

THE MESSENGER

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
MOBILE, ALABAMA



Dear Cathedral Family,

The month of March finds us deep within the season of Lent, a time for self-examination, repentance and renewal. We end the month with the powerful worship of Holy Week, beginning with Palm Sunday, the Passion of Christ, on March 28 and ending with Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

My invitation is to use this month to find time each day for quiet prayer, a time to listen for the movement of God's spirit in our lives. Spend time with scripture readings and devotional materials, quiet time where those words can speak to you. With our children we can use the calendar of prayers to walk with them through the Lenten season.

These disciplines and holy practices may sound familiar, but they are fresh and new each year as we are still in the presence of a loving and gracious God. Our journey to the cross is a journey of faith. God is with us. Listen.

Faithfully,

2010 LENTEN SERIES WEDNESDAYS

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

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

A Message from the Sub-Dean

*Daylight Saving
Time begins on
Sunday, March 14.
Remember
to change your
clocks, "springing
forward!"*

Dear Cathedral Family,

Last fall we began a year of "Telling Our Story" here at Christ Church Cathedral. A number of you shared your stories with us on the Sundays in October, and these later appeared in the *Messenger*. Many more of you sent us brief versions of your stories to include here throughout the year.

Now, in Lent, we begin a season of recounting God's gracious goodness to us. This is a season of repentance, of looking backward and inward at our struggles and challenges, but not for the sake of focusing on these things. Rather, our focus in repenting is forward, looking in a new way, in a new direction toward the next chapter in our lives. As we examine our hearts during this Lent, Jesus' example encourages us to be free from the temptations of self absorption. By giving when we see need, by praying for openness to receiving God's grace, by fasting from those things that prevent us from seeing and hearing the brokenness and the beauty of the world around us, we will begin living into the next chapter of our story as God's people.

I would encourage you to make it a part of your Lenten practice to reflect on where you have been and how God has brought you here to this place. Where in your life is God right now, and how is God drawing you forward? What is your next chapter? Then move outward. As the Cathedral family, where have we been? How has God brought us to the place we are now? How do we feel God with us now, and what are we offering to God? How do we hear God calling us? What is the next chapter in our story of sharing God's love with the world?

Faithfully,

Beverly +

Christ Church Cathedral Chapter 2010

Robison C. McClure, Jr. (10), Senior Warden	Cecelia Hamilton, Chapter (10)
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Holy Week 2010

Palm Sunday, March 28

10:00 a.m. Blessing of the Palms,
Procession & Holy Eucharist

*Please stay so that you will be in our pictorial record
when we take our annual parish photo – inside the church.*



March 29TH - April 2ND

Monday ✠ Tuesday

Wednesday ✠ Thursday

Noon Holy Eucharist

in the Chapel



Maundy Thursday, April 1

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



Good Friday, April 2

Noon Liturgy



Saturday, April 3

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



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



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.*



Easter Egg Hunt

*Weather permitting, children from toddlers
through grade 1 will hunt eggs after worship
on Easter Sunday. The children will hunt
eggs 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 .*



*Hunting Easter eggs across St. Emanuel Street, Easter
2009. We look forward to hunting in our newly
restored garden.*

Diocesan Convention 2010



The annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast was held at Christ Church, Pensacola on Friday, February 26, 2010. Christ Church Cathedral was well represented by The Very Reverend Johnny W. Cook, The Rev. Cn. Beverly F. Gibson, J. Daly Baumhauer III, David P. Broome, Harwell E. Coale, Jr., and Carolyn S. Jeffers. Several members of the Cathedral parish are serving in diocesan positions. Joy H. Tway, St. Mary's, Andalusia, and The Rev. W. Kenneth Cumbie, St. Luke's, Mobile were elected to serve on the Cathedral Chapter. A report on Cathedral events for 2009 was filed for the journal. A copy of the report is included below. For any information on convention or on the diocese go to the website: www.diocgc.org.

2009 REPORT ON THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE DIOCESE OF THE CENTRAL GULF COAST

This makes the fifth anniversary of Christ Church being named the cathedral of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. This ministry has been a joy for us, and we continue to learn how we can best serve the diocese.

