

The Messenger

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
MOBILE, ALABAMA



Dear Cathedral Family,



We will honor our graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 8 during the service. Each year at this time we invite our high school seniors to come forward with their parents for a blessing and prayer as they close the door on this part of their story and begin a new one at college. These graduates will carry with them the love and prayers of the Cathedral family to be with them in the adventures ahead, a comfort in difficult times and a companion in joy. We ask God's blessing and care upon these our children. On Sunday, May 8 when these young people move to the altar for their blessing, we will see children who have grown up here at Christ Church, served as acolytes, and time in Sunday school and EYC. We will remember them when they were young and not very tall. This is what families do. We raise up children in the knowledge and love of Christ and send them into the world.

Seven of our nine graduating seniors are pictured below. Please take the time to recognize their accomplishments when you see them.

Faithfully,

Seniors 2011 from left: Hannah Hill, William Peebles, Rachel Williams, Megan Williams, Emily Ruth McElhaney, Claire Speegle, Sam Jeffers. Not pictured are Sayre Kearley, Elizabeth McClelland.



Look for photos of Easter and the Cathedral Celebration in the June Messenger.

Graduation 2011 High School Graduates

Hannah Jane Price Hill Emily Ruth McElhaney
Samuel Stephenson Jeffers William Battle Peebles
William Sayre Kearley Anna Claire Speegle
Elizabeth Jex McClelland Megan O'Neal Williams
Rachel Sinclair Williams

The Cathedral Chapter

Richard Mitchell
Senior Warden

E. Burnley Davis
Junior Warden

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Chancellor

James B. Ryall
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H. Winchester Thurber III

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Charles F. White

Class of 2013

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Leslie P. Ladd

Gerry M. Phillips

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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

A Message From The Sub-Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

In May we have entered the new life of Eastertide, looking forward to the excitement of graduations and new beginnings of summer activities and preparations for the second half of the year. As you can see on other pages this *Messenger*, we have many fine young people to be proud of here at Christ Church Cathedral! We will lift them up in our hearts and in our prayers on May 8, when we will also give thanks for the wonderful Cathedral family members who have worked with them during the past year.

We have enjoyed the singing of our youngest choir, C4, throughout the past year, and we give thanks for the ministry of organist/choirmaster Peggy Lyden and assistant choirmaster Terri Williams. They will sing for us once again on our Cathedral Celebration Sunday, May 15. On that day we will be joined once again by Cathedral Family friend Bishop Sam Hulse, who will preach, celebrate, and confirm several adults. Then we will enjoy fun and lunch together afterwards in the Cathedral Garden.

On Sundays in May, look for the "village well" in our Chapter House. This well has been the center of our V.B.S. village every summer for the last several years, as it will be this summer, too. It will appear earlier this year as a "wishing well" into which everyone is invited to toss an envelope containing good wishes and offerings for the support of our V.B.S. program, which will run Tuesday through Thursday, June 7-9. Look for further information on registration and volunteer opportunities elsewhere in this *Messenger*. An organizational breakfast meeting for those who would like to work with V.B.S. will be held Sunday, May 8 at 9 a.m.

After our summer children's programs have concluded, work will begin to complete the renovation of the upstairs children's Sunday School rooms. This work, made possible by funds donated by our Young Adults group, will include the refurbishment of the remainder of classrooms and the addition of a restroom and should be completed by the time school begins in August.

Our Young Adults Supper Club and Younger Women's Bible Study groups will go on hiatus for the summer after their May meetings, but parents of young families will have the opportunity to gather during the summer to share a meal and discuss topics covered in *Boundaries* by Drs. Henry Cloud and John Townsend. Look for dates, times and locations in the June *Messenger*.

As you can see, we are blessed to be the home of a vibrant and growing group of young people. Please pray for our ministries involving them, as well as for the health and growth of all our ministries here at Christ Church Cathedral.

Faithfully,

Beverly J. Gibson +

Financial Update

Expenses for the first quarter of 2011 were essentially flat from last year — \$ 159,463 for 2011 as compared to \$ 156,602 for 2010. The primary difference in the two amounts is due to an increase in insurance premiums. Giving for the same period was up due to more robust contributions in the month of January — \$ 127,000 in 2011 as compared to \$ 99,657 for 2010. Our deficit is currently \$ 32,433 for 2011 as compared to a deficit of \$ 56,944 at this point in 2010.

At the March Vestry meeting a number of specific 1 to 2-year goals were adopted, financial health being at the top of the list. A comprehensive stewardship/financial plan will be necessary to get our finances where they need to be. The elimination of operating deficits and capital campaign debt are priorities. These need to be addressed so Christ Church Cathedral can move forward to new ministry opportunities. Please pray that we will be faithful stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

Outreach Opportunity: Operation Backpack

Sergeant Zandra Jackson of the Mobile Police Department Family Intervention Team has asked for our help with providing backpacks with school supplies for children in their program. The project will be completed in July. These are the same families that we have supported at Christmastime for the past two years. We need a volunteers to head up this outreach opportunity. If you would like to take on this leadership position, please see Dean Cook, Canon Gibson or Provost, Carolyn Jeffers.

