

The Messenger

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**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL
MOBILE, ALABAMA**



Dear Cathedral Family,



On the Sundays in October we heard from members of the Cathedral family about how their hope has been sustained here at Christ Church, where “words, music, hands and faces lift us up, letting us know that God’s grace makes all things new.”

We heard from Cleamon Downs, Margaret Thigpen and Travis Russell, Stella (and Mike *in absentia*) Reindl, Henry and Kristyn Seawell, and Bill and Deanie Skinner. We learned from their stories what first brought them to Christ Church and, more importantly, why they stayed and are now active members in this part of the Body of Christ.

Canon Gibson in a recent baptism homily offered us images to remind us that this is our home. Having found this place ourselves, we now welcome those who come looking for a church home, a place to grow spiritually. A common refrain from our speakers in October was how they were greeted when they first visited Christ Church. People introduced themselves, welcomed them, and asked about their story. This authentic welcome makes a difference in our reaching out to visitors. Please know that time you take on Sunday morning shows the face of Christ to those who come our way.

In November we have a special opportunity to offer Christ Church Cathedral hospitality to the downtown churches as we host the Thanksgiving morning service at 10:00 a.m. Clergy and choirs have been invited to participate, and the congregations are encouraged to attend. We last hosted this service in 2004. Since then our congregation has grown, and we have undertaken the restoration of our worship space, Chapter House and garden area. We look forward to welcoming friends and neighbors to Christ Church for the Thanksgiving service and to greeting them with a smile and handshake. Please mark your calendars to be part of the welcoming congregation at Christ Church Cathedral that morning.

Faithfully,

Time Change!
Sunday,
November 6
Fall Back

*Remember to change
your clocks, or you
will be early for
church.*

***Annual Parish
Meeting and
Vestry Elections***
*will be held on
Sunday, December 4
during Coffee Hour.
Please plan to attend.*

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**All Saints' Day
Cathedral Celebration
and Stewardship Ingathering**
Sunday, November 6, 2011
10:00 A.M. Festival Eucharist
11:15 A.M. Reception in the Garden

A Message from the Sub-Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

On Sunday, November 9 we welcomed Darden Brock Cooper, son of Gretchen and Angus Cooper, into the household of God here at Christ Church. My sermon that day was a meditation on the "home" we share here (and everywhere) as Christians. Because our sense of being "home" here is such an integral part of our stewardship, I am offering an edited version of it as my message this month. I hope that something in it will strike a familiar chord.

I remember keenly the first time that I walked into St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Troy, Alabama for what I thought would be just a visit. My memory of that day, like so many of our strongest memories, is concentrated in one of my senses: more than the people, the worship, or anything else--I remember how the place *smelled*. Some combination, I suspect, of Murphy's Oil Soap and Brasso, that caused me to feel and to think, immediately, that I was *home*.

I was an early 30-something young adult who had been wandering around through school and work and courtship and getting married and the many diversions of life, and away from the church. But once I allowed myself to be drawn into St. Mark's that first Sunday, I knew I had come home. Now, it wasn't home (in the sense of a fixed place) for long; St. Mark's pushed me out in directions of life that I had never imagined, sending me to find "home" in the various addresses of the household of God in which I have found myself, including this one here today.

Into this home, this household of God, we welcome Darden Brock Cooper. Wherever he may go, even wander, in his life, the household of God will be his home, waiting to welcome him to a table laid for a feast, presided over by a loving host.

One of the great sources of comfort and hope in our tradition is the 23rd Psalm. When it comes to mind, we usually focus on the images of its first half, in which "the Lord is my shepherd." But if we move through the psalm, from the green pastures and still waters, through the paths of righteousness and even the valley of the shadow of death, we will come to our destination--the house of the Lord. There we find a table set with overabundance, cups running over. Here is the house where we find welcome, respite, hospitality for the rest of our lives.

In his parable of the wedding guests, Jesus says that the ones who will be chosen are those who are living in a new way, who have moved from their exile in the far country to a new way of being, of living in Christ, as Christ. Jesus suggests that this way can be put on like a wedding robe, or a baptismal garment. Coming home asks something of us--to put on, to wear our baptism, to live like the Christ who enters our hearts. What does this look like? It looks like living in ways that keep the baptismal promises we make and renew to seek and to serve Christ in all persons, to respect the dignity of every human being, to continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship and in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Being at home in the household of God is both a consolation and a responsibility. Darden is just beginning his experience in this home. We continue in ours. Our prayer for him, as for all our children, is that he will always find his way home. Our prayer for ourselves is that we will dwell in this house in ways that honor the One who is truly the host.

