

# THE MESSENGER



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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
MOBILE, ALABAMA

## Dear Cathedral Family,



Photo by Cindy McCrory

We began a visioning process last summer as your vestry engaged in prayerful reflection on the ministry strengths of the Cathedral and then identified areas in which we are challenged to grow. They identified our strengths as hospitality, worship, and historic structures; while the three areas of growth challenges are facilities enhancement, families with children and financial health. This visioning process continued in the fall with personal visits to you by the vestry. They were charged with the mission of listening to your hopes and visions for the Cathedral. The initial report of the combined comments was reviewed by the vestry members at a meeting in November. The visioning process was carried to the new vestry at a meeting on February 2. Canon Beverly Gibson led the vestry through congregational growth material in the presentation *Reshaping a Congregation for a New Future* and then reviewed vestry work in *Visioning 2011 Report*. The vestry has been charged with homework for their next visioning meeting in March, which is to identify ministries and projects that should be accomplished within the next one to two years and others that should be accomplished in the next three to five years. Their selections for both time periods are to fit within the three areas of challenge and growth as identified in November.

The work has already begun to bear fruit. Our ministry to families with children has taken on new energy. On Sunday, February 6, there was a called meeting for parents with grammar school-aged children and younger. At the meeting Canon Gibson facilitated a discussion of the many options available for our children's Christian formation year round. From the discussion came a consensus to continue our summer weekday Vacation Bible School, and in addition to this parents said they wanted a teaching time on topics such as parenting, time management and boundaries. Plans are underway to begin that teaching series this summer.

On Sunday, March 20 there will be a called meeting for parents of pre-teens and teenagers – rising grade five and up. The purpose of this meeting is to see how we can minister to their needs in the midst of crowded schedules.

Obviously we need resources to enhance these and all of our ministries. We approach these opportunities not with fear, but joy and thanksgiving that God will bless our work. At the February vestry workshop, Canon Gibson shared a passage from *Let Your Life Speak* by Parker Palmer that reminds us of the abundance that is created in community: "Authentic abundance does not lie in secured stockpiles of food or cash or influence or affection but in belonging to a community where we can give those goods to others who need them—and receive them from others when we are in need."

Please pray for the members of the vestry as they continue their good work on behalf of our Cathedral Family.

Faithfully,

Daylight Saving  
Time begins  
on Sunday,  
March 13.  
Remember  
to change your  
clocks, "springing  
forward!"

## A Message from the Sub-Dean

### The Cathedral Chapter

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*Junior Warden*

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Magoo Hamilton,

*St. Thomas', Greenville*

Mendy Henderson,

*St. Agatha's, deFuniak Springs*

Joy Tway,

*St. Andrew's, Destin*

Dear Cathedral Family,

Thanks to the families with young children who met with me after church on February 6, as well as to those who have spoken and emailed me in the intervening time. Your creativity and positive input have already begun to bear fruit and will continue to do so, I'm sure. One area of innovation that has already begun is in our nursery. Our youngest children are cared for lovingly and well each Sunday by Deirdre and Joe Williamson and their family. As our numbers have grown—especially among the baby and toddler set—we find that we need new ways to make the use of our nursery friendly and easy for newcomers and visitors. One way to ease the minds of parents is to let them know that they will be contacted, if need arises, by the nursery workers. Our new sign-in sheet asks the adult who brings each child to provide a cell phone number at which they can be reached and to leave the phone on and set to vibrate. This is a simple way to use a common technology to our advantage. In addition, we are beginning a new ministry of nursery greeters: each Sunday a team of two people will be present in the nursery from 9:30 until 10:05 in order to make families welcome by assisting parents with the signing in and introducing children to Joe and Deirdre and the other children. This ministry is open to all. Please let me know if you would like to participate.

We also discussed our summer programs for families. VBS will once again be a three-day series of half-days in June. The dates for this year will be Tuesday, June 7 through Thursday, June 9. In addition, we will begin a new once-a-month program for families with children, which will incorporate both a time of fellowship and a teaching time for parents dedicated to reflection on ways Christian experience can help us in finding balance in our family lives. Look for more details on these programs in the April and May Messengers.

Families with older children—middle and high school aged—will have a similar gathering in the chapel during the coffee hour on Sunday, March 20. We will discuss our Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) as well as other ways that we can foster the Christian formation of our teenagers and their families. I look forward to that time and to sharing with the parish the outcomes.

As your vestry continues its process of Visioning 2011, we will be communicating with the Cathedral family about the specifics of the goals and plans that are emerging for our life together over the next year, as well in the longer term of three to five years. This is both an exciting and a humbling process to be engaged in, as we discern together where God is calling us in our life as the people of God at Christ Church Cathedral in Mobile. Please pray for your clergy and lay leadership as they continue in this important work.

