memorials are $60 and are designed by members of the Flower Guild. They may be designated in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for someone. Your designated memorial will be included in that week’s bulletin and a picture of the flowers will appear in the weekly webletter. **Barbara Hash** - 822.3480 - ascensiondioala@gmail.com

**Prayer Labyrinth** - Constructed in Fall 2019 by Girl Scout Troop 172, our prayer labyrinth is located next to the Ascension playground. A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point. Labyrinths have been used for centuries to facilitate prayer and meditation. Come and walk in love.

**St. Cecilia Children's Choir** - The St. Cecilia Children's Choir is designed for children ages 5K - 3rd grade. Led by Dana Porter, the choir meets for the first 10 minutes of Children’s Sunday School in the Adult Choir Room. On several occasions throughout the year, the choir vests and offers music during the 10 o'clock service. **Dana Porter** - 370-5127 - danamcarthur@gmail.com

**Ushers** - The job of the usher is the Ministry of Hospitality. Often an usher is the first person a visitor or parish member meets when entering the sanctuary for worship. By making visitors and members of the congregation feel welcome, ushers set the tone for the worship service and the community of the church. The responsibilities of the ushers are to greet worshippers at the 10:00 Sunday service and other special services, distribute the service bulletins, take up the offertory and direct the congregation in approaching the altar rail to receive the Eucharist. All members over the age twelve (12) are welcome to serve as ushers. It is a great way to develop relationships with other members of the church. **Jon Hornbuckle** - 408-1326 - jehornbu@charter.net

**Flower Guild** - The Flower Guild is a group of talented and dedicated individuals who acquire and arrange the flowers for the services of the church. In addition to altar flowers every Sunday, the group provides decorations for side tables, the Terrill Foyer and other special needs. The group also provides the floral decorations for weddings and is especially active at Christmas and Easter with all the members coming together for these occasions. Teams of two or three persons are organized for each Sunday of the year with the task of acquiring, preparing and arranging the flowers for the Sunday they are assigned and then removing and dispersing them after use. **Lori Ennis** - 908-2867 - ennislori@me.com

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CHRISTIAN FORMATION

VESTRY LIAISONS: ANNE BRISENDINE & CHARLEY GRIMES

STAFF: THE REV. JACK ALVEY, THE REV. JANE ELLIS, & AMANDA AUSTIN

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Nursery - A professionally staffed nursery is available on Sunday mornings from 8:45 - 11:00. Nursery is also available at special services and parish life events when scheduled.
Barbara Hash - 822-3480 - ascensiondioala@gmail.com

Children's Chapel - During the Gloria at the 10 o'clock service, children (3K - 3rd grade) process to Children's Chapel where they reflect on the scriptures for the day and pray together. Children return to church during the Peace and receive Holy Communion with their parents.
Amanda Austin - 601-3723 - amanda.austin23@gmail.com

Godly Play - For children in 3K through 3rd grade, Godly Play utilizes Montessori principles to invite children into the language of their faith. Children in Godly Play will hear lessons of sacred stories, parables, and liturgical action. They will have the opportunity to respond to the lessons through play and a craft of their choosing. The lesson ends with the feast, where children share a snack that intentionally mimics Holy Communion.
Amanda Austin - 601-3723 - amanda.austin23@gmail.com

Club 45 - Club 45 meets in the Ware Hall Loft from 9:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. The class is for 4th and 5th graders. The class studies the Bible as well as what the Episcopal Church is, how we worship and what we believe as Episcopalians. This class helps this age group stay connected while they are between early elementary and middle school.
Chris Lambert - 824-6104 - lambertcw@att.net
**ADULT FORMATION**

**Sunday Adult Forum** - The Sunday Adult Forum meets in the Sunshine Room from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. Led by a member of the clergy or laity, the class invites theological exploration through a range of topics related to the Christian faith and life.

