

# The Messenger

**CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
MOBILE, ALABAMA**



## Special Stewardship 2012 Issue



### TENDING OUR HOPE

Dear Cathedral Family,

On Sundays in October I look forward to hearing from members of the Cathedral family who will share with us the particular ways in which they have encountered God's love through being here and how their faith and hope have been renewed and sustained.

Mid-October you will receive a letter from me asking for a commitment to financially support the mission and ministries of Christ Church Cathedral for 2012. We want everyone in the Cathedral family to be a part of this stewardship campaign. This is a time for each of us to consider prayerfully how our faith and hope are cared for within the community. Everyone is asked to make a commitment. The amount is not the question. What is needed is for everyone to be a part of Tending Our Hope. If making a formal *pledge* for 2012 is not possible, we still want you to participate, to make a plan for financial support. You are invited to be creative in deciding how to make this happen.

We are also adding a children's component to our stewardship training. Sunday-school aged children will be provided envelopes for their weekly use, and we will have a time for presenting them on Sunday morning.

Every household will be personally contacted later this month to invite their participation in our campaign. Please pray that we are faithful in support of the mission and ministries of this Cathedral, where as Canon Gibson wrote: "Words, music, hands and faces bear us up, letting us know that God's grace makes all things new."

Faithfully,

### Save the Date



Cathedral  
Celebration  
All Saints'  
Sunday  
November 6  
10:00 a.m.  
Festival Eucharist  
Celebration follows  
in the garden.

*Be sure to check the Cathedral website weekly! New web pages have been added for Ministries, Christian Formation, and All Saints' Sunday. Musical Celebrations have been added to the Music page, and lectionary art will be featured weekly on the Worship page. Photos will continue to be added as we move through the events of the year. The Cathedral Facebook page is also updated several times a week. Coming soon: Cathedral windows will be featured along with close-ups of window sections. Direct any suggestions, corrections or comments to [coastline@diocgc.org](mailto:coastline@diocgc.org).*

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Facebook address: [www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralsmobile](http://www.facebook.com/christchurchcathedralsmobile)

**Blessing of  
the Animals**  
Sunday,  
October 9, at  
4:00 p.m.  
in the garden.



**Younger  
Women's  
Bible Study**  
Wednesday,  
October 19  
7:00 p.m.  
At the home of  
Lissa Watkins  
103 Lanier  
Avenue

## The Sub-Dean's Message

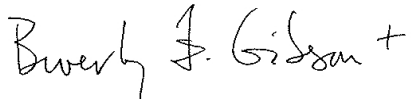
Dear Cathedral Family,

"Tending Our Hope," our stewardship theme for 2012, is in more than one sense a continuation of our themes of the last two years. In preparation for 2010, members of the Cathedral family engaged in "Telling Our Stories," looking back at how we each came to be here at Christ Church Cathedral and articulating the reasons this sacred place is "home" for each of us. Last year, in preparation for 2011, members joined with our vestry in "Sharing Our Vision," looking forward into the next three to five years to explore where God might be calling us in our mission and ministry together. The result of both of these endeavors is encapsulated in the conclusions your vestry reached in Visioning 2010-11. Our strengths, the gifts that brought so many of us here and are part of our stories, are our traditional and stirring worship, our sense of hospitality, and our historic position in the heart of Mobile. Our challenges as we move forward are to achieve and maintain solid financial health, to improve and maximize the use of our historic facilities, and to nurture the growth of our many young families.

This year we pause to focus our attention on how we are preparing to meet those challenges. Thus, in a practical sense, "Tending Our Hope" is another way of saying "tending to our business." In our stewardship we are committing ourselves to building and strengthening our various programs for young families, to continuing in a prudent project-by-project manner with the improvement of our facilities, and to making the financial plans and commitments necessary for moving forward into the future God has in store for us.

In a spiritual sense, "Tending Our Hope" means attending closely to those elements of our shared life that lift us up and strengthen us, enabling us to be ministers to the love of God in a world beset by anxiety and fear in a time of many uncertainties. That means paying attention to the many ways we experience God's love here: in the faces and voices of our children, in the talents of our musicians, in the words of scripture and teaching, in the beauty of our buildings, in the tastes of our "hospitality."

