

# The Messenger

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
MOBILE, ALABAMA



## December at Christ Church Cathedral

### Cathedral Advent Music Series

11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel

12:00 p.m. music in the Church with lunch following in the Chapter House

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**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1**

Jenny Covington, *oboist*  
Danielle Darrington, *flautist*  
Peggy L. Lyden, *pianist*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8**

*Mithril Duo*  
Andra Bohnet  
Tom Morley

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15**

Bob Holm, *pianist*  
Enen Yu, *violinist*

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12**

### ADVENT LESSONS & CAROLS

10:00am

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19**

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

10:00am

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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24**

### CHRISTMAS EVE FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

4:30 pm Music

5:00 pm Holy Eucharist

## The Cathedral Chapter

### Class of 2010

Jamie K. Davidson  
Susan A. Clinton  
Harry D. Henson  
Robert W. Israel  
Robison C. McClure, Jr.  
Mark S. Weeks

### Class of 2011

E. Burnley Davis  
Carolyn D. Eichold  
Mary Carol Ladd  
Margaret M. McGovern  
Richard Mitchell  
Leland L. Moore, Jr.

### Class of 2012

Virginia M. Behlen  
Carter H. Drane  
W. Kenneth McElhane, Jr.  
H. Winchester Thurber III  
Laura B. Warren  
Charles F. White

### Chapter Members

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

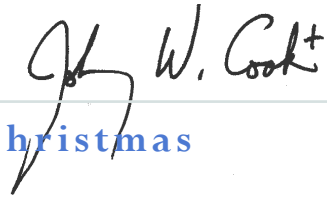
## A Message from the Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

Ronald Rolheiser writes in *The Shattered Lantern* that "Distraction is normal in our culture. Contemplativeness, solitude and prayer are not." Henri Nowen described our contemporary lives as being like "over-packed suitcases bursting at the seams. In fact, we are almost always aware of being behind schedule." Both of these observations leave a particular sting as we head into a time of year which screams of noise, busyness, distractions and the most demanding schedule of the year. In the midst of this comes the invitation from the church to take the time for prayer, reflection, and solitude as we prepare for the coming of Christ. How we do that will be different for every household.

What I am asking is that we make our quiet time, our prayer time a priority not forgotten in the crush of our business. Commit to the family sitting at the table with prayers before the meal. Advent calendars are a good reminder of how each day is part of our season of preparation. Devotional booklets for adults and children are a good resource. Commit to a daily time of quiet, to be still and give thanks for the gift of Jesus as we await his coming.

Faithfully,



## Christ Church Cathedral Christmas Outreach to Children

For our children's outreach again this Christmas, the members of Christ Church Cathedral will partner with the Family Intervention Team (FIT) Specialists of the Mobile Police Department to provide gifts at Christmas to older children in need. Sergeant Zandra Jackson and Ms. Iris Smith will join us on Sunday, December 5 for worship and the parish meeting. They will share stories from the program with us.

This program was hugely successful last year, and we are excited about being able to contribute to these children again this year. This project ministers directly to children in at-risk situations. The specialists from the four precincts have chosen 25 children ranging in age from 10 to 17. Children are referred to the program because they need guidance with family, behavioral, low-self esteem, peer pressure, and academic issues. Our task is to provide one special Christmas gift for each child and money to allow the officers to take the children shopping for items they need.

A Christmas tree decorated with gift and or cash donation requests is in the Chapter House now. Our goal is \$2500 for the shopping outing, 25 wrapped gifts, and \$400 for lunch. Gifts will need to be returned to the Cathedral office by Wednesday, December 15. Jamie Davidson and M. J. Ramo have once again agreed to serve as co-chairs for this outreach ministry.

Our mid-year projects with FIT did not work out last year because of cuts in the City budget, but we are hopeful that we will be able to help the team get the kids ready for back-to-school 2012.

## A Message from the Sub-Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

As you read this *Messenger*, we will have begun our preparation for the coming—the *adventus*—of Christ. The tone and rhythm of our worship will be different in the Advent season, as we reflect on the great promises of God and the story of God’s people. On the third and fourth Sundays of Advent, respectively, we will worship with Advent Lessons and Carols and our annual Children’s Christmas Pageant. On the Wednesdays of Advent, we will move our mid-day Eucharist to 11:30 a.m., followed by a series of musical offerings and then lunch in the Chapter House. These peaceful interludes in the middle of each week are a wonderful way to stay grounded during the pre-Christmas rush. Please notice, as you come and go each week, the development of the Nativity Scene in the Chapel hallway; the artwork added to this bulletin board each week is the creation of our children and youth in their Sunday School.

