

The Messenger



August 2011

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
MOBILE, ALABAMA**



Dear Cathedral Family,

We live in an impatient world which is bombarded with the breaking news crisis of the moment. News cycles lap over each other with no time to regroup. The marketplace sells fear and despair because it makes money. But this is not God's way. This is not Good News.

Pail's letter to the Roman's has a wonderful meditation on hope. The Christian response to the events of our day is to bring hope into our world. That hope is a gift of God's spirit: "Hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience." *Romans 8:25*

In our impatience we can miss the beauty of God's creation, the moments of grace and joy in our relationships. We are to bring the message of hope into conversations which often seem strident and polarized. Hope brings the fruit of reconciliation, new beginnings, a fresh start.

The church bears this message of hope in every generation. Ours is no exception. We will not be defined by the fear, despair and anxiety of the marketplace. There is much that is good, gracious and beautiful in our world. Hope with patience is our creed. Let us live into the gifts of God.

In Christ,

Young Adults Family Swim Time

All young adults and children welcome—
please bring guests!

Thursday, August 11

6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Springhill Swim Club

736 Museum Drive

R.S.V. P. to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/christ6>

The password is 1822.

A Message from the Sub-Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

In this July of distressing news of hatred and violence internationally and of economic uncertainty and partisan politics at home and abroad, we were offered a word of hope in the funeral plans made for herself by former first lady Betty Ford. An example to us all in detailed planning of her final wishes, Mrs. Ford had not only identified those persons she wished to speak at her memorial service—she had even told them what she wanted each to say! Journalist and child of Washington politics, Cokie Roberts, she asked to talk about a time in our capitol when democratic and republican families had been friends, when partisan politics did not preclude social and familial interaction and when, in fact, “being friends made government possible.” Former first lady Rosalyn Carter was asked to describe the friendship that developed between the Carters and the Fords in the years following their respective presidential terms and to testify to the unifying force of shared experience and compassion. Mrs. Ford also asked a former director of the Betty Ford Clinic to speak to her passion for helping others overcome substance abuse, addressing the need for honesty and humility and the importance of reaching out when help is needed. In her requests, Mrs. Ford made clear her understanding of friendship as the soil of compassion, repentance, forgiveness, and ultimately, charity and service.

Many of the great stories of the Bible depict the human drive for dominance and power. The struggles of Esau and Jacob and of Saul and David not only offer us vivid pictures of human complexity; they also show how, continually, God uses the fault-ridden human family as a channel of blessing for the world. Over and over in his teaching, Jesus tells his followers that God heals, redeems, and makes new the brokenness of this world. In his letter to the church in Rome, Paul gives clear instruction on the conduct of Christian life: “Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.[...] Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. [...] If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. [...] Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (12: 9-21). We are called, as Christians, to remember and to lift up these stories and teachings in times of challenge, even as we pray for wisdom and right action on the part of our leaders and ourselves and our communities.

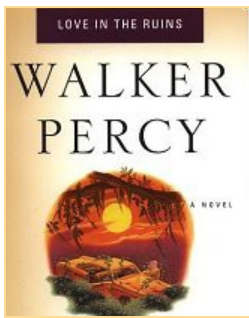
I hope that this summer has been a time for you to renew and to give thanks for friendships and family ties. As great spirits like Betty Ford remind us, the good soil of friendship is one place where the seeds of God’s blessings take root and flourish. Our tending to them helps them to grow, but we are to remember that even our failures will be somehow redeemed, worked for God’s ultimately good purposes. In the final weeks of summer, please take time to consider the blessings God has given you; give thanks for them and pray for ways to make them flourish.

Faithfully,

Save the Date!
Kick-Off Fall
Rally Day on
Sunday,
September 11

*Details to follow
in the September
Messenger.*

Discussion of the Cathedral



Summer Read
Love in the Ruins
by Walter Percy

Wednesday, August 31
5:45 p.m.

In the Chapter House
Look for sign-up
mid-August.

Financial Update through June 2011

Operating	2010	2011
Revenue	\$ 237,677	\$ 262,093
Expenses	\$ 307,019	\$ 317,640
Difference	(\$ 69,342)	(\$ 55,547)
General Fund Balance	\$ 20,537	\$ 72,830

Capital Campaign 2006 Wrap-Up

The following was a portion of the case statement used for Capital Campaign pledge calls.

