

THE MESSENGER



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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
MOBILE, ALABAMA

Dear Cathedral Family,



*Bishop Duncan at the
Ordination of Marie
Butterbaugh in December.*

Save the Date

*Parish Meeting
and Vestry Installation
Sunday, January 31,
following the service.
There will be a report
on the state of the
parish.*

Turning the calendar page to 2010 made me realize that in a few short months Mary and I will begin our leave of absence - a time for renewal and continuing education. Travel plans are becoming more concrete as our May 3 departure draws nearer. We will be back with you after Labor Day. Disengaging from parish life for four months is a new experience for me. I will use the time for rest, refueling, and renewal in order to return and engage in new opportunities for mission and ministry at Christ Church Cathedral.

We will begin our leave taking a pilgrimage to Turkey, Greece, Ireland and England. We will focus on the Celtic spirituality that has influenced our Anglican heritage. Our time in England will include a pilgrimage to Canterbury. All of these places will be new for the Cooks, with much to learn. We will also practice patience and flexibility as we travel in foreign lands.

The second half of our time will be spent visiting Episcopal Cathedrals in the Carolinas and Georgia. We will enjoy finding out what they do and looking for practices we can use here at Christ Church, Mobile. Finally, we will have some leisure time visiting San Juan and Orca Islands and Victoria, British Columbia. Among other things we plan to hike, kayak, and photograph.

We will end our time in the mountains of New Mexico, where we will have time to reflect on where we have been and how the experience will shape our future. We hope to be still, to pray, and to leave some room around the margins to allow the Holy Spirit to guide us.

I want to thank the vestry for approving this leave. The time will be used to think strategically about the future of Christ Church Cathedral. The vestry, under the guidance of Canon Gibson, will begin that work while we are away. We will plan together next steps and projects that I would love to see completed before retirement.

While I am away, Canon Beverly Gibson will serve as Acting Dean. We are blessed to have such a gifted priest as Beverly and a dedicated staff – Provost, Carolyn Jeffers; Organist and Choir Master, Peggy Lyden; Financial Secretary, Brenda Stanton; Parish Secretary, Candace Lister and Housekeeper, Judy Jones. The Wardens and Vestry are prepared to help where needed.

Although I am assured that there will be surprises that will occur while we are gone, I am confident that the leadership will be capable of dealing with all unforeseen issues.

This leave of absence will be a new experience me and for the Cathedral family. In the upcoming weeks, you will be receiving a letter outlining further details of this leave. My hope is that we will all be well informed and prepared for this new venture. Let us pray that God will bless us as we prepare for this time of renewal and study and that we will joyfully anticipate our coming together again this fall.

Faithfully,



The Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast will be held at the Christ Church, Pensacola on Friday, February 26.

2010 Diocesan Convention Delegates

as elected on Sunday, December 6, 2009

- J. Daly Baumhauer III
- Harwell E. Coale, Jr.
- Carolyn S. Jeffers
- James B. Ryall

A Message from the Sub-Dean

With Christmas just barely behind us, we of the Christ Church Cathedral family turn our attention to the celebratory days of the Epiphany season leading up to Lent. Part of our enjoyment of the parades and the parties and the excess of carnival time is the awareness of time's swift passing and the impending arrival of Ash Wednesday on February 17th. In the life of the Church, we know that beneath the ebb and flow of celebration and restraint is the enduring foundation of God's love for us, manifested in the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In our life together here at Christ Church, we remain focused through the changing seasons on our calling to mission here in the Mobile community. Elsewhere in this *Messenger*, you will find a report of the success of our Christmas Angel Tree partnering with the Family Intervention Team of the Mobile Police Department. I know that many of you engaged in "alternative" giving at Christmas, making donations to the ministries represented at our Christmas Outreach Fair late in November. Your generosity brings blessings not only to the individuals who receive your support but also to all of us, as we share in the abundance that God gives when we participate in His love for the world.

Our Lenten Speaker Series this year will continue our focus on mission, as we welcome representatives of five of the ministries from our November fair. Please plan to be here at noon in the church on the Wednesdays of Lent to learn more about how we can be involved in these ministries. Details of times and speakers appear in this *Messenger*.

Lenten devotional materials will soon be available for you to pick up in the chapter house during coffee hour. Our children will once again have the opportunity to fill mite boxes for the UTO offering; this can be a meaningful way for families to count their blessings and to pray for others during Lent. I hope that you will each set aside some time every day for personal reflection and prayer, thanking God for His gifts to us and listening for the ways God has for us to be about His work in the world. As time carries us swiftly along, I pray that we may all be attentive to the opportunities we have in every moment to participate in God's love.