You may recall that in years past we have mailed Advent devotional materials to Cathedral family members—daily meditations for adults, calendars for young people, and activity books for children. This year, as part of our ongoing efforts to be good stewards of our resources, we have placed these materials in the Chapter House for you to pick up on Sunday during our time together. As usual, you will find materials for youth and children. We have also made available copies of a public domain booklet entitled “Celebrating Advent in the Home,” which contains information about using the Advent Wreath, the Jesse Tree, and the Nativity Scene—along with Bible readings and the Book of Common Prayer—in your family and personal devotions. I hope that you will find these materials helpful in your preparations for the Christmas season. Setting aside some personal time for Bible reading, prayer, and reflection each day is a powerful antidote to the stresses of the season. For families with children still at home, making time each day to focus on the coming of the Christ child provides a centering perspective on what Christmas is really about.

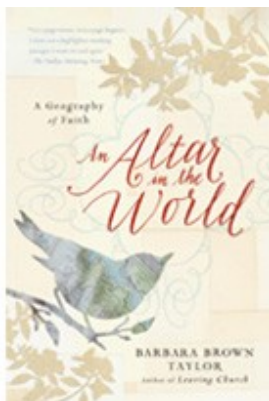
As we look forward together to the coming of Christ, I pray that we may be mindful not only of the incredible blessings we enjoy here at Christ Church Cathedral but also of the call we have received to be faithful in little and in much at this time, in this place.

Faithfully,

*Beverly J. Gibsont*



*Above: Our primary aged Christian Education classes have decorated a nativity that will be posted on the bulletin board in stages.*



### The Cathedral Fall Read

***An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith* by Barbara Brown Taylor**

**Thursday, December 2**

**5:30 p.m.**

**In the Chapter House**

Get reading and join us for the discussion.

*Barbara Brown Taylor is an Episcopal priest who has served parishes in Georgia and currently teaches religion at Piedmont College and at Columbia Theological Seminary.*

## SHARING OUR VISION: LOOKING FORWARD IN FAITH

2011 Pledge  
Update as of  
November 22,  
2010

To date 85 households have made a pledge. 50% of those have made an increase for next year. We have also received 5 new pledges. In this place, at this time, please pray we may be faithful in little and much, in focusing our hearts and minds and all our resources on sharing the love of God with the world. Please remember to send in your 2011 pledge card.

*Stewardship season for Christ Church Cathedral began on Sunday, October 3 when Cn. Gibson introduced the topic and explained the process for this year. This kick-off was followed on Wednesday, October 5 by a popular musical event, Two Trumpets, featuring Peggy Lyden, Cathedral Organist and Choir Master playing the organ and trumpet en chamade and Peter Wood on the trumpet. Each of the following Sundays highlighted speakers who are members of the Cathedral Vestry. Many thanks to these stewardship speakers: Charles White, Mary Carol Ladd, Judy and Happy Henson, Rick and Barbara Mitchell. The Stewardship ingathering was on Sunday, November 7 with a luncheon following in the garden. Many thanks to ECW Chairs Lynne Davis and Carolyn Eichold for planning the luncheon. Below you will find the text of some of the presentations we enjoyed in October.*



I am sure that some of you think I was born under an azalea bush, right here in the garden of Christ Church. The truth, however, is that I was born in Mobile and raised as an Episcopalian, but at All Saints'! In fact, I've *only* been at Christ Church for 51 years! It was after Happy and I were married—at All Saints'—and living in D'Iberville—that we began attending Christ Church when Mr. Arsnauld was minister.

We have raised three daughters here, and I'm proud to say that all three were baptized, confirmed, and married in Christ Church. So, as you see - we have been here a long time - through thick and thin!

When we had to leave Christ Church in 2000 it was like a death in the family and we were *all* affected! I don't believe that anyone had any idea of the glorious and blessed times that God had in store for us! We left here with approximately 60 old people and only a few children. Our happy return to this magnificent, old building was with limited resources. Everyone pitched in to help and as Carolyn Jeffers said, "Everybody had to have three jobs!" It was truly an exciting and rewarding time for us!