With the exception of minor repairs and painting (and the restoration of the Brantley and Huger Houses), the last fifty years have seen little substantial attention given to the buildings of Christ Church. This deferred maintenance to the original structures of Christ Church Cathedral—the Church proper (the Nave), the Chapter House, and the Rectory (offices)—has resulted in a physical plant that is deteriorating rapidly into a state of visible disrepair. Compounding these problems is considerable water damage to the interiors of the Church, Chapter House, and Rectory following damage to the roofs during Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Over the past year, under the leadership of architect Nicholas Holmes, Jr., consultations with representatives of Church Insurance and Church Restoration Corporation and our contractor, Ben M. Radcliffe, Contractor, Inc., have made clear that the most prudent course of action for repair, restoration, and maintenance of our historic property would be to move forward expeditiously with a single major project that would undertake all necessary work. This past summer members of the Cathedral family submitted their written input concerning needed repairs and renovations. These suggestions were then compiled and reviewed by members of the vestry and newly formed capital campaign committee, along with construction project consultants Paul Frenkel (with Ben Radcliffe, Inc.) and Mr. Holmes. After considerable deliberation, this group composed an itemized needs list that represents the scope of our anticipated project.

In addition to the necessary repairs, restoration and maintenance to our property, we would like to eliminate the bank debt incurred in 2001 as part of the settlement of a dispute over the ownership of our church property and to provide seed money for the establishment of a Cathedral Foundation to receive donations from Episcopalians throughout the diocese who also feel a duty and responsibility to help preserve this historic place.

Some Accomplishments Financed by the Capital Campaign

Church (Nave)

- ❖ Lighting and sound system upgrade
- ❖ Flooring
- ❖ Stained glass window repair/lexan© covering/lighting
- ❖ Pew and kneeler repair
- ❖ Repair damage to ceilings
- ❖ Painting
- ❖ Complete woodwork behind altar
- ❖ Organ maintenance and upgrade
- ❖ Balcony area upgrade

- ❖ Upgrade heating and air conditioning system
 - ❖ Video recording capability
- Exterior**

- ❖ Paint; wood, tile, railing, porch, and plaster repairs
- ❖ Lighting and sound
- ❖ Courtyard garden
- ❖ Drainage
- ❖ Landscaping
- ❖ Courtyard porch
- ❖ Hurricane security for windows

Fire and Safety

- ❖ Sprinkler system for church and campus
- ❖ Campus-wide lightening protection

Financial

- ❖ Bank debt elimination
- ❖ Cathedral Foundation seed money
- ❖ Insurance deductible

Master Plan

Cathedral Outreach

Creating Hope and Opportunity— Mobile Homeless Ministry

15 Place, managed by Loaves and Fish, is scheduled to co-locate with Waterfront Rescue Mission at a new and larger facility at 279 No. Washington Avenue. This shared location provides great opportunities for more efficient service to the homeless population. This \$3.5 million project has obtained pledges from local foundations, the City of Mobile and now is embarking on a gifts campaign to complete the funding. The downtown faith community, which includes Christ Church Cathedral, has been asked to provide leadership in that endeavor. We are already involved in the homeless ministry. Cathedral volunteers regularly serve the lunch meal at 15 Place and for the past several years has been the host site for Art Soup, the major fundraiser for 15 Place. We also have parishioners who regularly volunteer at the Waterfront Rescue Mission.

If you would like to make a gift to support this project, Christ Church Cathedral will hold open a gift account for the next three months. Please make your check payable to Christ Church Cathedral and mark your gift “15 Place/Waterfront Mission Project.” At the end of September a check from the Cathedral will be sent.

VBS Blankets

Thank you for your gift-in-kind of
39 fleece blankets to:

The University of South Alabama
Children’s and Women’s Hospital.

With Appreciation, Beth Mattei,
Director of Development



*Above: Charlie Ramo works
on his blanket during VBS.*

Operation Backpack is an outreach program for the Christ Church Cathedral family in cooperation with the Family Intervention Team that was completed on July 31. We reached our goal of filling 20 backpacks with loose leaf notebook paper, pencils and pens—one for each child—and enough money for vouchers to be used by case workers to purchase necessary uniform items and school needs for each child. Thank you everyone who participated and to committee volunteers and leaders: Chuck and Perri McKay, Dunn Chandler, and Donna Moree for their hard work.

PACE: Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly

The Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) is centered on the belief that it is better for the well-being of seniors with chronic medical needs and their families to be served in the community while maintaining their independence. PACE will provide service and support to participants based on their individual needs. PACE has a health center with doctors, nurses, therapy services, activities, and meals. Transportation is provided to and from the center. PACE is a program of Mercy Medical health systems.