Faithfully,

The Cathedral Chapter

Class of 2011

E. Burnley Davis
Carolyn D. Eichold
Mary Carol Ladd
Margaret M. McGovern
Richard Mitchell
Leland L. Moore, Jr.

Class of 2012

Virginia M. Behlen
Carter H. Drane
W. Kenneth McElhaney, Jr.
H. Winchester Thurber III
Laura B. Warren
Charles F. White

Class of 2013

Alice M. Kracke
Leslie P. Ladd
Gerry M. Phillips
Elizabeth 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

2011 Vestry Nominees (Class of 2014)

Robert Davis Forster *Bob is married to Bradley, a life-long member of Christ Church. He is a self-employed sales representative. Bob serves as an usher team chair. They have two adult children; Clark and Hallie.*

Tray Witherington Hamil *Tray and her husband Jubal have been attending at Christ Church for nine years. Tray serves as a Lay Reader and is on the Flower Guild. The Hamils are members of the Young Adult Supper Club. They have two young sons, Lawson and Walt.*

Ann Hawkins Luce *Ann Luce and her husband Jex have been at Christ Church for nearly 30 years. She is an interior decorator. She worked on the Cathedral Restoration Committee, and she serves on the Flower Guild. They have two grown daughters and two grandchildren.*

John Stephenson McClelland, Jr. *John is a life-long member of Christ Church. He works in the stevedoring business. He serves as an usher. Julie his wife is a Co-Chair of the Convention Committee and served as Senior Warden. Julie and John have three adult children, Julia, Louise and John.*

Elissa Ezell Watkins *Lissa is currently the ECW Co-Chair. She and husband Jay have a young daughter, Kate. The Watkins are members of the Young Adult Supper Club, and Lissa is an apprentice to the Altar Guild.*

Wythe Lawler Whiting III *Wythe is a stock broker with Merrill Lynch. He serves on the Finance Committee and as an usher. The newest stained glass window was given in memory of members of his family, long-time members of Christ Church. Wythe and his wife Kay have been back at Christ Church for six years.*

Requirements of Vestry Members

- ✦ To be a confirmed communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, 18 years of age or older.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church, including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that Christ Church Cathedral Vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving; to encourage the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to work personally toward the tithe.

Responsibilities of Vestry Members

- ✦ To live a daily life reflecting the Christian faith; to strive to grow spiritually through worship, prayer, and educational opportunities.
- ✦ To participate faithfully in the worship of the church.
- ✦ To attend vestry and chapter meetings and retreats.
- ✦ To work for unity among the clergy, vestry and congregation through open communication; to accept the position of vestry member as an opportunity to serve our Lord.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that the Christ Church Cathedral vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving and encourages the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to be working toward the tithe.
- ✦ To accept the role of leadership, work diligently and congenially at assigned tasks, and seek out ways to improve the Cathedral Church including:
- ✦ To make new and regular members and visitors feel welcome through personal greetings, visits, and an invitation to participate in activities of interest to them, and
- ✦ To encourage all members of the congregation to become a part of activities and ministries of the church and to attend parish meetings.

Floor Nomination Procedure for Vestry Members.

A name may be placed in nomination as follows:

1. *The nominee has agreed to be placed in nomination.*
2. *Before a name is offered on the floor the nominator will approach the Parish Officers, Chancellor, and Treasurer, who will certify that the nominee meets the requirements outlined in the October 10, 2005, Resolution of Christ Church Cathedral entitled "Requirements and Responsibilities of Vestry Members."*

Loaves & Fish



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

Many thanks to our
volunteers for
October:

Ponnie McClelland
Willson McClelland
Michele Varhappen*
Sam Power.

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

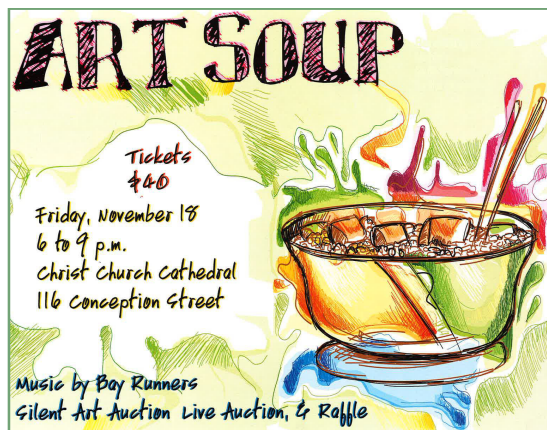
*A visitor to the
Cathedral the Sunday
before!