Parents of Young Families Summer 2011

Parents of Young Families will meet on three Wednesday evenings this summer to enjoy time together and to discuss the book *Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No* by Dr. Henry McCloud and Dr. John Townsend (Zondervan, 1992). Dates for those meetings are: June 22, July 20, and August 17. If you would like to host one of these evenings, please contact Canon Gibson.



Parish Meeting
Sunday, May 22
during Coffee Hour

Notes from Episcopal Congregations Overview

- ✘ Corporate-sized congregations with 351 or more in worship represent only 3.3% of Episcopal congregations.
- ✘ The larger the parish, the smaller the proportion of income that is spent on utilities and maintaining facilities. The largest congregations spend proportionally more on missions.
- ✘ The vast majority of Episcopal congregations (91%) conducted special events or programs to attract people from the community, although 37% did so only once or twice in the past year. Congregations that did not reach out into their community in this manner were more likely to decline in worship attendance.
- ✘ Wanting to grow is related to growth, but does not ensure growth. However, not caring about growth nearly ensures decline.

This overview is based on responses from 837 Episcopal parishes and missions that completed the 2010 Survey of Episcopal Congregations. A more detailed report of the findings will be published and posted on the Episcopal Church web site later in 2011. See:

www.episcopal church.org/research.htm



Recognition of
Christian Education
Teachers

Sunday School

Teachers: Kim Calder, Dunn Chandler, Susan Clinton, Mary Cook, Mary Donald George, Shelley Griffin, Alice Kracke, Mary Carol Ladd, Alison Mitchell, Lucy Moore, MJ Ramo, Barry Weeks.

Sunday School Snack

Committee: Mary Donald George, Cornelia Gaillard, Laura Warren, Lee Young

Sunday School Music:

Teri Williams

Sunday School

Storytelling: Skip Archer

Children's Chapel

Leaders: Skip Archer, Ginny Behlen, Kim Calder, Harwell Coale, Mary Cook, Kathy Heath, Hannah Hill, Robbie Lynn Irvine, Emily Ruth McElhaney, Teri Williams

Christian Education

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another school year. Our dedicated Christian Education teachers have done a wonderful job this year. The 106 children in the Cathedral family from William Buster, whom we will baptize on May 8, to our high school graduates appreciate you. Children's Chapel will continue throughout the summer, and Vacation Bible School will be held June 7 through June 9.

College Graduates

Congratulations to:

Jacqueline Elizabeth Hawkins who is graduating Cum Laude from Springhill College; Samuel Eichold and Hamp Eichold who are graduating from the MBA program at the University of Alabama.

Dear Cathedral Family,

I wanted to write to you about changes in the Cook household. One of the discoveries of our time away last year for education and renewal was how much we enjoyed our backpack travel. Travel with less seemed to give us more time and energy for learning, exploring, and refreshment. Upon our return to Mobile we began to examine the possibility of downsizing our home, reducing our footprint, and having less house to maintain. Here comes the change.

Fast forward to this summer when we will be moving from our lovely home at 1062 Church Street in Mobile to a cottage at 206 Fig Avenue in the older section of Fairhope. We are letting go of furnishings and memorabilia that will not fit in our smaller new space. We have asked some very basic questions of what we really use on a day to day basis and are limiting ourselves to that.

It is a bonus that our new location puts us close to grandchildren. This move does not in any way diminish our love and commitment to the Christ Church Cathedral family. We are blessed to be here and look forward to continual service.

Faithfully,

You are cordially invited to attend the
sixth anniversary celebration of the naming of
CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
as Cathedral Church of the
Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast
on Sunday the fifteenth of May
two thousand and eleven
at ten o'clock in the morning
Lunch in the garden following

Cathedral 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, Win Thurber, Jim Ryall, Happy Henson, Ruth Whiting, Vic Stanton.

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 Bresett, 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, 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, Marian Macpherson Currie, Jeff Sewell, Eric Sharpe Jr., Teddy Solomon, Doris Solomon, Brad Cox, 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, Susan Wozniak, Margaret Carroll, Tony Mikosky, Rob and Amy Archer Ellis, Shannon Reeves, Forest Self, Kit Caffey, Fred Helmsing, Matthew DeLaney, Andy Vanek, Leder Stokes, Iris Prosch, Wright Ledbetter, Amalie Pittman, Melody Williams, Leland Moore, Freddy Crawford, Elizabeth Moore.

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, Michael Nassar, Josh Power.

For the Birth of: James Parke Brister, son of David and Chambliss Brister.

Repose of the Soul:

Leonard Donnelly, Robert Rutledge.