In Order to be eligible for PACE you must meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Must be 55 years old or older
- ❖ Live in an area served by the program
- ❖ Must be able to live safely at home with support of PACE
- ❖ Must have health problems that qualify for nursing home care, but want to remain at home

Call (251) 287-8420, if you would like more information on PACE—Mercy LIFE of Alabama

Cathedral Prayer List

WE PRAY FOR:

Members: Lisa Cooper, Hetty Cunningham, Brink Brinkley, Walter Moss, Dolores Drane, Nick Nichols, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Raymond Fields, Win Thurber, Jim Ryall, Ruth Whiting, Vic Stanton, Bubba Watkins.

Friends & Family: Glenn Foster, William Hicks, Lewis Tyner, Dolores Sullivan, Taylor Lee, Penny Johnson, 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., Robert Brett, David Key, Ted Middleton, Andrew Ewaskiewicz, Derry Hargett, Van Davies, Brenda Puckett, Marvin Williams, Clinton Taylor, Sally Boom, Peter Martin, Alice Crook, Gray Thorworth, Charlie Alexander, Kate Granada, Jeffrey Ezell, Mary Ladd Turner, Blanche Hatter, Will Nichols, Janie Houser, Steve Zalopany, Rebecca Hatcher, Mary Thompson, Ann Tyner, Don Heaton, Marian Macpherson Currie, Jeff Sewell, Eric Sharpe Jr., Teddy Solomon, Doris Solomon, Brad Cox, Bill Bramer, LaNelle Johnson, Ninya Ross, Norman Pharr, Michael McMaken, Lynn Ray, Doug Ray, Charlie Mae Moree, Rosetta Garret, Devanie Ellison, Peter Walker, Sherry Stone, John Biel, Martha Mayson, Harold Coles, Morgan Griffin, Susan Wozniek, Rob and Amy Archer Ellis, Shannon Reeves, Forest Self, Kit Caffey, Matthew DeLaney, Andy Vanek, Iris Prosch, Wright Ledbetter, Amalie Pittman, Freddy Crawford, Elizabeth Moore, Tanya Thomas, Joy Rue, Gwendolyn Davis, Ginny Vanek Ritchie.

For Those Serving in the Military: Brad Israel, Brandon Warren, Darian Gibson, Kelley Hood, Jensen Basenberg, Andy McMillan, Evan Sizemore, Robert McNeil, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff, Thomas Key, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, 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, Dwight Williams, James Pontius, Todd Mouthaan, Ben Zimlich, Jean-Michael Lemieux, Albert Robinson IV, Michael Nassar, Josh Power, Austin Rexroad, Ryan Anthony Thomas.

Baptisms: James Parke Brister, son of Chambliss and David Brister.

Repose of the Soul: Dyson Howard Deaton, son of Katherine Deaton; Elizabeth Rudder Whittington, grandmother of Margaret Thigpen; Fred Helmsing.

From the Archives

Mobile was founded by the French in 1702. Later she was under Spanish dominion, but it was not until the British occupation that Protestant services were held in the city. The first Protestant services in Mobile were held in Fort Charlotte by the chaplain of the regiment, a Priest of the Church of England. These services were held on the parade grounds of the fort, which is occupied now by the City Hall and Southern Market. The name of the first chaplain is not known, but in 1768 there was an allowance in the British Civil List of 100£ for a minister at Fort Charlotte. *From Christ Church Parish—A Record of the Century—1823-1923. We will continue to print excerpts from the history throughout the fall.*

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.

Loaves & Fish

Monday, August 15

11:15 a.m.

15 Place

Thank you to

July volunteers:

Elizabeth Harrison,

Mary Jene Kayser,

Martha Middleton,

Sam Power.

Pastoral Care Team

for August:

Anne Gaillard,

Debbie Broome.

Rally Day—the Kick-Off to 2011-2012

Thank you to our Lay Ministers

The Cathedral Lay Minister corps is filled with dedicated volunteers who arrive on Sundays prepared for worship. Everyone does a beautiful job serving by adding their personal touch. We want to thank especially those who have served double or even triple duty during the summer.

Rally Day, the kick-off of the 2011-2012 season is a month away. We have been busy planning for Christian Education, Episcopal Church Women (ECW), Episcopal Youth Community (EYC).

Dunn Chandler will again serve as Director of Christian Education. On Rally Day, September 11 we will rededicate the still more renovated upstairs Christian Education rooms. The work was completed this summer thanks to gifts from the Young Adults, led by Carter Drane. After the blessing, we will have a meeting for parents whose children will attend Sunday School this year.