Faithfully, *Beverly +*

The Cathedral Chapter

- Julia M. McClelland (09), Senior Warden
- John N. Ferguson (09), Junior Warden
- Mary Carol Ladd (11), Clerk
- Harwell E. Coale, Jr., Chancellor
- James B. Ryall, Treasurer

- Susan A. Clinton (10)
- Francis Cooper, Chapter (11)
- E. Burnley Davis (11)
- Jamie Kayser Davidson (10)
- Carolyn D. Eichold (11)
- Jubal L. Hamil (09)
- Cecelia Hamilton, Chapter (10)
- Melinda Henderson, Chapter (12)
- Harry D. (Happy) Henson (10)

- Robbie Lynn D. Irvine (09)
- Dr. Robert W. Israel (10)
- Carolyn S. Jeffers (09)
- Robison C. McClure, Jr. (10)
- Margaret (Meg) McGovern (11)
- Richard Mitchell (11)
- Leland Moore, Jr. (11)
- James F. Watkins (09)
- Mark S. Weeks (10)

2010-2013 Vestry Members
as elected Sunday, December 6, 2009

- Virginia Moss Behlen
- Carter Harrison Drane
- Warren Kenneth McElhaney, Jr.
- Horace Winchester Thurber III
- Laura Boughton Warren
- Charles Fox White, Jr.

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2010 LENTEN SERIES
WEDNESDAYS

11:30am Holy Eucharist in Chapel
12:05pm Speaker in Church
12:30pm Luncheon in Chapter House

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FEBRUARY 24

Dr. Robert D. Lightfoot
Executive Medical Director, Victory Health Partners

MARCH 3

Pat F. Guyton
Executive Director, Child Advocacy Center

MARCH 10

Sally S. Greene
Executive Director, Wilmer Hall Children's Home

MARCH 17

Doris W. Littleton
Director, Home of Grace for Women

MARCH 24

Christine Green
Shelter Manager, McKemie Place

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Ash Wednesday Eucharist

Wednesday, February 17

Noon

The Right Rev. Philip M. Duncan, II,
Celebrant,
The Rev. Canon Beverly F. Gibson,
Preacher

5:30p.m.

The Very Rev. Johnny W. Cook,
Celebrant
The Rev. Canon Beverly F. Gibson,
Preacher

Lenten Devotionals

For Lent this year Canon Gibson has selected another booklet by Henri Nouwen entitled From Fear To Love, concerning the prodigal son. Our youth will receive an age appropriate Lenten calendar with daily activities. We will send United Thank Offering (UTO) boxes for everyone to use during Lent. The children's boxes should be returned on Easter Sunday morning and placed in a cross that will be in the Chapel. The adult boxes may be returned on Sunday, April 18 during our semi-annual UTO Ingathering.



Advent Thank You

There were two lovely Advent Music concerts in December. Many thanks to Peggy Lyden for planning the music and to the artists for their beautiful music. As always, the able kitchen crews created wonderful Advent lunches. Many thanks to Elizabeth Harrison and her team and Leslie Ladd and Lynne Davis and their team. Lenten lunches will begin on Wednesday, February 24. Please contact Leslie Ladd if you would like to serve on a Lenten lunch team.

Cathedral Restoration—Phase II



The garden fountain froze over during the recent cold snap.

Week - LXXVI - November 23 - November 27

No report due to Thanksgiving Break

Week - LXXVII - November 30 - December 4

Pavers for St. Emanuel Street and the alleyway have been ordered. Reclaimed granite curbs have been found. The trim on the door between the Chapter House and Brantley has been repaired. The leak in the Canon's office has been sealed. The fountain has arrived. It will have to be placed by heavy machinery. The church dehumidifier has been connected to the alarm system so that it will sound when the breaker is tripped. The plaster work upstairs in the rectory is complete. A Velcro system for placement of the brass rail from the chancel steps, when not installed, is being worked on. The fire suppression system will not be installed downstairs in the rectory until other work is scheduled in that area. The team will no longer meet weekly, but instead on call from the Dean. Mr. Holmes thanked everyone for working on the project.