Our first event in 2009 was a dinner and reception for the annual meeting of the Episcopal Urban Caucus on February 4. Bishop Duncan hosted this dinner for over 100 delegates from across the United States.

On February 5, the cathedral served for Bishop Duncan's convention opening dinner for the diocesan staff.

On Sunday, March 8, Bishop Duncan hosted a dinner party for Archbishop Emeritus of Mobile, Oscar Lipscomb, who has been a gracious friend to the Episcopal community in Mobile.

On March 9 Bishop Duncan and the diocesan staff met with the cathedral staff for our semi-annual calendar meeting as prescribed in the Cathedral Agreement.

April 1 was the date of the Christ Church Cathedral Foundation meeting.

In May the cathedral staff prepared invitations and service booklets for the ordinations to the priesthood for John Withrock and Milledge Baker.

On May 27 there was a meeting with Cindy McCrory, Diocesan Communications officer and the cathedral staff to explore ways for more cooperative initiatives to improve communication in the diocese.

May 31 was one of the biggest days in the cathedral year as we hosted Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, along with ecumenical and civic leaders for Evening Prayer and a reception. Representatives from throughout the diocese attended this event.

July 25 the cathedral hosted a diocesan meeting to hear reports from the clergy and lay delegates and Bishop Duncan, via satellite, of the recently completed General Convention in Anaheim, California.

A very well attended clergy gathering was held by Bishop Duncan on October 5. Late that afternoon a diocesan reception for the Rev. Cn. Mark Dunnam, his wife Dottie and family was held. Clergy and lay leadership joined with Bishop Duncan to thank Mark for his decades of service to the diocese.

October 20 the cathedral hosted a reception for The Very Rev. Douglas Travis, Dean of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest to meet with alumnae and to discuss the issues facing parish clergy and for how seminarians can better serve the wider church.

December 18 the cathedral was the site of Marie Butterbaugh's ordination to the diaconate. Bishop Duncan was the ordaining bishop. A reception followed in the Chapter House.

Through the year, Bishop and Mrs. Duncan were able to use the Bishop's apartment. They were in residence for 18 nights. Also Bishop Duncan used the apartment for appointments and commission meetings.

We began as a mustard seed cathedral in 2005. We are learning how best to become a cathedral for the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. We continue to grow and to serve. Your prayers are invited as we continue faithfully into this ministry.

Christ Church Cathedral Financial Summary

Operating Budget

2009	Receipts	\$ 581,514
	Disbursements	<u>\$ 601,155</u>
	Balance	(\$ 19,642)
2010	Projected Receipts	\$ 620,000*
	Budgeted Disbursements	<u>\$ 620,000**</u>
	Balance	\$ -0-

* This amount includes 26 new pledging units.

** This amount represents \$30,000 of cuts to budgeted expenses.
There are no salary increases for clergy or staff in the 2010 budget.
Included in the budget is \$26,273 debt service to cover budget shortfalls from the last two years.

Cathedral Restoration—Capital Campaign

2009	Projects completed: Porch construction, garden & wall construction, exterior paint, fire protection.	
	Capital Expenses to date	\$ 3.03 million
	Capital Checking Balance	\$ 126,178
	Balance Due on Pledges	\$ 688,557
	Loans Due	\$ 833,800*

* There are two loans, one to BankTrust and another to the Small Business Administration. The SBA loan has a 4% interest rate and is payable over 30 years.

Christ Church Cathedral Foundation

2009	Beginning Balance	\$ 117,987
	Income	\$ 32,796
	Ending Balance	\$ 150,614*

* Funds may be used for Cathedral ministries when the corpus totals \$250,000.

**Christ Church
Cathedral
Representatives
in the Diocese**
The Very Rev. Johnny W. Cook
 Commission on
 Prison Ministries
The Rev. Cn. Beverly F. Gibson
 Commission on Ministry
 Murray House Board
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Mikell Leland
 Wilmer Hall Board
Carolyn B. Stephenson
 Murray House Board
 Commission on Cursillo
Dylan S. Gibson
Hannah Hill
Samuel S. Jeffers
 Commission on
 Youth Ministries



L to R: Carolyn Jeffers, Canon Gibson, Dean Cook and Harwell Coale at Diocesan convention

Our very own Queen Louise Vass McClure, daughter of Robby and Rosemarie McClure. Louise is a junior at the University of Alabama.