Then, in the most inclusive sense, "Tending Our Hope" means accepting the responsibility each of us shares to support and continue the mission and ministry of Christ Church Cathedral. In order for all the gifts we have received to thrive and grow, each of us must commit to sustaining them—with our money, our work, and above all with our prayers. How well we answer God's call to us depends upon how well we tend our hope.

Faithfully, 

### Financial Update *through August 2011*

| Operating                   | 2010             | 2011             |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Revenue                     | \$ 329,762       | \$ 355,844       |
| Expenses                    | \$ 399,439       | \$ 407,154       |
| Difference                  | (\$ 69,677)      | (\$ 51,310)      |
| <b>General Fund Balance</b> | <b>\$ 21,680</b> | <b>\$ 56,164</b> |

# Stewardship 2012: TENDING OUR HOPE

*If you would like to share with others how your hope has been renewed by our shared life in the Cathedral family, we invite you to submit your thoughts in writing. You may place them in the alms basin, send them in the mail, or via e-mail to [office@chricchurchcathedralsmobile.org](mailto:office@chricchurchcathedralsmobile.org). We will make these available for viewing on our website and may use them in a variety of ways throughout the year as we tend our hope and pray that God will continue to bless us and call us to mission together. Your name must be included with your remarks, but let us know if you wish your published comments to remain anony-*

## Calendar for Stewardship

*On the Sundays in October we will hear from members of the Cathedral family about how their hope has been sustained here at Christ Church. As we live with many unknowns in our world, our work, and our individual and family lives, we may easily succumb to anxiety and fear. Unfortunately, powerful forces around us feed on and fuel our fears. In the Church—the Body of Christ—we encounter the love of God that conquers fear. Word, music, hands and faces bear us up, letting us know that God's grace makes all things new.*

Weekly introduction by Alice Kracke, vestry class of 2013

Sunday, October 2

Cleamon Downs

Sunday, October 9

Margaret Thigpen, Travis Russell

Friday, October 14

Personal letter from Dean Cook sent to every household

Sunday, October 16

Stella Reindl

Introduction of the Every Member Canvas by  
Rick Mitchell, senior warden and Burnley Davis, junior warden

Sunday, October 16 through Saturday, November 5

Visits to every household

Sunday, October 23

Henry and Kristyn Seawell

Sunday, October 30

Bill and Deanie Skinner

*As you consider your 2012 pledge, please  
remember to complete your 2011 pledge.*

## Vestry Elections 2012 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 & 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.

## Vestry Nominating Committee

*Please direct to these individuals your nominations for candidates to fill 6 vestry positions.*

### Graduating Vestry Class

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

### Dean's Appointed Members

Gretchen Cooper  
Tom Garth  
Lucy Lyons  
Chuck McKay  
M. J. Ramo

## Annual Parish Meeting & Vestry Elections

**Sunday, December 4**

During Coffee Hour.  
Please plan to attend.

## The Cathedral Chapter and Vestry

### Class of 2011

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

### 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*

## Cathedral Prayer List

**Members:** Lisa Cooper, Brink Brinkley, Walter Moss, Dolores Drane, Nick Nichols, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Raymond Fields, Ruth Whiting, Vic Stanton, Bubba Watkins.

**Friends and 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 Bresett, David Key, Ted Middleton, Andrew Ewaskiewicz, Derry Hargett, Van Davies, Brenda Puckett, Marvin Williams, Clinton Taylor, Sally Boom, Peter Martin, Alice Crook, Charlie Alexander, Kate Granada, Mary Ladd Turner, Blanche Hatter, Will Nichols, Janie Houser, Steve Zalopany, Rebecca Hatcher, Mary Thompson, Don Heaton, Jeff Sewell, Eric Sharpe Jr., Teddy Solomon, Doris Solomon, Brad Cox, Bill Bramer, LaNelle Johnson, Ninya Ross, 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 Wozniak, Rob and Amy Archer Ellis, Forest Self, Andy Vanek, Iris Prosch, Wright Ledbetter, Amalie Pittman, Freddy Crawford, Elizabeth Moore, Gwendolyn Davis, Ginny Richie, Libby Powell, Billy Ezell, Honer Hartzes, Doris Ching, Mike and Mary Jane Walmsley, John Beltz, Laurie Bailey, Daniel Dubina.