ECW will be chaired this year by Carolyn Eichold. Look for the ECW sign-up sheet in the September Messenger. In addition to our regular ministries such as Altar Guild, Flower Guild, and Hospitality we will include volunteer positions for helping with the Diocesan Convention to be held at Christ Church Cathedral February 2 through 4, 2012.

Chuck McKay has agreed to head the planning group for the EYC this year. The calendar is ready for volunteers who want to host events.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help with these ministries.

Choir Notes

Peggy Lyden, Cathedral Organist and Choir Director has been planning for the 2011-2012 year. She has recently returned from the 51st Annual Sewanee Church Music Conference Sewanee held at the University of the South. She and Teri Williams have a full year planned including all three choirs; the Adult Choir, the Handbell Choir and the Christ Church Cathedral Children—C4. In addition to the regular music series, Peggy and Teri will oversee music for the downtown Ecumenical Thanksgiving service and the diocesan convention. Look for the full schedule in the September *Messenger*. They always they welcome new choir members, and Teri is actively looking for more ringers.

The Christ Church Cathedral Choir will return to their regular rehearsal schedule on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. beginning Wednesday, August 24. The Handbell Choir will return to their regular rehearsal schedule under the leadership of Teri Williams, Assistant Choir Master, on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., beginning August 31.

Christ Church Cathedral Children, C4, is a choir for the children of the Cathedral. The children rehearse on Wednesdays from 4:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 14.

The Cathedral Chapter

Class of 2011

Burnley Davis
Carolyn Eichold
Mary Carol Ladd
Meg McGovern
Rick Mitchell
Leland Moore

Class of 2012

Ginny Behlen
Carter Drane
Ken McElhaney
Win Thurber
Laura Warren
Charles White

Class of 2013

Alice M. Kracke
Leslie P. Ladd
Gerry M. Phillips
Leigh J. Rendfrey
William E. Skinner
Ronald A. Snider

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*

August Birthdays

August 1	Genevieve Johnson Jim Spangler Jimmy White	August 15	Ellie Grehan
August 3	Rebecca Butler	August 16	Harriet Jean Boughton Mary Patterson Broome
August 4	Missy Patrick	August 18	Ben Coale
August 5	Kim Calder Leigh Rendfrey Billie van der Giessen	August 19	Robin Delaney Dan Drew Alex Gamble Harley Henderson
August 7	David Cooper, Jr. Ruth Whiting	August 20	Jack Malone Marston Raue
August 8	Katie Garth	August 21	David Cooper, Sr.
August 9	Anne Redd Barry Weeks	August 24	Paige Drew Norman Nicolson Elizabeth Sanders
August 11	Alyson Gamble Suzanne White	August 25	Martha Middleton
August 12	Allison Gamble	August 27	Evelyn McCafferty
August 13	Ron Snider	August 28	Mimi Hudson
August 14	Sandra Kendall Win Thurber	August 29	Miles Patton
		August 30	Lawson Hamil

Acolyte Training

A training time for all acolytes will be held after in the Church at 11:15 on Sunday, August 28.

Directory Updates

Please e-mail the Cathedral office at office@christchurchcathedralsmobile.com to change, confirm, update your name, address, telephone numbers for the directory that will be distributed in September.

Diocesan News

St. Monica's Farmer's Market on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month.

St. Peter's, Bon Secour Fish Fry Supper Thursday, August 4 and Thursday, September 1 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. St. Peter's fish fry season concludes on September 1. A plate of fried fish and all the trimmings is \$10.

The annual **Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage and Procession** will be **Saturday, August 13th** beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Hayneville, AL, near Montgomery. Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian when he was killed in 1965 while working in the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama. He has been placed on the Episcopal Church's Calendar of Saints and Martyrs. This event has become increasingly popular and attracts pilgrims nationally and internationally. This event is jointly sponsored by the Diocese of Alabama and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

Pet CPR & Emergency Measures Class, Church of the Redeemer on Saturday, August 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Deadline for registration is August 5, 2011. There is no charge for the class; but anyone who would like to attend must register in advance. Please join us and take advantage of this rare opportunity to learn skills that could save your pet's life.

Men's Monthly Dinner at St. Paul's, Foley on Thursday, August 18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Join us!

St. Luke's Episcopal School 50th Anniversary Kick-off Celebration on Sunday, August 21. Bishop Duncan will celebrate and preach. Special folks who have been involved in the life of the parish school from its beginning will be recognized during the service. A party in the Parish Hall will follow.

*Don't forget to use the resources available on the Cathedral website:
ww.christchurchcathedralsmobile.com*

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The Very Reverend Johnny W. Cook, *Dean*
The Reverend Canon Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., *Sub-Dean*
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*
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