Faithfully,

Beverly +

## LENT 2011



ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 9

NOON & 5:30pm Services

2011 LENTEN MUSIC AT NOON  
WEDNESDAYS

11:30am Holy Eucharist in Chapel  
12:05pm Meditation and Music  
12:30pm Luncheon in Chapter House



MARCH 16

THE FABULOUS FOUR:

Kevin Benefield, Cleamon Downs,  
Gary Kohler, Joseph Powell, Vocalists

MARCH 23

Guosheng Huang, Cellist; Enen Yu, Violinist

MARCH 30

Josh Duncan, Organist

APRIL 6

Melanie Zoghby Cummins, Vocalist  
Accompanied by Peggy L. Lyden

APRIL 13

Excerpts from Requiems by Archer and Rutter  
Christ Church Cathedral Choir



## ERD Sunday is March 13

At the 2009 General Convention, Lent was officially designated as a time to encourage all Episcopalians to remember and support Episcopal Relief & Development's (ERD) life-saving mission. We have ERD boxes available for you or your children to use for a Lenten offering. We will celebrate ERD Sunday on March 13, or offerings may be returned on Easter Sunday in Children's Chapel.

## The Cathedral Lenten Read

*Let Your Life Speak:*

*Listening for the Voice of Vocation*

by Parker J. Palmer

Only by "letting your life" speak—a time honored Quaker admonition—can you successfully determine not only "the standards by which you must live, but the standards by which you cannot help but live," declares Parker Palmer.

With wisdom, compassion, and gentle humor, Palmer invites the reader to listen to the inner teacher and follow its leadings toward a sense of meaning and purpose. Telling stories from his own life and the lives of other who have made a difference, he shares insights gained from darkness and depression as well as fulfillment and joy, illuminating a pathway toward vocation for all who seek the true calling of their lives.

Parker J. Palmer is a highly respected writer and traveling teacher who works independently on issues of education, community, spirituality, and social change.

Canon Gibson will lead the discussion of the book on Sunday, April 3 during Coffee Hour in the Chapel.

## Lenten Devotional Material

A Lenten calendar to be used as a guide to a daily family activity as well as the ERD Lenten Meditations and various other materials are available for pick-up on the credenza in the Chapter House vestibule. The ERD Lenten devotional was co-authored by a group of leaders from across the Episcopal Church. Reflecting a variety of backgrounds and theological perspectives, these meditations offer insights on the daily lectionary readings and how we might apply them to our lives as we face a world in need.

## Diocesan Convention 2011



### Christ Church Cathedral Representatives in the Diocese

**The Very Rev. Johnny Cook**

Commission on  
Prison Ministries

**The Rev. Cn. Beverly Gibson**

Commission on Ministry  
Murray House Board

Delegate, General Convention 2012

**Carolyn Jeffers**

Standing Committee

**Mikell Leland**

Wilmer Hall Board

**Julie McClelland**

Wilmer Hall Board

**Carolyn Stephenson**

Murray House Board

Commission on Cursillo

The annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast was held at St. James', Daphne and at Beckwith Camp and Conference center from Thursday, February 10 through Saturday, February 12. Christ Church Cathedral was well represented by The Very Reverend Johnny W. Cook, The Rev. Cn. Beverly F. Gibson, J. Daly Baumhauer III, Harwell E. Coale, Jr., Carolyn D. Eichold and Carolyn S. Jeffers. Several members of the Cathedral parish are serving in diocesan positions. A report on Cathedral events for 2010 was filed for the journal. For convention or diocesan information go to the website: [www.diocgc.org](http://www.diocgc.org).



*L to R front: Carolyn Jeffers, Canon Gibson, Carolyn Eichold, back: Dean Cook, Bishop Dabney Smith, Harwell Coale, Daly Baumhauer at Diocesan convention*



*Photos by Cindy McCrory*

## Diocesan Convention 2012

Christ Church Cathedral will host the Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast from Thursday, February 2 through Saturday, February 4, 2012. The Convention Planning Committee will be Co-Chaired by Carolyn Eichold, incoming ECW Chair, Julie McClelland, past Senior Warden and Ginny Behlen. The committee attended the recent convention to learn about the event.

## 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, Brink Brinkley, Walter Moss, Dolores Drane, Nick Nichols, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Raymond Fields, David Sanders, Win Thurber, Jim Ryall.