We have certainly been blessed by the Lord in our endeavors to rebuild this church and our congregation. I believe that God has touched us by sending Ellis and Virginia, Johnny and Mary, and Beverly and Mike to lead us. He also tucked in Peggy Lyden and her wonderful choir! Who could have imagined all the wonderful improvements to this building, to the Chapter House, and the garden, and especially to see all these beautiful little children filing in and out for Sunday School? It really is amazing and simply put—a miracle!

However, we cannot allow ourselves to become complacent and rest on our laurels and expect others to do the things we want done. It is my hope that we will all continue to show the energy, perseverance, and love for the opportunities in the church that God has granted us! Thank you.

— Judy Henson



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*A lovely luncheon was served in the garden on All Saints' Sunday.*

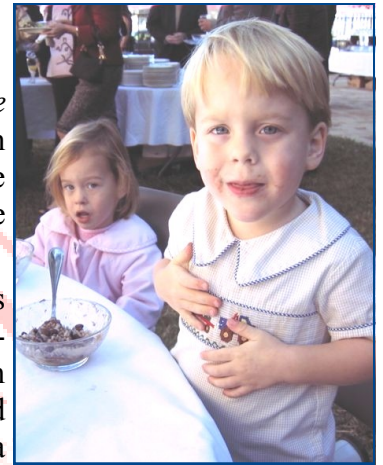


In my 51 years here, I really think Christ Church Cathedral is *in the best shape ever!* We have great leadership in Johnny and Beverly, wonderful music from Peggy and the choir, a beautiful sanctuary, Chapter House and garden. And, we certainly have a beautiful and traditional worship service, which I believe is one of our greatest strengths and one of our best means of attracting new members.

Of course, we all want to go forward with the master plan when economic times permit - beginning with the new kitchen and columbarium. Some of the responses to the survey that I have received have been a call for adult education classes and Bible study. There has also been a suggestion for more attention and support of young families. Also suggested is the possibility of a gift shop as a fund raising project. And lastly, we need to address that financial condition of the Cathedral.

We need to honor the commitments we have made to Christ Church and hopefully some of us will be able to increase our pledge for this year. And, for those who are not currently pledging, we ask you to make some commitment for the coming year. There is the old saying that God will provide. Yes! He provided us! We will meet our challenges! Amen.

—Happy Henson



Elizabeth and Malcolm Warren enjoyed their lunch.



I am Rick Mitchell and this is my wife, Barbara. We joined Christ Church in 1979 when we moved to Mobile and transferred our letters here. Our children - Robert, Mary Lafitte and William - and our grandson Alex, were all baptized here. Robert and Mary Lafitte were both married in Christ Church. And sadly, this is where the funeral service for our beloved son, William, was held 5 ½ years ago.

We were first invited to visit Christ Church by Robert and Elizabeth Day, new friends that we had made shortly after our move here. We were impressed by the beauty and history of the church, of course. But it was the people here who convinced us that this parish was really where we wanted to be.

There wasn't even a priest at Christ Church in 1979. But there was a core of loyal parishioners - the Brinkleys, McClellands, Drews, Boughtons, Hensons, Coales, Ladds, Irvines, Chaddie Clark, Hetty Cunningham, Lucy Rouse - and others who reached out to a young couple - we were in our 20's then - and welcomed us to their family.

It has occurred to me over my life that one of the many positive things that distinguish the Episcopal Church from other protestant denominations is the classic parish family concept. That is to say that our Christian ministry (as communicants and as clergy) is focused first - ideally anyway - on the members of the parish and their families. That is especially true, I believe, at Christ Church.

In last year's vestry retreat, it was generally acknowledged that although growth ultimately is healthy and positive for us, and we desire it, Christ Church simply cannot be everything to everybody. But what we are is awfully powerful to those who are seeking what we do have. Of course, if you agree with that concept then you must necessarily accept a larger role in terms of your support - financially and otherwise.

Our family's vision for Christ Church is that we always remain the same sort of parish that Barbara and I found when we first arrived in 1979 (and that I believe we continue to be now - 32 years later)...and regardless of the various goals we establish, that we never attempt to change who we are in order to achieve growth or to accommodate it. Thank you.