Thanksgiving Day Ecumenical Service

Christ Church Cathedral
will host the
Thanksgiving Day Service
Thursday, November 24
at 10:00 a.m.

Art Soup at Christ Church Cathedral

Friday, November 18 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.



Art Soup, a fundraiser for Loaves and Fish Community Ministries, 15 Place, Mobile's multi-purpose center for the homeless, will be held at Christ Church Cathedral on Friday, November 18. Patrons will dine on soup served in bowls hand-crafted by local artists, along with delicious breads and great desserts. Live music and a silent auction will round out the evening. Tickets are \$40 and are available in the Cathedral office. Reservations are suggested.

For more information, please call 432-7227. *If you are planning to attend Art Soup, we would love to have your help as a Cathedral Greeter. If you can help, just call the Cathedral office at 438-1822 to let us know.*

Wednesday Noonday Eucharist

will not be held on the
Wednesday before
Thanksgiving Day,
November 23.

Advent Music at Noon

Wednesday, December 7

Enen Yu, violinist, Bob Holm, pianist

Wednesday, December 14

Mithril Duo:

Andra Bohnet and Tom Morley

11:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chapel

A luncheon will follow in the Chapter House.

Lunch is prepared by the ECW.



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.

Members:

Brink Brinkley, Walter Moss, Dolores Drane, Nick Nichols, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Raymond Fields, Ruth Whiting, Vic Stanton, Dunn Chandler.

Friends & Family:

Gwen Cook, Lois Anne King, Bobby Clark, Van Davies, Blanche Hatter, Janie Houser, Steve Zalopany, Teddy Solomon, Doris Solomon, Bill Bramer, Michael McMaken, Rob and Amy Archer Ellis, Andy Vanek, Iris Prosch, Wright Ledbetter, Amalie Pittman, Elizabeth Moore, Gwendolyn Davis, Ginny Richie, Libby Powell, Billy Ezell, Doris Ching, Laurie Bailey, Daniel Dubina, Robin Gatlin, Patrica Allen, Peggy and Royce Barton, Stephanie Daves, Arnell Dubose, James Morrow, Katie Hammond, Ann Tyner, Lewis Tyner, Amelia Bacon.

For Those Serving in the Military:

Brad Israel, 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., Thomas Middleton, Dallas Carl, Brett Granger, Sam Garcia, Chris Marslander, 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, Randy Johnson, Susan Reniewicz, Thomas Nonnenmacher.

Birth: William Christian Hines IV, son of Valerie and Christian Hines; Stephen Baker, son of Eleanor and Stephen Baker.

Repose of the Soul: Mary Jane Slaton Inge; Ted Middleton; Tom Sharp; Barbara Miles, sister-in-law of Winnie Nichols; Mo Herndon.

Prayer List:

We have removed some long-standing names from our prayer list. If names of those you care for need to be returned to the list, please call or e-mail the Cathedral office to ask that they be added.



Above: The kids last year after their shopping trip.

Diaconate Ordination

Christ Church Cathedral will host an Ordination to the Diaconate on Wednesday, December 21 at 11:00 a.m.

We are asking for volunteers to serve as greeters and ushers. Please call the Cathedral office if you will be able to help.

Christmas Outreach: Family Intervention Team Project

This will be our third Christmas for the members of Christ Church Cathedral to reach out to children in need through the Family Intervention Team (FIT) Specialists of the Mobile Police Department. We have consistently reached our goal of providing a \$100 gift card for a shopping expedition to the Tanger Outlet in Foley as well as individual gifts for each child. You may send cash gifts to the Cathedral office marked *Christmas Outreach* or you may wait for the tree with children's names to be placed in the Chapter House.

If you would like to help with this project, please e-mail office@christchurchcathedralmobile.org.

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Morning Circle

will meet on Monday, November 14 at the home of Alice Carwie, Atria Regency, 4720 Morrison Dr. For questions on Morning Circle call Carolyn Stephenson at 342-5637.

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**EYC—
The Episcopal Youth Community**
Sunday, November 13

Movie Night at the Cathedral
4:30—6:00 p.m.
Join us for a movie and snacks.

EYC is open to all the youth of the parish grade 6 and up.