Footnotes

Met to discuss the setting for the granite curbs for planting areas on St. Emanuel Street. The granite curbs will be set on top of concrete block that has been reinforced with rods and whose cells have been filled with concrete. The fountain was installed. Street paving was delayed due to excessive rain. Work will continue in January 2010.

Christmas Outreach to Children

Family Intervention Team Project

For our Christmas children's outreach the members of Christ Church Cathedral partnered with the Family Intervention Team (FIT) Specialists of the Mobile Police Department. We reached our goal of providing \$2,600 for a shopping expedition to the Tanger Outlet in Foley and 26 individual gifts. Sergeant Zandra Jackson noted that, "Words cannot express how appreciative we truly are."



The FIT Angels after a day at the outlet.

Thank you to our special angels who provided these generous gifts and to Jamie Davidson and M. J. Ramo for heading up the project of our behalf. They worked very hard at a very busy time of the year.

Look for other projects in partnership with the FIT Specialists later in the year.

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.

WE PRAY FOR:

Members: Lisa Cooper, Hetty Cunningham, Tee McCarron, Brink Brinkley, Walter Moss, Dolores Drane, John D. Baumhauer, Raymond Fields, Nick Nichols, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Marion Gonzales, Connie Gonzales, Win Thurber.

Friends and Family: Sandy Blankenship, Glenn Foster, William Hicks, Lewis Tyner, Dolores Sullivan, Taylor Lee, Penny Johnson, Murray Dunlap, Thomas Cramer, Justin Bunch, Gregory Cunningham, Sharon McDonald, Enola Shields, Curtis Stone, Steve Chandler, Sr., Helene Donavon, Chris Brown, Rhett Boyd Leake, Bill Meyer, Gwen Cook, Joyce Morrow, Dauren Hamilton, Brittain McCoy, Katie Hamlin, Lois Anne King, Van Davies, Isabelle Smith, Tyrone Power, Chas Pierce, Tom Ford, Bobby Clark, Betty Pritchard, George Seymour, Jr., Kathryn Wessinger, Jeannie Graves, Robert Bressett, Sam Meador, Jeff Hollis, Leigh Faircloth, Trattie Ollis, David Key, Ted Middleton, Mimi Urquhart, Andrew Ewaskiewicz, Derry Hargett, Fred Williams, Dot Williams, Richard Overbey, Michael Walker, Martina Philpott, Dyson Deaton.

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

Birth: Tallulah Bradford Bankhead, great granddaughter of Carolyn Stephenson; Johnathan Wade Thurber, son of Becca & John Wade Thurber, and grandson of Kathy and Win Thurber.

Repose of the Souls: William Atkinson Johnson; William Hewitt Sanders, father of David Sanders; Rebecca Moree, sister of Gene Moree.

Morning Circle

Morning Circle will be held on Monday, February 8, at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Yvonne Holladay, 6432 Tokeneak Trail.

For directions call Yvonne at 633-3151.

For questions on Morning Circle call Carolyn Stephenson at 342-5637.



Mary Cook hosted Morning Circle in December. Shown front to back, left to right are: Martha Middleton, Elizabeth Harrison, Carolyn Stephenson, Peggy McClelland, Mary Cook.

Joe Cain Day Sunday, February 14

Passes used for attending church on Joe Cain Day, Sunday, February 14 are inserted in this issue of The Messenger. You will not be allowed to pass the downtown police barricades that morning without a pass. Additional passes are on the ministry table or in the Cathedral office.

The members of the 2010 Mardi Gras Courts will be invited to join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, February 14, when special prayers will be offered for their happiness and safety

Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) has a special fund set up for relief to the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. To donate to the Haiti fund please go to er-d.org/ donate or send a designated check to the Cathedral Office. ERD Sunday is February 21.

Applications for 2009 Beckwith Summer Camp are on the Chapel Hallway bulletin board

January Birthdays

January 4	Margaret Lyons	January 19	Bob Israel
January 5	Catherine Sanders		Paige Suttles
January 6	Daly Baumhauer	January 20	Mac McCafferty
	Robert Duiett	January 21	Bonnie McDonald
January 7	Dolores Drane		Mike Bjorklund
January 8	Lyn Bennett		Charlie Merchant
	Danz Heggeman	January 22	Martha Ann Stafford
	Kenny McElhaney	January 23	Fred Rendfrey
January 9	Kellye Blankenship	January 24	Peggy Lyden
	Megan Williams		Annabelle Ramo
	Rachel Williams	January 25	Mac McGovern
	Barton Elliott	January 26	Don Brutkiewicz
January 10	Kathy Duncan		Lynn Ryall
January 12	Anna Frances Weeks	January 27	Pat Patrick
January 13	Jamie Inge	January 28	Tony Brown
January 14	True McGowin	January 29	Tres Eichold
	Beth Adkins	January 30	Lanier Alves
January 16	Emily Booth	January 31	Bill Hall
January 17	Adam Calder		Burnley Davis
	Mabel Kinnard		Sam Jeffers
			Julia Blankenship