—Rick Mitchell

*Nominees for 2011  
Convention Delegates:  
J. Daly Baumhauer III  
Harwell E. Coale, Jr.  
Carolyn S. Jeffers  
James B. Ryall*

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**Annual Parish Meeting and  
Vestry Elections**  
Sunday, December 5, 2010  
During Coffee Hour

**2011 Diocesan Convention Delegates**

The convention will be held on Thursday, February 10 through Saturday, February 12, 2011 at St. James', Fairhope and Beckwith Camp and Conference Center.

**Requirements of Convention Delegates**

- ✦ To be a confirmed communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, 18 years of age or older.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church, including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that Christ Church Cathedral Vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving; to encourage the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to work personally toward the tithe.

*Resolution to Christ Church Cathedral Vestry approved on October 10, 2005*

**Loaves &  
Fish**



*Christ Church  
Cathedral volunteers  
will staff  
Loaves and Fish  
on Monday,  
December 20,  
at 11:15 a.m.*

*Many thanks to our  
volunteers for  
November:  
Mary Cook,  
Millie and Clyde  
Reasonover,  
Sam Power.  
If you would like to  
volunteer, please call  
Sam Power  
at 653-1203.*

**Art Soup at Christ Church Cathedral**

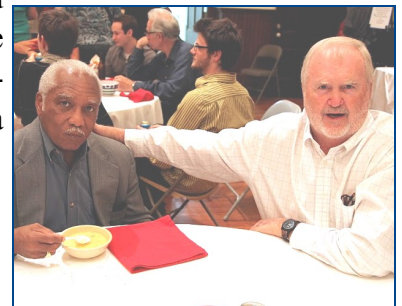


*Photos by Cindy McCray*

*Above: Guests to Art Soup enjoyed our beautiful garden.*

theatrical representative to the board. He worked for two days straight to help prepare for the event. Thanks also to Cathedral greeters: Katherine Deaton, Jennifer Grehan, Holly Hall, Sandra Kendall, Peggy and Ponnice McClelland.

*Right: Sam Power, 15 Place Board member enjoys a respite during Art Soup.*



## 2011 Vestry Nominees (Class of 2013)

**Alice Marie Kracke** *Alice is a native of Daphne, Alabama who has returned to Mobile after living and teaching in various cities. She is a member of the English Department faculty at the University of South Alabama. She has one son, Atley, who lives in Vancouver. Alice is a Sunday School teacher, a member of the Younger Women's Bible Study and of a Sunday Hospitality Team.*

**Leslie Patrick Ladd** *Leslie is a long-time member of Christ Church. She is married to Edward, and they have three grown children & five grandchildren. Leslie is the immediate past chair of ECW: she is on the Altar Guild & serves on a Sunday Hospitality Team.*

**Gerry Madison Phillips** *Gerry is married to Sara. They have three grown children and four grandchildren: Andy, Sarah Kate, Katie and Ella. He is a cardiologist with Cardiology Associates.*

**Elizabeth Johnson Rendfrey** *Leigh is married to Fred. She grew up in Mississippi, the daughter of an Episcopal priest. She works at Regions Bank and is a member of the Young Adults group.*

**William Earle Skinner** *Bill is married to Deanie. Bill is the Chief Executive Officer for VT Halter Marine, a shipbuilding Company based in Pascagoula, Mississippi. He and Deanie have a son and a daughter: Kelly Blankenship and Shannon Skinner and four grandchildren. Bill serves as an usher.*

**Ronald A. Snider** *Ron is married to Virginia and they have two grown children. He is a lawyer with Jones, Walker. Ron is an active resident in the downtown community. He serves on numerous community boards.*

### Requirements of Vestry Members

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### Responsibilities of Vestry Members

- ✘ To live a daily life reflecting the Christian faith; to strive to grow spiritually through worship, prayer, and educational opportunities.
- ✘ To participate faithfully in the worship of the church.
- ✘ To attend vestry and chapter meetings and retreats.
- ✘ To work for unity among the clergy, vestry and congregation through open communication; to accept the position of vestry member as an opportunity to serve our Lord.
- ✘ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that the Christ Church Cathedral vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving and encourages the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to be working toward the tithe.
- ✘ To accept the role of leadership, work diligently and congenially at assigned tasks, and seek out ways to improve the Cathedral Church including:
- ✘ To make new and regular members and visitors feel welcome through personal greetings, visits, and an invitation to participate in activities of interest to them, and
- ✘ To encourage all members of the congregation to become a part of activities and ministries of the church and to attend parish meetings.