November Birthdays

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| November 1 | Bradley Forster | November 15 | Bert Eichold |
| November 2 | William Buster | | Leland Moore, Jr. |
| November 3 | Campbell Behlen Mary Cassis | November 16 | Graham Heath Isabel Leatherbury |
| November 4 | Mac Hall | November 17 | Clark Forster |
| November 5 | Bubber Carwie Anne Price Mitchell Gerry Phillips | November 19 | Sybil Foshee Russell Ladd Jack White |
| November 6 | Holly Hall | November 20 | Mary Cook |
| November 7 | Maryann White | November 21 | Charlie Weeks |
| November 8 | Douglas Kearley Susan Youngblood | November 22 | Laura Warren |
| November 9 | Catherine Kelly | November 23 | Hallie Forster Ken McElhaney Thomas Portacci |
| November 10 | Tom Garth Lloyd Patrick Lynn Ross | November 25 | Mary Jane Cobb Vince George Betsy McCafferty |
| November 11 | Alice Carwie Gaye Formanek Lucy Moore Richie Redd | November 26 | Tray Hamil |
| November 12 | Wythe Whiting | November 27 | Susie Lyden |
| November 13 | Sydney Adkins Lucky White-Spunner | November 29 | Jack Thurber |
| November 14 | Virginia Wilkins | November 30 | Deanie Skinner Brenda Stanton Anna Phillips |

Christian Formation Calendar

Sunday, November 6

All Saints' Celebration
Christian Education Holiday

Sunday, November 13

11:00 to 11:45 a.m.
Pre-K-Grade 5 Art Activity
 combined upstairs central room
Middle and High The Bible
 upstairs in Brantley

Sunday, November 20

11:00 to 11:45 a.m.
Pre-K-Grade 1 Curriculum in the central upstairs room
Grades 2-5 Curriculum upstairs in Room 2
Confirmation History of the Church upstairs in Room 1
Middle and High The Bible: upstairs in Brantley

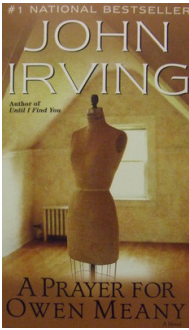
Sunday, November 27

Thanksgiving Weekend
Christian Education Holiday



Above: Kathy Thurber, Rick and Barbara Mitchell enjoy the All Saints' Day Celebration in the garden.

The Cathedral Fall Read



A Prayer for Owen Meany was the seventh published novel by American writer [John Irving](#) when it appeared in 1989. It tells the story of John Wheelwright and his best friend Owen Meany growing up together in a small New England town during the 1950-60s. Owen is a remarkable boy in many ways; he believes himself to be God's instrument and journeys on a truly extraordinary path. Get reading, and we will meet on Thursday, December 1 at 5:30 p.m. for conversation. See Canon Gibson if you have questions.



Pastoral Care

*Please call or e-mail
the Cathedral
office to report
Pastoral needs.*

Correspondence

A message from Dunn Chandler to our Christian Formation Teachers

Thank you all so much for your love, prayers and support. I am truly humbled by all of your messages and love. These messages mean the world to me and all my family. I also loved receiving the sweet messages from all of you and our precious Sunday School Children. They are hanging up in my hospital room and are a constant reminder of all of your love. I cannot tell you all enough how these messages keep me strong. I am truly fighting hard and have overcome the pneumonia and I will get through this Leukemia. I love you all and thank you for all you do for our Sunday School program. You are all amazingly gifted and loving people and our church is truly blessed to have you all working in the Christian Education Program.

I love you all and thank you so much for your love, prayers and support. God bless you all,

Love,
Dunn



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Supper Clubs

*If you would like to be a
part of a supper club
beginning in the New Year,
please contact Lynn Ryall
at 660-1378, 454-5807,
or lynnryall@gmail.com.*

The family of the late Mrs. Tanya S. Thomas would like to thank you for the generous donations to her memorial and all the love and support over the years.

Alex and Sean Thomas

Thank you for your concern and support for Christ Church Cathedral and its community since the series of devastating earthquakes in our city began in September 2010. Your generous donation towards the rebuild of the cathedral is received with thanksgiving.

We have always known that our cathedral is held in great affection but it is humbling to receive worldwide support at this time of difficulty, especially from ministries that share our name. The generosity of so many will strengthen the ministry of the cathedral as it reaches out to the city which has suffered much from the series of earthquakes that have taken their toll.

We are committed to rebuilding after the enormous damage inflicted on the Cathedral and look forward to restoring this place of worship with open doors and a warm welcome to the city's visitors. I am mindful you have taken the time to express your concern and would ask that our ministry be held in prayer in your cathedral. Please extend to the chapter and your parishioners my heartfelt appreciation.

Yours in Christ, Peter Beck, Dean
Christ Church, New Zealand

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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*
Deidre and Joe Williamson, *Nursery*
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