*The Rev. Jack Alvey* - 914-5225 - jackalvey@gmail.com

**Brown Bag Bible Study** - The Brown Bag Bible Study meets each Monday at 11 a.m. in the Sunshine Room. Participants are encouraged to bring a sandwich for lunch at noon. Beverages and chips are provided.

*Ben Chastain* - 871-3859 - bbchastain@att.net

**ASCENSION EPISCOPAL KINDERGARTEN (AEK)** - Ascension Episcopal Kindergarten (AEK) has been a ministry of the Church of the Ascension for decades and is highly regarded in the community. AEK is dedicated to nurturing its children spiritually, emotionally, academically and socially.

*Laura Maddox* - 979-8711 - laura.a.maddox@me.com

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**Arts Camp (Vacation Bible School)** - The Ascension version of Vacation Bible School is Arts Camp where children explore the stories of our faith using various mediums of art. Arts Camp is typically held during the second week of June.

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**Episcopal Youth Community (EYC)** - Our youth group meets *Sunday mornings* from 9:00 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the EYC Room on the Lower Level to explore life with God and each other through prayer, scripture, art, and theology.

*Roger Jones* - 334-412-8712 - jonesart0@gmail.com

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On *Wednesday evenings*, EYC meets from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Ware Hall for dinner, study, fellowship, and prayer.

*Eva Byrum* - 305-3060 - ecbyrum@bsc.edu

The youth group also participates in fellowship and service events throughout the year.

**Mother’s Day Out (MDO)** - provides our youngest children a safe and fun environment for structured socialization and play rooted in Christian love. Children must be between 6 months and 2 years to enroll.

*Virginia Hornbuckle* - 901.1356 - vahornbuckle@gmail.com
Caregiver Support Group - Led by The Rev. Jane Ellis, the Caregiver Support Group meets on 3rd Thursdays from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the Sunshine Room. The purpose of the group is to provide mutual support for caregivers through a spiritual framework.
The Rev. Jane Ellis - 704-9301 - revdeaconjellis@gmail.com

Deacon's Bible Study - The Deacon's class meets on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. except on holidays. The class explores a range of topics from scripture to theology to history.
The Rev. Jane Ellis - 704-9301 - revdeaconjellis@gmail.com

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a four-year course of study in theological study and reflection for lay persons which includes the Bible, Church history, theology, and liturgy. Ascension's group consists of six to twelve participants and two trained mentors. Jim Busbin and Dick Lounsbury are the mentors. The group meets weekly on Tuesday evenings from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Jim Busbin - 663 - 1457 - jybusbin@charter.net

Men's Fireside Chats - This new offering is designed for men to gather once a month on 3rd Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. to discuss topics related to Christian living and theology. Participants are invited to bring a beverage of choice and a willingness to listen and talk.
The Rev. Jack Alvey - 914 - 5225 - jackalvey@gmail.com

Ministry Fair - Usually held the first Sunday following Labor Day Weekend, the Ministry Fair aims to celebrate our various ministries and encourage participation in the ministries that help us make Christ known by our love for all.

Rector's Book Study - The Rector's Book Study meets seasonally during the fall, spring, and summer at various times throughout the week. Consult the website or webletter for the upcoming class.
The Rev. Jack Alvey - 914-5225 - jackalvey@gmail.com

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Parish Family Night - This new offering takes place on Wednesdays during the fall usually during October and November. The evening (5:30 - 7 pm) begins with a catered dinner and continues with age appropriate programs for children, youth, and adults. Nursery available.

Lenten Suppers - During Lent each year, Wednesday evenings (5:30 - 7 pm) are set aside for Lenten Observance including dinner and a program. Setup, serving, and clean up with simple meals are provided by small groups or individuals within the parish. Nursery available.