### Floor Nomination Procedure for Vestry Members.

*A name may be placed in nomination as follows:*

- 1. The nominee has agreed to be placed in nomination.*
- 2. Before a name is offered on the floor the nominator will approach the Parish Officers, Chancellor, and Treasurer, who will certify that the nominee meets the requirements outlined in the October 10, 2005, Resolution of Christ Church Cathedral entitled "Requirements and Responsibilities of Vestry Members."*

## The Greening of the Cathedral



Kay Whiting has graciously agreed to serve as the Flower Guild Chair again this year and Robbie Lynn Irvine will also serve again as her Co-Chair. The two have been busy planning for Advent and Christmas. They will be calling everyone who helps with preparations to confirm dates for decorating. As always, they can find a place for you if you are interested, so if you do not hear from them, please give them a call.

The Flower Guild as a whole will gather on Thursday, December 23 at 9:30 a.m. to decorate the Cathedral for Christmas. Kay and Robbie Lynn are asking that anyone who has access to small magnolia limbs or smilax, please call to let them know. All cut greenery may be delivered to the front porch of the church on December 22.

Memorial poinsettias will be used to decorate the church through the service on the Second Sunday after Christmas, January 3. Poinsettias may be taken from the church following the service that day.

Flowers will be incorporated into the decorations during Advent, so the cost of a memorial donation for flowers during Advent will remain at \$75.

*Christmas offering cards for poinsettias and music offerings are Enclosed in this Messenger. Requests are \$15 each. The deadline for names in the bulletin is Monday, December 13. Additional cards are on the Ministry Table in the Chapter House.*

*The Altar Guild will meet on Monday, December 20 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. to polish and prepare for Christmas. All members of the Altar Guild are asked to attend.*

## December Wednesday Eucharist Schedule

Wednesdays, December 1, 8, and 15

Eucharist will be held at 11:30 a.m. before the Advent Music

*We will resume the regular Wednesday Eucharist at noon on January 5, 2010*

## Christ Church Cathedral Wins Henry Hitchcock Award

*The following is excerpted from a letter written by Dora Finley, President of the Mobile Historic Development Commission.*

At its November Meeting, the Mobile Historic Development Commission voted to award the Henry Hitchcock Award to Christ Church Cathedral. The Hitchcock Award is among the Commission's most prestigious honors, given in recognition of extraordinary architectural significance. The award also recognizes the importance of good stewardship in maintaining treasures like Christ Church. It is the Commission's great pleasure to so recognize Christ Church and the Diocese.

The award is named for Henry Hitchcock, a prominent early 19th century Mobilian who championed good architectural design, particularly the Greek Revival. It consists of a heavy iron plaque suitable for affixing to the building's exterior.

The honor will be publically bestowed at the Commission's annual Banner and Shield ceremony to be held on December 6 at 5:30 p.m.

## Cathedral Prayer List

### Members:

David Sanders, Win Thurber, Geoff McGovern, Lisa Cooper, Hetty Cunningham, Brink Brinkley, Walter Moss, Dolores Drane, Nick Nichols, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Tom Twitty, Raymond Fields, Butch Trawick, Connie Gonzales.

### Friends & Family:

Glenn Foster, William Hicks, Lewis Tyner, Dolores Sullivan, Taylor Lee, Penny Johnson, Sharon McDonald, Enola Shields, Curtis Stone, Chris Brown, Rhett Boyd Leake, Bill Meyer, Gwen Cook, Dauren Hamilton, Katie Hamlin, Lois Anne King, Isabelle Smith, Chas Pierce, Bobby Clark, George Seymour, Jr., Kathryn Wessinger, Robert Bressett, David Key, Ted Middleton, Andrew Ewaskiewicz, Derry Hargett, Van Davies, Melody Williams, Dyson Deaton, Brenda Puckett, Marvin Williams, Clinton Taylor, Sally Boom, Steve Lauten, Peter Martin, Alice Crook, Gray Thorworth, Charlie Alexander, Betty Torbert, Jean Wentworth, Kate Granada, Jeffrey Ezell, Mary Ladd Turner, Blanche Hatter, Will Nichols, Janie Houser, Steve Zalopany, Rebecca Hatcher, Mary Thompson, Victor Leon, Helen Corley, Linda Logan, Amie Marks, Ann Tyner, Lydia Bennett, Don Heaton, John Beltz, Edwin Stebbins, Marian Macpherson Currie, Jeff Sewell, Eric Sharpe Jr., Greg and Rita Wright, Susan Sims Finnorn, Ed Dyas, Teddy Solomon, Doris Solomon, Brad Cox, Peter Gaillard, Bill Bramer, LaNelle Johnson, Ninya Ross, Sissie Outlaw, Norman Pharr, Michael McMaken, Lynn and Doug Ray, Charlie Mae Moree, Rosetta Garret, Sue Lyden, Devanie Ellison, Peter Walker.