**Friends and 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, Peter Martin, Alice Crook, Gray Thorworth, Charlie Alexander, Betty Torbert, Kate Granada, Jeffrey Ezell, Mary Ladd Turner, Blanche Hatter, Will Nichols, Janie Houser, Steve Zalopany, Rebecca Hatcher, Mary Thompson, Ann Tyner, Don Heaton, John Beltz, Edwin Stebins, Marian Macpherson Currie, Jeff Sewell, Eric Sharpe Jr., Teddy Solomon, Doris Solomon, Brad Cox, Peter Gaillard, Bill Bramer, LaNelle Johnson, Ninya Ross, Sissie Outlaw, Norman Pharr, Michael McMaken, Lynn Ray, Doug Ray, Charlie Mae Moree, Rosetta Garret, Sue Lyden, Devanie Ellison, Peter Walker, Sherry Stone, John Biel, Martha Mayson, Harold Coles, Morgan Griffin, John Lyden, Sarah Sims Finnorn, Susan Wozniak, Margaret Carroll, Tony Mikosky.

**For Those Serving in the Military:** Brad Israel, Christopher Hume, Brandon Warren, Darrien 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, Travis Russell.

**Birth:** Darden Brock Cooper, son of Gretchen and Angus Cooper.

## Marriage:

Lucy Herndon Rouse to Richard Ashley Wright on January 22.



## Loaves and Fish

*Christ Church Cathedral volunteers will staff Loaves and Fish on Monday, March 21 at 11:15 a.m.*

*Many thanks to our February volunteers:*

*Katherine Deaton*

*Daniel Hale*

*Yvonne Holladay*

*Ponnie McClelland*

*Willson McClelland*

*Sam Power.*

*If you would like to volunteer, please call Sam*

*Power at  
653-1203.*

## Christ Church Cathedral is a smoke-free campus.

*At the January vestry meeting Christ Church Cathedral was designated a smoke-free facility.*



**Morning Circle**

Monday, March 14  
at 10:30 a.m. at the  
home of  
Yvonne Holladay  
6432 Tokeneak Trail.  
For directions call  
Yvonne at  
633-3151.  
  
For information  
about Morning Circle  
call  
Carolyn Stephenson  
at 342-5637.

**March Birthdays**

March 1	Libby Fillingim	March 16	Al Chow
March 2	Matt Williams	March 17	Lula Jane George
March 3	Mary Donald George	March 19	Bill Carr
March 5	David Adkins	March 20	B Coale
	Butch Trawick		Helen Ann Coale
March 8	Elizabeth Harrison	March 21	Anne Gaillard
March 9	Angus Cooper		Jane White-Spunner
	Mark Weeks	March 23	Jesse Kelly
March 11	Debra Baumhauer		Banks Ladd
	Joanne Cooper	March 24	Ann Corrigan
March 12	Paul Clinton		Valrie Vanek
	Chuck McKay	March 25	Jackie Dove
	David Sanders	March 26	Mary Lafitte Buster
March 13	Jamie Davidson		Gretchen Cooper
	Leslie Stanton		John Spottswood
March 14	Hetty Cunningham	March 27	Judy Henson
March 15	Harwell Coale	March 29	Toni Brown
	Mikell Leland	March 31	Susan Garth