“The aim, as in all theological and biblical exploration, is not to replace love with knowledge. Rather, it is to keep love focused upon its true object.” N. T. Wright
Daily Intercessory Prayer Guild - Established over 40 years ago as the outgrowth of a Women’s Bible Study, members of the guild come to the church to offer prayers for healing, guidance, trust, praise, thanksgiving and other petitions. The Intercessory Prayer Book is located in the parish office and names or initials of those who request prayer are entered in the appropriate section and prayed daily. Contact the parish office if you’d like to be a member of the guild or add a name to the list. Barbara Hash - 822.3480 - ascensiondioala@gmail.com

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) - The purpose of the E.C.W. of the Church of the Ascension is to unite the women of the church, with allegiance to Jesus Christ, in a program of worship, study, gifts, and service. This deepens and strengthens their own spiritual lives into Christian service in the parish, community, diocese, the nation and the world. More information found on pg. 14 of magazine. Kathy Lounsbury, Interim - 516-9521 - lounsbury.k@icloud.com

PARISH LIFE
VESTRY LIAISONS: HOLLY GOETTGE & JIM LOOP

STAFF: THE REV. JACK ALVEY, THE REV. JANE ELLIS, & BARBARA HASH

Building and Grounds - Our building and grounds are overseen by the Junior Warden who is a member of the Vestry (church’s governing body). At least two workdays per year are scheduled to spruce up the grounds for Easter and Advent/Christmas. All members of the parish are welcomed and encouraged to join in on the workdays and to let the chairs know of any special skills they may have in electrical, plumbing or carpentry work.
Roger Etherington - 516-8130 - etheringtonr@bellsouth.net

Cursillo - A worldwide movement of the Christian Church that provides individuals who are already active in their parish with an opportunity for spiritual growth and renewal. Cursillo takes place at Camp McDowell and is offered five times per year.
Chris Lambert - 212-0585 - lambertcw@att.net
Freezer Ministry - Works with the Rector, Guild of the Christ Child, St. Bridget's, and Pastoral Care Ministry to have home-cooked meals available for bereaved families, families with new babies, shut-ins, and families with long-term illnesses or terminal illnesses. Donations of frozen food (bread, meat and meatless casseroles, soups, etc.) are needed and welcomed. A sign-up sheet is located in the kitchen on the freezer.

Marie Graves - 408-1524 - gravesmf@bellsouth.net

Garden Guild - Made up of those folks who enjoy gardening and keeping up the grounds of the church especially the Memorial Garden.

Holly Goettge - 970-6384 - tgoettge@charter.net

Guild of the Christ Child supports families with new babies by visiting the new parents on behalf of the church. Guild members may bring a meal and a small gift.

Elaine Graham - eg1116@yahoo.com - 823-7153

Knitwits - A group of ladies who meet once a week on Fridays from 1:00 until 3:00 to knit (some crochet) and visit. They were organized to support the Grace Burleigh/Dorothy Rodgers Teddy Bear Project for Christmas Outreach to Urban Ministries by knitting and/or crocheting sweaters for Teddy Bears to be used as gifts for children and shut-ins. In addition, members knit and/or crochet lap blankets for adults in wheelchairs. If you enjoy knitting or crocheting, many hands are welcome.

Marguerite Handlin - 822-3621 - kinneym@bellsouth.net

Money Counters - Our parish bylaws require that two non-related parishioners count parish offerings following worship on Sunday.

Len Skelton - 541-0741 - lcskelton@bellsouth.net

Pancake Supper - Hosted by the EYC, the annual event marks Shrove Tuesday which traditionally was a way to empty the pantries from sugar and wheat before the Lenten fast.

Pastoral Care - This is a ministry of caring that may include hospital visitation, counseling, shared presence, listening, and support. Our team communicates with members of the parish in various ways. We listen and we offer prayer. We serve as a liaison to the clergy. We show by example that we are a caring community of faith.

Mary Anne Hornbuckle - 529-2884 - mahornbu@charter.net

Parish Picnic - A social gathering for fellowship and fun which usually takes place in the fall.

Parish Retreat - An annual weekend retreat to Camp McDowell which usually takes place in January.

