

The Messenger



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**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
MOBILE, ALABAMA**



Dear Cathedral Family,

Easter Day—Sunday, April 4—begins a season of celebration for Christians everywhere. At Christ Church Cathedral we will prepare for the banquet with beautiful flowers, glorious music, and shining appointments polished by our Altar Guild. This will be our day to give special thanks to God for the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Our hope is to live with Him in the joy of new life.

We will celebrate several aspects of that new life when we gather on Sunday, April 25 for our annual Cathedral Celebration. This day will mark the 5th anniversary of our becoming the cathedral of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, and we will offer prayers of thanksgiving for this ministry as well as prayers for discernment and on going faithfulness in our calling to serve God's people in this special way. We will be joined that day by the Rt. Rev. Sam Hulseley, retired Bishop of Northwest Texas, and a friend to Christ Church.

He will preach, baptize, confirm, and celebrate the Eucharist that day—reminding us of our ongoing commitment to our baptismal promises. Following the service, we will continue our celebration with lunch in our newly renovated garden.

Easter season is filled with joy, gladness, and an overwhelming sense of God's love for each of us and for the whole creation. May we live each day in awareness of the power of the resurrection to bring new life.

Faithfully,

You are cordially invited to attend the
fifth anniversary celebration
of the naming of
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
as Cathedral Church of the
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
on Sunday the twenty fifth of April
two thousand and ten
at ten o'clock in the morning

Your prayers and presence are requested.

Lunch in the garden following

Cathedral Website Redesigned

See the newly designed Cathedral website online: www.christchurchcathedralmobile.org

While you're there....

- Subscribe to the Cathedral E-news
- View the online calendar
- View the beginnings of the Cathedral web photo album
- View, download and print archived copies of The Messenger
- More pages, event notices, photos and schedules will be added as we move forward in the visioning process. Your thoughts, ideas (and corrections!) are most



A Message From the Sub-Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

During the Easter season we begin to enjoy longer, warmer days in which we anticipate the change of pace that will come to our lives in summertime, in the season after Pentecost. This summer will be a respite from our regular schedule of activities, allowing us not only time to rest and renew our minds and bodies but also the opportunity to envision the future into which God is calling us. Your vestry will be engaged this summer in what we are calling "Visioning Process 2010," a series of workshops (actually begun in February) in which they will consider who we are as God's people in this place—where we have been, where we are now, and where we discern we are called to go both as the downtown Episcopal parish in Mobile and as the Cathedral of this diocese. I am asking for your prayers for our lay and clergy leadership as we begin this process.

One important outcome of this visioning process has already begun. As we have grown over the past several years, our communication methods have grown along with us. Production of a monthly *Messenger*, along with weekly Cathedral Notes and frequent notices of parish-wide and group gatherings, has become an ever-larger job. In addition, the unreliability of bulk mailing has become a constant frustration to us all. Consequently, your vestry decided in February to ask Cindy McCrory, our diocesan communicator (now in that capacity part-time), to help us with our communications on a part-time basis. She has begun refashioning our website, aiming to keep it current and dynamic. Your newsletters will be available there, along with lay ministry calendars, and notices of group, parish, and Cathedral events. She hopes soon to activate an email process by which we may communicate more easily with one another. Although we will continue to print and mail the *Messenger* and certain other of our usual pieces, we hope to use electronic communication as much as possible. This will improve our timeliness as well as our cost savings.

Please share your email contact information with us, if you have not done so. I ask for your prayers, your patience, and your support as we work toward being the Cathedral God is calling us to be.

Beverly J. Gibson +

United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday, April 18

The Mission of the United Thank Offering is to invite people to offer daily prayers of thanksgiving to God and outward and visible signs of those prayers which will benefit others. As habits of daily thankful prayer mature, our personal relationship with God grows. Daily prayers of thanksgiving strengthen our being and doing. The blue box can be a reminder of our many blessings. In sharing our thank offerings with those throughout the Communion who seek to address compelling human need and extend the mission of the Church, we deepen our sense of participation in the lives of others.

Please empty your Blue UTO Box into an envelope or write a check to Christ Church Cathedral designated to UTO and place it in the alms basin or mail it to the Cathedral office.

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Holy Week 2010

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Maundy Thursday, April 1

5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist & Stripping
of the Altar

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Good Friday, April 2

Noon Liturgy

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Saturday, April 3

9:30 a.m. Join us in decorating
the Cathedral for Easter

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Easter Day, April 4

Remember to bring fresh flowers on
Easter morning to place on the cross.

10:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist

11:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt

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Decorating for Easter

The members of the Flower Guild will gather on Easter Saturday, April 3, at 9:30 a.m. to decorate. Kay Whiting, Flower Guild Chair, invites anyone who is interested in helping to come.

If you have magnolia leaves, smylax vines or ivy, please cut them and bring them to the church by 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

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Easter Egg Hunt

Weather permitting, children from toddlers through grade 1 will hunt eggs after worship on Easter Sunday. The hunt will take place in the newly restored garden. Please bring at least one dozen candy stuffed eggs (no peanuts or chocolate, please) for each child who will be hunting to the Cathedral office anytime before Good Friday.

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Easter Reminders

Please remember to bring cut flowers to be used in the flower cross. Flowers may be brought to the nave up to 9:50 a.m. on Easter morning.

The children's UTO boxes will be collected during Children's Chapel on Easter morning.

St. Emanuel Street Parking

The space across St. Emanuel Street from the front of the church is being converted back into a green space. The planters that were constructed along the eastern side of the street are being prepared for planting. St. Emanuel Street was narrowed in the process of making it more pedestrian-friendly. As a result, there is to be no parking on the east side of the street (even on Sundays), so that it will remain open for emergency vehicle traffic.

Christian Education


Our Christian Education calendar is quickly coming to a close. Sunday, April 18 will be our last day for Godly Play, Living the Good News, and our Middle and High School class. The Children's Chapel ministry continues year round. We will honor our Christian Education teachers on Cathedral Celebration Sunday, April 25. Thank you to Dunn Chandler, Christian Education director and all of our dedicated teachers.

Senior Sunday

We will honor our graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 2, during the service. Please call or e-mail the Cathedral office to let us know if you have a senior. Anyone with a new college graduate is asked to call the cathedral office so these graduates may be recognized in the May issue of *The Messenger*.

Annual North American Dean's Conference

Johnny and Mary Cook will travel to the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. for the meeting April 16 through April 18. The conference is held at the National Cathedral every ten years, so this will be their first opportunity to meet and worship in that important space.



VBS
2010

9:00 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, June 22
Wednesday, June 23
Thursday, June 24

You are invited to Egypt to join Joseph on an unforgettable journey from prison to palace! You will build pyramids...jostle through a colorful marketplace...squish mud to make bricks...and join Joseph on the family-friendly adventure of a lifetime!

We are looking for teachers and volunteers of all ages.
Call the Cathedral Office if you want to join the VBS team!

Beckwith Summer Camp Schedule

Junior High:	May 30-June 5
3rd & 4th Grade:	June 8-11
Senior High:	June 14-20
Special Ministries:	June 23-27
2nd & 3rd Grade:	June 30-July 2
8th & 9th Grade:	July 6-12
6th & 7th Grade:	July 15-21
5th & 6th Grade:	July 24-30
4th & 5th Grade:	August 2-6

Spaces are still available in each session! Download the registration forms at www.beckwithccc.org Click "Summer Camp"

Financial Update through February 2010

For the first two months of 2010 the operating expenses are on budget. However, pledge income is under budget by \$41,000. Incomplete March income is somewhat better but not enough to erase the short-fall. Pledge statements for the first quarter will be mailed in early April. Thank you for making every effort to keep your pledge current as we go through the year.

Telling Our Story

I became a member of Christ Church Cathedral within the last year. Suffering from a spiritual drought, I was overjoyed to find the Christ Church Christian community through worshiping with all of you. I receive the greatest gift of all - an uplifting in relation with Jesus. Your openness, your accepting of me, the music of choir and organ and the relating of God's love through readings and sermons help me soar to "heavenly heights." There are Sundays when I don't want to leave the Cathedral.

However, staying in a church building is certainly not what Jesus planned for us. I have been blessed in my life to pursue a "missionary-type" daily experience. From 1968 to 1979 I lived in Manila, Philippines as a missionary. Today, I live in an apartment community, Claiborne Arms Apartments. It is a HUD housing complex which provides housing to seniors and families who are retired, disabled, or out of work. God provided this apartment for me & in doing so provided a mission.

I often care for young children. I provide seniors and young mothers transportation to and from doctor appointments and dental appointments. Trips to the grocery store and pharmacy are frequent. Many times there are crisis situations when the assistance of EMTs and hospitals is critical. Emergency rooms are as familiar as laundry rooms. Assembling cordless phones, cleaning apartments and providing meals allow opportunities for singing Jesus' songs, talking about Jesus' stories, and praying many prayers. Some of my friends die, children grow, parents smile, and a 74-year old man shakes hands in "thank you." In everything, Jesus is there.