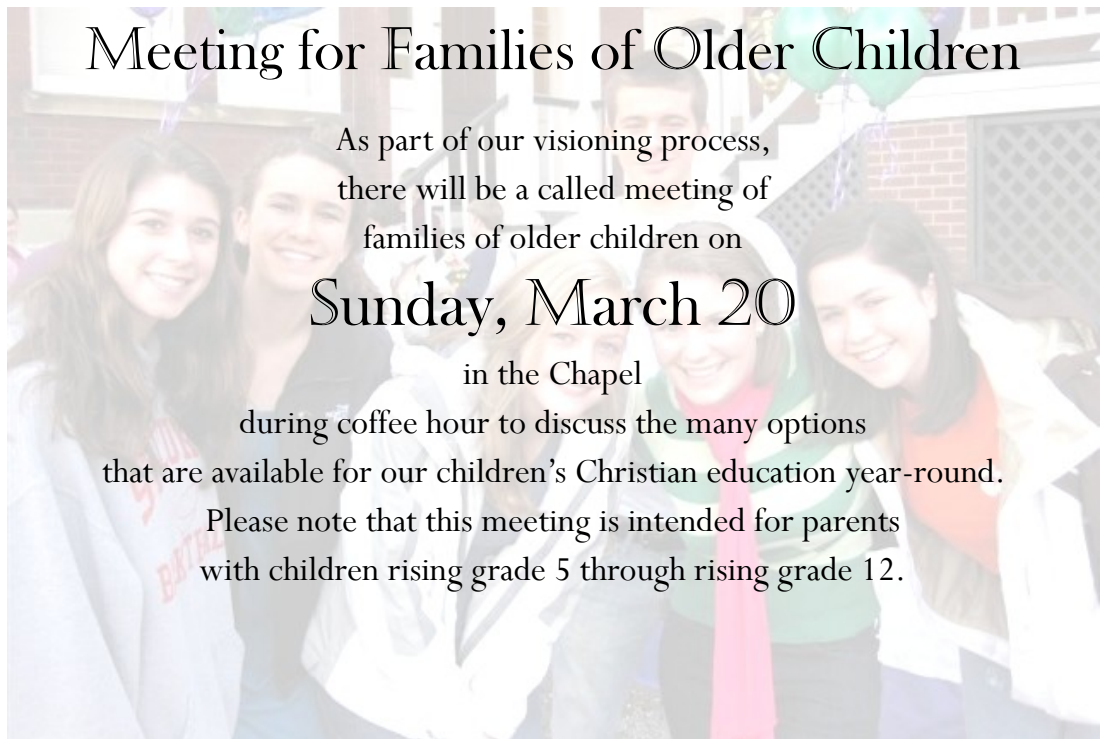
**Pastoral Care  
Team**

for March:  
Peggy McClelland  
Janet Rich Pittman  
Barry Weeks

**Confirmation - Sunday, May 15**

The Right Reverend Sam Hulsey, Bishop of the Diocese of West Texas, retired will be at Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday, May 15 for the Cathedral Celebration. If anyone is interested in being confirmed at that time please speak with Dean Cook or Canon Gibson.

**Meeting for Families of Older Children**



As part of our visioning process,  
there will be a called meeting of  
families of older children on

**Sunday, March 20**

in the Chapel

during coffee hour to discuss the many options  
that are available for our children's Christian education year-round.

Please note that this meeting is intended for parents  
with children rising grade 5 through rising grade 12.

## Diocesan News

**The Men's Conference will be held March 4 through 6 at the Beckwith Camp and Conference Center.** The topic for the 30th Men's Conference and Retreat is "Why We Whisper the E Word, Evangelism" and will be presented by The Rt. Rev. Keith Whitmore, Assisting Bishop of Atlanta. Registration brochures are available in the Cathedral office.

The **National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS** begins on Sunday, March 6, and ends on Saturday, March 12, 2011. The goal of the week is to have people of all faiths come together, to unite with purpose, compassion and hope.

**Men's Monthly Dinner - St. Paul's, Foley** Thursday, March 17, 6:30 to 8:30p.m.

**50th anniversary celebration musical events at St. Matthew's, Mobile.** Sunday, March 20—Dennis and Andrew Atkinson singing hymns through history. Sunday, April 17—Jazz Ensemble coordinated by Jeremy Swann from Davidson High School. Both events begin at 4:00 p.m.

**Fine Arts Concert Series at St. Luke's, Marianna** on Sunday March 20 at 4:00 p.m. Troy State University Vocalists & Professional Pianist. A "Meet the Artists" Reception will follow the concert.

**Floral Arranging Seminar** at St. Monica's Episcopal Church, Cantonment on Saturday, March 26 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. A day-long floral arranging seminar featuring Rodney Canady, Master Florist of Blooms a Million in Pensacola. The registration fee is \$35 and includes a light breakfast plus lunch. Registration is on the diocesan website.

A diocesan-wide **ECW luncheon meeting will be held on April 5 at Christ Church, Pensacola.** Eucharist will be at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch in the parish hall at noon. The speaker will be Rev. Susan Sowers, associate rector at St. Christopher's, who will speak on her journey from the Pentagon to the Pulpit. The cost of the luncheon is \$10. Reservations may be made through your parish ECW president.

**ECW Annual Spring Day Away** will be held Saturday, April 9 at St. Francis of Assisi in Gulf Breeze. The Rev. Christie Olsen will be the speaker. Online registration will be available mid-March.

The **19th annual "Historic Apalachicola Home & Garden Tour" sponsored by Trinity Episcopal Church, Apalachicola** on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and May 7. This year's theme, "Coastal Cottages." The weekend begins Friday, May 6, with Evensong at 5:30 p.m. at Trinity. A reception on the grounds follows. A free lecture by Elli Morris, photographer and prize-winning author of the book, *Cooling the South*. at 6:30 p.m. will complete the evening. Homes will be open to visitors on Saturday, May 6 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Pre-sale tickets will be available for \$15 until the day of the event. On the day of the tour, \$20 ticket sales will begin at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Trinity's Parish Hall at a cost of \$12. A silent auction from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm will also be a part of the tour day's events. Guests to Apalachicola can round out their weekend experience by allowing time to visit the many historical buildings and churches, museums, inns, and parks in Apalachicola.



### *Joe Cain Day Sunday, March 6*

*Passes used for attending church on Joe Cain Day 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 available from the Cathedral office.*

*Applications for 2009 Beckwith Summer Camp for campers and staff are on the Chapel Hallway bulletin board and also on-line at [www.beckwithccc.org](http://www.beckwithccc.org).*

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