St. Bridget's Guild - Provides a meal for families of the parish who have lost a loved one or arranges for light refreshments to be served for a visitation/reception immediately following a funeral. Sometimes a family prefers for a donation to be made to a favorite charity. A family may also wish for a poinsettia or Easter lily to be given in memory of their loved one.

Barbara Hash - 822.3480 - ascensiondioala@gmail.com & Carolyn Eike - 991-7287 - eikec@bellsouth.net

Second Sunday Covered Dish Lunch is served following the 10 o’clock service on 2nd Sundays of each month. Members of the parish volunteer to help set up, serve and clean up. Entrée is provided by the Church or by donation with members bringing “covered &/or side dishes” to share.

Paula Stringfellow - 937-5107 - paula@stringprop.com

Young at Heart - Fellowship luncheon for our senior members which is usually held twice a year.

Eileen Dawson - 223-4731 - eileen1616@gmail.com

Supper Clubs (OPEN TO ALL)

Saturday Supper Club - Open to all with a focus on young families and their children.

Mary Beth Basu - 907-0916 - marybethbasu@gmail.com

Blackmon/Goettge Supper Club - Open to all with a focus on adults whose children are grown.

Cheryl Blackmon - 410-0967 - cheryl.davidson12@gmail.com & Holly Goettge - 970-6384 - tgoettge@charter.net
OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

VESTRY LIAISONS: CARL CARTER, DIANE COFFIN, & WALKER SORRELL

STAFF: THE REV. JACK ALVEY, THE REV. JANE ELLIS, & AMANDA AUSTIN

Advent Outreach - One Sunday of Advent is designated for specific gifts. Presents are put under a Christmas tree and are taken to Urban Ministries - an organization who ministers to the most vulnerable in our community.

Ascension Wellness Center - The center exists to provide a broad base of holistic/wellness services that nourish the mind, body, and spirit of clients who utilize these services. These services will be provided by professionals who are appropriately trained/licensed.

The Rev. Jane Ellis - 704-9301 - ellis12@mac.com

Episcopal Place Birthday Party - Led by the ECW and EYC, members of the congregation host the February birthday party for residents of Episcopal Place (low-income housing).
Eileen Dawson - 223-4731-eileen1616@gmail.com

Food Truck Festival - During the summer, the congregation hosts a Food Truck Festival for the local community.

First Light - First Light is a women and children's shelter that Ascension supports by serving dinner once per month for residents.
Martha Oyston - 527-5296 - oyston@aol.com

Greeter Committee - The members of this committee take turns positioning themselves on Sunday mornings near the entrances and exits of the church and parish house before and after the services in order to greet and introduce themselves and others to newcomers and visitors. The Greeter Ministry also hosts 4 Newcomer Coffees and 1 New Member Dinner per year.
Mary Beth Basu - 907-0916 - marybethbasu@gmail.com
Hospitality Committee - Provides and prepares coffee for Sunday services; provides refreshments and decorations for all receptions and teas hosted by the ECW, and as requested by the Vestry.
Carolyn Eike - 915-5755 - eikec@bellsouth.net

Gumbo Gala Filérs- Each year Ascension enters a team in the Gumbo Gala Fund Raiser for Episcopal Place Apartments for residents on low and fixed incomes. They are always on the lookout for gumbo enthusiasts to join the Ascension Gumbo Filers team. Everyone is welcome, even the gumbo challenged! Folks are needed who can help with shopping, prep, cooking, tent decorations and serving our award winning gumbo.
John Wilson - 441-3235 - canterburychef@hotmail.com

Outreach Committee - The Outreach Committee is comprised of members of the congregation and Vestry who meet to discuss ways in which the parish can strive to make Christ's love known by our love for people outside of the parish walls. The committee also meets to discuss Outreach grants that are awarded to ministries which support God's mission through Ascension. Ministries the Outreach Committee currently supports through time, talent, and/or treasure: Sawyerville, Special Sessions, Rise Against Hunger, The Abbey, Grace Works, St. Martin's in the Pines, and Episcopal Place.
Martha Oyston - 527-5296 - oyston@aol.com