Christ Church Cathedral is a special place for me when my feet are dragging, when my soul and heart need regeneration and my mind needs an overhaul. The Eucharist and the readings of the Word capture me. As I leave the worship setting and walk to my car, I am prepared to continue God's mission with Him surrounding me with His love. *Anonymous*

The Cathedral Vestry and Chapter

Officers

Robby McClure, Senior Warden
 Bob Israel, Junior Warden
 Mary Carol Ladd, Clerk
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 Bob Israel
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 Jamie Davidson
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 Mark Weeks

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 Mary Carol Ladd
 Meg McGovern
 Rick Mitchell
 Leland Moore

Class of 2012

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 Win Thurber
 Laura Warren
 Charles White

Chapter Members

The Rev. Ken Cumbie, *St. Luke's, Mobile*
 Magoo Hamilton, *St. Thomas', Greenville*
 Dr. Mendy Henderson, *St. Agatha's, deFuniak Springs*
 Joy Tway, *St. Mary's, Andalusia*

Morning Circle

Monday,
April 13, 2010
10:30 am at the home of Marolyn Kruse, 1052 Cross Gates Place.
For directions, call Marolyn at 342-2338.
For questions about Morning Circle call Carolyn Stephenson at 342-5637.

Loaves & Fish

Monday,
April 19
11:15 a.m.
15 Place
Thank you to March volunteers: Gaye Formanek, Alex Harris, Gavin Harris, Yvonne Holladay, Gladys Moss, Betty Reniewicz, Sam Power.

April Birthdays

April 3	John McClelland	April 20	Stephen Calder
April 5	Bowers Patrick		Chad Slaton
April 6	Donna Moree	April 22	Hetty Newell
	Cindy Wiseman	April 23	Johnny Cook
April 7	Janice Spangler		Lee Vernon
	Robert Drew		John Daly Baumhauer
	Winchester Thurber	April 25	Betty Reniewicz
April 8	Greer Radcliff		David Carwie
	Christopher Clinton	April 26	Bill Drew
April 9	Carolyn Jeffers	April 27	Kim Kearley
April 15	Beaux George		MJ Ramo
April 16	Fairley Morton		Elizabeth Warren
April 17	Bob Forster		Malcolm Warren
	Barbara Archer	April 28	Willson McClelland
April 19	Angus Cooper		

Cathedral Prayer List

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Members: Brink Brinkley, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Lisa Cooper, Hetty Cunningham, Dolores Drane, Raymond Fields, Marian and Connie Gonzales, Nick Nichols, Walter Moss, Jim Ryall, Win Thurber, Butch Trawick, Tom Twitty.

Friends and Family: Sandy Blankenship, Sally Boom, Robert Bressett, Chris Brown, Justin Bunch, Steve Chandler, Sr., Bobby Clark, Gwen Cook, Thomas Cramer, Gregory Cunningham, Van Davies, Dyson Deaton, Andrew Ewaskiewicz, Tom Ford, Glenn Foster, Greg Gibson, Jeannie Graves, Dauren Hamilton, Katie Hamlin, Derry Hargett, William Hicks, Bill Johnson, Penny Johnson, David Key, Lois Anne King, Steve Lauten, Rhett Boyd Leake, Taylor Lee, Peter Martin, Sharon McDonald, Bill Meyer, Ted Middleton, Chas Pierce, Brenda Puckett, Tyrone Power, George Seymour, Jr., Enola Shields, Isabelle Smith, Curtis Stone, Dolores Sullivan, Clinton Taylor, Lewis Tyner, Mimi Urquhart, Kathryn Wessinger, Dot Williams, Michael Walker, Marvin Williams, Melody Williams.

Births: Jeffery Madison Chapman, grandson of Sam Power; Randolph Benjamin Coale, Jr. and Helen Ann Coale, daughters of Ben and Natalie Coale and grandchildren of Harwell and Betty Coale.

For Those Serving in the Military: Jensen Basenberg, Michael Bog-gao, Jimmy Burgess, Andrew Campbell, Dallas Carl, Thomas Clough, Jonathan Duralde, Sam Garcia, Darrien Gibson, Dr. Emil Graf, Brett Granger, Kelley Hood, Christopher Hume, Abby Hutchins, Brad Israel, Ron Lansong, Patrick Little, Kevin Lock, Thomas Key, Chris Marslender, Andy McMillan, Robert McNeil, Thomas Middleton, Jerry Olin, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, Justin Rickert, John Rogers, Jr., Evan Sizemore, Marvin Walker, Brandon Warren, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff.