*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.*

### For Those Serving in the Military:

Brad Israel, Christopher Hume, Brandon Warren, Darrien Gibson, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff, Thomas Key, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, Kelley Hood, Jensen Basenberg, Andy McMillan, Evan Sizemore, Robert McNeil, Jonathan Duralde, Andrew Campbell, Ron Lansong, John Rogers, Jr., Patrick Little, Thomas Middleton, Dallas Carl, Brett Granger, Sam Garcia, Chris Marslender, Jerry Olin, Abby Hutchins, Thomas Clough, Tyler Gamble, The Rev. Martha Kester, Ben Zimlich, Dwight Williams, James Pontius, Todd Mouthaan.

### Births:

Anne Price Mitchell, daughter of Ashley and Robert Mitchell; William Russell Buster V, son of Mary Lafitte and Russell Buster, both are the grandchildren of Barbara and Rick Mitchell; Julian Thomas Cook, grandson of Mary and Johnny Cook.

### Repose of the Soul:

Marion Gonzales; Mary Carson, mother of Kathy Heath.

### Confirmands:

Linda Bates Chandler, Steve Griffin Chandler, Sr., James Kyle Griffin, Joseph Thad Hendrix, Valerie Gertrude Wilson Hines, William Christian Hines III, Kristyn Sifford Seawell, Jeramie Travis Russell, Margaret Marion Thigpen.



*Right: The Rev. Cn. Beverly Gibson welcomes Margaret Thigpen and Travis Russell after their confirmation on November 21.*



## Morning Circle

*will meet on Monday, December 13 at the home of Mary Cook, 1062 Church Street. For directions call Mary at 438-1470. For questions on Morning Circle call Carolyn Stephenson at 342-5637.*



## Pastoral Care Team

*for December: Lucy Moore Nance Stephens*

*EYC members will go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 19. Meet at the Cathedral at 4:00 p.m. We will return for a Christmas Party. Bring a dirty Santa gift. Parents are welcome.*

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## December Birthdays

December 2	Caroline Clinton	December 18	Jubal Hamil
December 3	Richie Harris		Annabel McKay
	Candace Lister	December 19	Jim Ryall
December 4	Ed Stephens		Skip Archer
	Liz Ferguson	December 20	Susan Crowson
December 6	David Broome		Kim Harden
December 7	Steve Chandler, Jr.		Dylan Gibson
	Jex Luce	December 21	Whitney Drane
December 8	Lucy Lyons		Brittain Youngblood
December 9	Chris Kelly	December 22	Peter van der Giessen
December 10	Nick Holmes, Jr.		Myles Patrick
December 11	Tiny Spottswood	December 23	Samantha Walters
December 12	Shelly Griffin	December 24	Happy Henson
	Will Bjorklund	December 25	Elinor Gibson
December 13	Jerry Coggin	December 26	Robert Mitchell
	Bill Skinner	December 27	Gene Moree
	Monique Hawkins	December 29	Carter Drane
	Jordan Moore		Judy Jones
December 14	Alison Mitchell	December 30	Robbie Lynn Irvine
December 15	Perrin Drew		Kay Whiting
	Sallie Merchant		Emi Lyden
	Sam McKay		Alexander Raue
December 16	Lisa Drew	December 31	Lisa Cooper
December 17	John Owen McElhaney		

## Cathedral Congregation takes part in Hymnal Study

Our congregation has been invited to participate in a national study for the Episcopal Church's Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music regarding the feasibility of revising The Hymnal 1982. We are among several hundred congregations who have agreed to take part.