Ingatherings

Urban Ministry with canned foods, staples and items for babies. 55th Place (our Episcopal Thrift Store in the Woodlawn area) with clothing and household items/bric-a-brac. Firehouse Shelter (men's shelter) with blankets, sheets and clothing for men. First Light (women's shelter) with toiletries and NEW clothing for women. Laundry bins for collections are located in the Terrill Foyer or next to the Nursery

Episcopal Church Women Cont'd

Holiday Bake Sale - Solicits volunteers to prepare and bring breads, cakes, cookies, candies or other holiday goodies, packaged and trimmed with festive ribbons and paper ready to sell during the Covered Dish Luncheon on the second Sunday of December. Funds raised support the E.C.W. programs and outreach.
Billy Ann Chase - 715-9699 - bachase118@bellsouth.net

Scholarship Committee - Responsible for overseeing the application and selection process for the E.C.W. Clara Crossley Smith Scholarship and the Ascension Harriette Wise Gwin Scholarship for members of the Ascension attending college and/or seminary.
Barbara Hash - 822.3480 - ascensiondioala@gmail.com & Carolyn Eike - 991-7287 - eikec@bellsouth.net

ECW Silent Auction - A themed parish wide party/fund raiser for outreach in the spring of the year featuring donations by parishioners and local businesses for the auction and food provided by the ECW and members of different groups in the church.

U.T.O. Ingathering - Twice a year, an ingathering of the United Thank Offering on the first Sunday in May and the first Sunday in November. Monies from this Ingathering are sent to the national ECW and they in turn offer it as grants to churches and organizations dealing with outreach in their communities.

CPC Ingathering - Once a year in August the ECW of the Ascension is responsible for an ingathering of donations for Church Periodical Club or CPC. CPC is an affiliated organization of the Episcopal Church. Each October, contributions made to CPC are divided among all students attending seminary from the Diocese of Alabama.
THE VESTRY

Ascension is a parish in the Diocese of Alabama which is part of The Episcopal Church. Following the canons of the national church and diocese, the parish is governed by its Rector, Wardens, and Vestry. The Vestry consists of 12 communicants in good standing which are voted on at the annual meeting. Each member of the Vestry serves a three-year term. The Vestry generally meets monthly and is active in all areas of leadership at Ascension.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAYS
7:30 - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:45 A.M. - 11:15 A.M. - NURSERY OPEN
9:00 A.M. - CHRISTIAN FORMATION CLASSES*
9:00 - 9:10 A.M. - ST CECILIA CHOIR PRACTICE (5K - 3RD GRADE)*
   9:30 A.M. - CHOIR WARM-UP
10:00 A.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
   CHILDREN’S CHAPEL (3K - 3RD GRADE)
11:00 A.M. - COVERED DISH LUNCHEON (WHEN SCHEDULED)

MONDAYS
10:00 A.M. - STAFF MEETING
11:00 A.M. - BROWN BAG BIBLE STUDY
6:00 P.M. - VESTRY MEETING (2ND MONDAYS)

TUESDAYS
5:30 P.M. - EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY (EFM)*
7:30 P.M. - MEN’S FIRESIDE CHATS (3RD TUESDAYS)

WEDNESDAYS
12:00 P.M. - HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
   PRAYERS FOR HEALING ON 1ST & 3RD WEDNESDAYS
5:30 - 7:00 P.M. - EYC (YOUTH GROUP)
5:30 - 7:00 P.M. - WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAM (WHEN SCHEDULED)
   7:00 P.M. - CHOIR REHEARSAL*

THURSDAYS
8:30 A.M. - DEACON’S BIBLE STUDY
11:00 A.M. - CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP (3RD THURSDAYS)

FRIDAYS
1:00 P.M. - KNITWITS

*THESE OFFERINGS TYPICALLY RUN FROM LABOR DAY TO MEMORIAL DAY WITH A SUMMER BREAK