Altar Flowers for 2010

If you are interested in purchasing memorial flowers for the altar, please call the Cathedral Office at 438-1822 to add your name to the list. The cost of flowers is \$75. Altar flowers are needed for Sundays, January 31 and February 7.

EYC February Calendar



EYC Mardi Gras Party - Sunday, February 7 - By 5:30 p.m.

The EYC hosts this Parade Party - all are invited.

Please RSVP to the Cathedral Office.

Bonfire - Sunday, February 28 Times and location to follow.

*The Members of the EYC Christmas Caroling for
Bubber and Alice Carwie and Martha Middleton.*

February Birthdays

February 1	Alex Hoffmeyer Page Hoffmeyer Patsy Seymour Tommy Taylor	February 16	Henley Thurber Kate Watkins
February 2	Elizabeth Brutkiewicz T. K. Jackson Anna McClure	February 17	Martha Rose Hester
February 3	Louise Glenos	February 18	Lucy Herndon Rouse John Wade Thurber
February 5	Bill Stafford	February 19	Nance Stephens Tray Lester
February 6	Jane Adams Annette Dove	February 20	Dwight Williams Hamp Eichold
February 7	Winnie Nichols	February 21	Lucy Horst Rouse
February 10	Sadie Leland	February 23	Marianne Hall David Thompson
February 14	Kimberlie Gaillard	February 24	Bill Johnson
February 15	Trinity Gaillard	February 25	Connie Gonzales
		February 27	John McClelland III
		February 28	Greg Phillips

Confirmation - Sunday, April 25

The Right Reverend Sam Hulse, Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas, retired will be at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, April 25 for confirmation and for the Cathedral Celebration. The youth confirmands have already begun meeting. An adult confirmation class is scheduled for Wednesday evening, March 24. Adults who are interested in being confirmed are asked to attend this inquirer's class. Please speak with Dean Cook or Canon Gibson if you are interested in being confirmed.

Diocesan News

St. Simon's will host Sally Spencer at a [floral design seminar](#) on Thursday, January 21 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$35. Luncheon will follow at 12:30 for an additional \$10. There will be a "wine and cheese" reception on Friday, January 22, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for \$25. For more information, please call 651-4423 or 664-0595.

January 29 and 30 at [Christ Church, Pensacola, join Mockingbird Ministries](#) exploring "God's Grace in a World of Glory". For information, visit the [Conference Website](#). The cost to attend is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple; children and youth are free with parent.

Cursillo #142 takes place at Beckwith February 18 to 21. Spaces are available for more pilgrims! Contact the Sub-Dean for an application.

Trinity, Mobile presents Mark Twain's "The Diaries of Adam and Eve". The play will be performed February 19 and 20 at 7:00 p.m. and February 21 at 2:00 p.m. The play is being presented to raise money for a new roof. Suggested donation is \$10 at the door.



Pastoral Care Team

for January:
Jane Adams
Lynn Ross
For February:
Peggy McClelland
Perrin Drew
Carolyn Stephenson



Loaves and Fish

Christ Church Cathedral volunteers will staff Loaves and Fish on Monday, January 18 and Monday, February 15 at 11:15 a.m.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Sam Power at 653-1203.

Many thanks to our December volunteers:

Al Chow
Janie Chow
Jill Chow
Jordan Chow
Ellis Glass
Ellie Grehan
Jennifer Grehan
Yates Grehan
Richard Jeffers
Annabel McKay
Sam McKay
Perri McKay
Frank Schottogen
Sam Power

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Carolyn S. Jeffers, *Provost*

Peggy L. Lyden, *Organist and Choir Master*

Teri Williams, *Assistant Choir Master*

Brenda Stanton, *Financial Secretary*

Dunn H. Chandler, *Director of Christian Education*

Candace Lister, *Administration*

Deidre and Joe Williamson, *Nursery*

Judy Jones, *Housekeeping*



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