Part of the Morning Circle Lenten Lunch Team are from the left: Betty Reniewicz, Peggy McClelland, Harriet Jean Boughton, Marolyn Kruse, Joy Dean. Not pictured are Mary Cook, Katherine Deaton, Gladys Moss, Gaye Formanek, Martha Middleton, Sara Phillips.



Pastoral Care Team

May

Debbie Broome,
Mary Cook,
Lynn Ryall

Loaves & Fish

Monday,

May 16 at 11:15 a.m.

15 Place

Thank you to

April volunteers:

Mary Cook,

Joy Dean,

Katherine Deaton,

Sam Power.

While you are traveling, don't forget to grab the hotel toiletries and bring them home for Sam Power to give to 15 Place clients.

May Birthdays

May 2	Janet Rich Pittman	May 20	Emily-Marie Butler
May 3	Steve Chandler		Beverly Gibson
May 4	Carolyn Eichold		Ross Holladay
May 5	Julianna Ramo		Brad Israel
May 6	Robby McClure	May 21	Christian Hines
	Charlie Ramo		Nick Nichols
May 7	Bart Elliott		Mary Lynn Cooper
May 8	Debbie Broome	May 23	Julie McClelland
	Lee Young	May 24	Ashleigh Leland
May 9	Walter Moss	May 25	John Davidson
May 10	Rose Elliott		Sarah Alston Hooker
	Kris Portacci		Sam Power
May 11	Jill Chow	May 26	Stephen Griffith
	Trey Coale		Mary Jene Kayser
	Mendy Henderson		Julia Sledge
	Julian Kayser		Kitty White
May 12	Carolyn Stephenson	May 27	Harris Cooper
May 14	Tom Hudson		Sadie Ladd
	Tommy Garth		Katherine White
May 15	Ginny Ritchie	May 28	Lissa Watkins
May 16	Julia Hoitink	May 29	Jane Inge
May 17	Hayley Adkins	May 30	Cammie Israel
May 18	Hannah Hill		

*Morning Circle
Monday, May 9*

*Home of
Martha Middleton
3901 St. Andrews
Drive East. This
will be the last
meeting until
September. For di-
rections call Mar-
tha at 661-2041.*

*Younger Women's
Bible Study
will meet on
Wednesday, May 18
at 7:00 p.m. at
Ashley O'Connor's
home, 155 LeVert
Avenue.*

Confirmation and Reception Set for May 15

If you desire to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church, please contact one of the clergy to prepare for you for that sacrament. The Rt. Rev. Sam Hulseby will be with us that day for the Cathedral Celebration.

From the Archives

From the Mobile Press-Register, Tuesday, April 18, 1911

The Easter Sunday festival of Christ Episcopal Church Sunday school was prettily carried out Sunday night, beginning at 7 o'clock continuing until 8 o'clock. The programme consisted of a number of Easter carols and talks...by the pastor, Rev. Matthew Brewster, D.D., and Superintendent Garland of the Sunday school. One of the most attractive features of the festival was a cross which, after being hung with flowers of all kinds, was illuminated by electric lights and raised in the chancel.



The modern incarnation on the flower cross does not have lights.

Diocesan News

St. Monica's Farmer's Market on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month beginning May 7.

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.

Annual ECW Rummage Sale at Epiphany, Crestview on Saturday, May 7. A wide variety of items will be for sale at very reasonable prices. All benefits from this sale will go to the ECW for their outreach programs.

St. Matthew's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration - Saturday, May 14. Lunch will be served at noon, Holy Eucharist at 2:00 pm, with the Rt. Rev. Philip Duncan. All are invited to join us for both events!

Cursillo #145 will be held at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center from May 19 through May 22.

St. Mary's, Milton will hold it's Spring Bazaar on Saturday May 21 and Sunday May 22.

St. Paul's Bingo and Spaghetti Supper on Friday, May 27. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m., Bingo begins at 6:30! Cost for the spaghetti dinner is only \$5 and it includes salad, bread and dessert!

The Episcopal Community gathering, the Diocese's recently formed women's group, is planning a gathering/retreat on May 27-29 at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center. Go on-line to the diocesan website for details and registration form.

Don't forget to use the resources available on the Cathedral website:

www.christchurchcathedralsmobile.com

While you're there....

- Subscribe to the Cathedral E-news
- View the Cathedral photo album
- View, download and print archived copies of *The Messenger*

Annual North American Dean's Conference

Dean and Mary Cook will travel to Houston, Texas for the meeting May 5 through May 7.

The final Wednesday Noon Eucharist will be held on Wednesday, May 25. Wednesday Noon service will resume in September.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

There is an interest in reorganizing the Christ Church Cathedral Chapter of the Brotherhood. Brothers Andrew are required to accept and observe the Brotherhood disciplines of prayer, study and service. Brotherhood chapters usually meet once or twice a month. Any baptized Christian man may be a member of The Brotherhood of St. Andrew. If you are interested in joining the group, please see Dean Cook or go to the website: www.brotherhoodofstandrew.org/about.

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