Thank you For the Lenten Speaker Series

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Lenten Speaker Series whether you, cooked, chopped, arranged flowers, set tables, or provided beverage service. The chair for the series was Leslie Ladd. Lunch was prepared by a different team for each of the five weeks. Team leaders were: Peggy McClelland, Bill Christian, Judy Henson and Bennett Griffith. Lenten cooks were: Elizabeth Harrison, Mary Cook, Marolyn Kruse, Mary Searle, Mary Jane Cobb, Gladys Moss, Gaye Formanek, Ginny Behlen, Betty Reniewicz, Martha Middleton, Lynne Davis, Leslie Ladd, Anne Gaillard, Barbara Mitchell, Norman Pharr, Susan Crowson, Lynn Ross, Anne Gaillard, Elizabeth Harrison, Holly Hall, Jennifer Grehan, Laura Warren, Mary Esther Elliott, Mary Donald George, Gretchen Cooper, Tricia Coggin, Nance Stephens, and Anne Gaillard. Thank you to our dessert makers, Martha Rose Hester, Janet Rich Pittman, Edward Ladd, and Susan Garth. Robbie Lynne Irvine and Kay Whiting arranged and freshened flowers for the tables. The tables were set, the ice was cold, the clean-up phenomenal by all including: Bill Carr, Mary Cook, Lucy Lyons, Nance Stephens, Judy Jones, Fairley Morton, Vic Stanton and Brenda Stanton. As always, Carolyn Stephenson served as treasurer with the assistance of

Pastoral Care Team April

Gladys Moss,
Betty Reniewicz,
Gaye Formanek

EYC Calendar

Sunday, April 4
Help with the Easter
Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 18
End of the Year Beach
Party at the Halls' in
Gulf Shores.

EYC members are encouraged to sign-up as team leaders for VBS. This is a great way to get ahead on your service hours.

In the Diocese and the Community

Saturday, April 3 — **Easter in the Squares** Downtown Mobile's new Easter event starts in Bienville with an egg hunt...then all will parade to Cathedral Square at 11:45. Paraders can be in strollers, wagons, with dog, or just plain walking. Contests for best hat, best decorated stroller...plus art projects, face painting, and music!

Saturday, April 10 — **Wilma's Rummage Sale** from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Wilmer Hall

Wednesday, April 14 — **"Finding Receptive Spaciousness in God in a Mentally Overcrowded Culture"** with The Rev. Tilden Edwards at St. Paul's, Mobile.

Thursday, April 15 and Friday, April 16 — **Christus Annual Conference** in Byrne Hall at Springhill College. The speaker this year is The Rev. Tilden Edwards author of *Living in the Presence* and *Sabbath Time*. For tickets, please see Canon Gibson.

Saturday, April 17 — **Flipping for Wilmer Hall, Pancake Breakfast** from 7 to 11 a.m. \$5 for dine in or carry out.

Sunday, April 18 from 11:30 a.m to 3:00 p.m. — **Ruth's Chris Jazzy Lunch for the Child Advocacy Center**. Great food, drink accompanied by jazz music. A six-course dinner with wine and dessert. The cost of the event is \$150 per person with 100% of the proceeds being given to the Child Advocacy Center. For tickets call the Child Advocacy Center at 432-1101.

Saturday, April 24 — **ECW Spring Day Away**, Through the Looking Glass at St. Andrew's, Panama City. The fee is \$15. Registration forms are on the chapel bulletin board. Registration deadline is April 10.

Thursday, April 29 — **An Inspirational Night Celebrating 36 Years of the Home of Grace**, First Baptist North Mobile. Tickets are available in the Cathedral office. Tickets are \$50 for individuals, \$400 for a table.

Ongoing Beckwith fundraiser — **Beckwith Rocks!** Help Beckwith put rocking chairs back on the porches. Rocking chairs are priced at \$190, which includes a memory plate affixed to the chair. Call Beckwith for more information.

Palm Crosses

The over 400 palm crosses used for Palm Sunday were lovingly tied by Perrin Drew, Judy Henson, Harriet Jean Boughton, Carolyn Stephenson, Erica McElhaney, Lucy Lyons, Carolyn Jeffers, Nance Stephens, and Tricia Coggin.

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