Please go to <http://www.cpg.org/hymnalstudy> to launch the Congregation Member survey. The survey requires that you enter our congregation's unique, 8-digit identifier code to begin. Please enter 7341-7008 in the field when prompted.

If you have any questions about the survey, there is a dedicated e-mail address for the Hymnal Revision Feasibility Study: [hymnal-survey@cp.org](mailto:hymnal-survey@cp.org). Your questions will be answered by the Church Pension Group's Office of Research, which is conducting the study on behalf of the Standing Commission.

*Right: The Cathedral congregation was happy again to welcome the members of the Kappa Leadership League who joined us for worship on Sunday, November 21.*



## Community and Diocesan News

"Sharing the Season" is the theme of the 54th annual Christmas Caravan planned by **St. Christopher's** Episcopal Churchwomen to be presented Friday and Saturday December 3 and 4. This is the major fundraiser for the church and community. Last year over \$21,000 was raised and donated to area charities.

**Saint Paul's Episcopal Church in Daphne** will host its second annual "**Come and Behold Him**", a **Nativity Open House** on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in St. Paul's Life Center.

Join **Church of the Redeemer** for an Evening of Food, Wine, and Fun in the style of a **Madrigal Feaste**. Friday, December 17. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. and dinner begins at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person in advance and \$60 at the door. Limited seating is available so reservations are recommended.

An **Advent Piano Concert** featuring Kadisha Onalbayeva with special guests Thomas Roane, Gabriel Sarazin and Thomas Koch will be held at **St. Monica's Episcopal Church**, Cantonment at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 18. Tickets are \$20 in advance. A wine and hors d'oeuvres reception follows. Proceeds to benefit Saint Monica's Music Program.

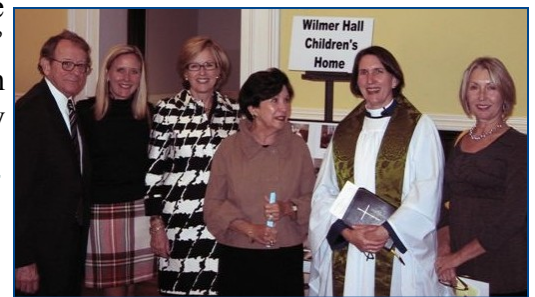
ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIVING SUGGESTIONS *from the Cursillo Commission* A novelty necktie for Uncle Joe? A fruitcake for Cousin Sue? A chirping-bird wall clock for Granny? Not so great an idea? For only \$35 you can honor or remember a special person by sponsoring a new Alleluia III songbook for Cursillo weekends at Beckwith. A label is affixed inside the songbook acknowledging your alternative gift ....and during this Advent a card will also be sent to your honoree letting them know of your generous gift! The Cursillo Commission needs sponsors for around 200 remaining Alleluia III songbooks. Please call or email your requests to Gary Moore at 251.928.3311 or h2olawyer@bellsouth.net and let him know how many, for whom, and to what address the acknowledgment card should be sent. Please send your checks for \$35 for each songbook to him at 409 South Mobile St., Fairhope, AL 36532 but make your check payable to the "Duvall Cursillo Fund". Other alternative gifts can be found at [www.coastalpilgrims.com](http://www.coastalpilgrims.com) or at The Coastlines' webpage, find Cursillo and just click "Pay-It-Forward Campaign with T3". Thank you for giving a gift that will last for many, many years! De Colores!

## Fire Destroys St. Matthew's, Houma, Louisiana

An early morning fire destroyed St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Houma, Louisiana early in the morning on November 11, leaving little more than the historic building's front steps, part of the steeple and a wall standing. Fr. David Powers was rector at St. Matthew's for a time. A relief fund has been established at South Louisiana Bank. Donations may be mailed to St. Matthew's Relief Fund, c/o South Louisiana Bank, P.O. Box 1718, Houma, Louisiana 70361. When making a donation, please include the account number in the memo section of the check: 02-0195-2.

*The Arpilleras are coming on Sunday, December 12 and they will be available for purchase through Sunday, December 19.*

*Winter Woods Camp at Beckwith for children in grades 7 through 10 will be held December 28 through January 1. Applications are on the bulletin board.*



*Above: Sally Green of Wilmer Hall was one of 23 agencies who participated in our 2nd Annual Christmas Outreach Fair. Sally is pictured above visiting with Edward and Leslie Ladd, Lee Young, Canon Gibson and Kay Whiting.*

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