Morning Circle

Monday, March 8
at 10:30 a.m. at the
home of Mary Jane
Cobb, 5608 Regency
Oaks Drive, North.

For directions call
Mary Jane at
454-9904.

For information
about Morning Circle
call

Carolyn Stephenson
at 342-5637.

March Birthdays

March 1	Libby Fillingim	March 15	Harwell Coale
March 2	Matt Williams		Mikell Leland
March 3	Mary Donald George	March 16	Al Chow
March 5	David Adkins		Harriet Luce
	Thomas Galloney	March 17	Lula Jane George
March 8	Elizabeth Harrison	March 19	Bill Carr
March 9	Angus Cooper	March 21	Anne Gaillard
	Green Suttles		Jane White-Spunner
	Mark Weeks	March 23	Banks Ladd
March 11	Debra Baumhauer	March 24	Ann Corrigan
	Joanne Cooper		Valrie Vanek
March 12	Paul Clinton	March 25	Jackie Dove
	Chuck McKay	March 26	Mary Lafitte Buster
	David Sanders		Gretchen Cooper
March 13	Jamie Davidson		John Spottswood
	Leslie Stanton	March 27	Judy Henson
March 14	Hetty Cunningham	March 29	Toni Brown
		March 31	Susan Garth



Pastoral Care Team

for March:

Peggy McClelland
Janet Rich Pittman
Barry Weeks

Altar Flowers for March

Memorial and Thanksgiving designations are needed for March 14 and March 21. If you are interested in making a designation for the altar, please call the Cathedral Office at 438-1822.

EYC March Calendar

Sunday, March 14 The youth in grades 6 through 9 will enjoy lunch following Christian Education. They will meet in the Chapter House.

Sunday, March 28 Plans are being made for the group to get together. More information to follow.

Palm Crosses for Palm

Sunday

will be made after the Lenten lunch on March 24. No previous experience necessary—all help is welcome.

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 baptism, confirmation and 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.

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: Hetty Cunningham, Brink Brinkley, Walter Moss, Dolores Drane, Nick Nichols, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Win Thurber, Jim Ryall.

Friends and Family: Sandy Blankenship, Glenn Foster, William Hicks, Lewis Tyner, Dolores Sullivan, Taylor Lee, Penny Johnson, Thomas Cramer, Gwen Cook, 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, David Key, Ted Middleton, Mimi Urquhart, Andrew Ewaskiewicz, Derry Hargett, Dot Williams, Michael Walker, Martina Philpott, Melody Williams, Dyson Deaton, Steve Chandler, Sr., Brenda Puckett, Marvin Williams, Clinton Taylor, Bill Johnson.

For Those Serving in the Military: Brad Israel, Christopher Hume, Brandon Warren, Darrien Gibson, Kelley Hood, Jensen Basenberg, Andy McMillan, Kevin Lock, 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 Marslander, Jerry Olin, Abby Hutchins, Marvin Walker, Thomas Clough, Justin Rickert.

Births: Thomas Clement Brutkiewicz, grandson of Elizabeth & Don Brutkiewicz.

Repose of the Soul: Harry Glenos, John D. Baumhauer.



Loaves and Fish

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

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

*Applications for
2009 Beckwith
Summer Camp
for campers and staff
are on the
Chapel Hallway
bulletin board.*

Diocesan News

March 5 to March 7 - **Men's Conference, Living in a Community of Faith.** Brochures and registration form on the Chapel bulletin board.

Saturday, March 13 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - **All Saints Girls Choir Garage Sale** - donations are now being accepted (please limit clothing donations to children's and baby clothing).

Saturday, March 13 at 7:30 p.m. - **All Saints Music for Ministry Concert Series** presents The Claire Lynch Band. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the church. To RSVP call 438-2492.

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.

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. Please visit their website at www.beckwithccc.org.

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Teri Williams, *Assistant Choir Master*
Brenda Stanton, *Financial Secretary*
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Candace Lister, *Cathedral Secretary*
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