**Baptism:** Dennis Wade Thurber, son of Fran and Winchester Thurber and grandson of Kathy and Win Thurber.

**Rest of the Soul:** Hetty Horst Cunningham

**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 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, Randy Johnson, Susan Reniewicz, Thomas Nonnenmacher.

## United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday, October 30

Part of the ministry of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW), the United Thank Offering invites people to offer daily prayers of thanksgiving to God and outward and visible signs of those prayers which will benefit others. The blue box can be a reminder of our many blessings. In sharing our thank offerings with those throughout the Communion who seek to address compelling human need and extend the mission of the Church, we deepen our sense of participation in the lives of others.

*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, October 17  
11:15 a.m.  
at 15 Place

Thank you to  
September volunteers:  
Joy Dean  
Katherine Deaton  
Sam Power.

*On UTO Sunday, October 30, please empty your Blue UTO Box into an envelope or write a check to Christ Church Cathedral designated to UTO and place it in the alms basin or mail it to the Cathedral Office.*



**Morning Circle**

Monday, October 10  
Home of  
Yvonne Holladay  
6432 Tokeneak Trail

*Call*

*Carolyn Stephenson at  
342-5637  
for information  
or Yvonne at  
633-3151  
for directions.*



**EYC—**

**The Episcopal  
Youth Community**

**Sunday, October 23**

Halloween activity.  
Time and place  
to be announced  
in the Sunday bulletin.

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

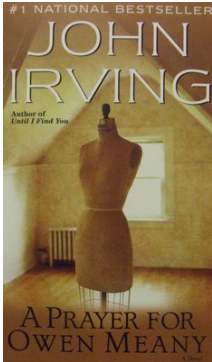
**October Birthdays**

|            |                       |            |                     |
|------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|
| October 1  | Virginia Van Antwerp  | October 16 | Jordan Chow         |
| October 3  | Dunn Chandler         |            | Malcolm Warren      |
|            | Kenneth White-Spunner | October 17 | Katie Patton        |
| October 4  | Meg McGovern          | October 18 | Alex Calder         |
|            | Richard Wright        | October 20 | Kristin Butler      |
| October 7  | Virginia Inge         | October 22 | Ponnie McClelland   |
| October 8  | Tricia Coggin         |            | Edward Ladd         |
|            | Gladys Moss           | October 23 | Charlie Behlen      |
| October 9  | Leslie Ladd           |            | Chris Douglas       |
| October 10 | Jimbo Blankenship     | October 24 | Peggy McClelland    |
|            | Tee McCarron          | October 25 | Susan Clinton       |
| October 11 | Mary Esther Elliott   |            | Winks Floyd-Jones   |
|            | Richard Jeffers IV    | October 27 | Kyle Griffin        |
|            | Erica McElhaney       |            | Corinna Luce        |
|            | Emily Muncaster       |            | Donald Morris       |
|            | Margaret Thigpen      | October 30 | Richard Jeffers III |
| October 12 | Eleanor Baker         |            | Charlie White       |
|            | Ed Crowson            | October 31 | John Ferguson       |
|            | Skip McDonald         |            | Catherine Taylor    |
| October 13 | Melody Williams       |            | Ashley White        |

**October Christian Formation Calendar**

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| <b>Sunday, October 2</b>  | 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.                                 |
| Pre-K-Grade 5             | Music Combined in the upstairs music room           |
| Confirmation              | Baptismal Covenant and the Creeds upstairs Room 1   |
| Middle and High           | The Bible: upstairs in Brantley                     |
| <b>Sunday, October 9</b>  | 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.                                 |
| Pre-K-Grade 5             | Storytelling combined in the upstairs central room  |
| Middle and High           | The Bible: upstairs in Brantley                     |
| <b>Sunday, October 16</b> | 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.                                 |
| Pre-K-Grade 1             | Curriculum in the central upstairs room             |
| Grades 2-5                | Curriculum in Room 2                                |
| Middle and High           | The Bible: upstairs in Brantley                     |
| <b>Sunday, October 23</b> | 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.                                 |
| Pre-K-Grade 6             | Communion Conversation combined in the choir stalls |
| Middle and High           | The Bible: upstairs in Brantley                     |
|                           | Time TBA  |
| <b>Sunday, October 30</b> | 11:00 to 11:45 a.m.                                 |
| Pre-K-Grade 5             | Music combined in the upstairs central room         |
| Middle and High           | The Bible: upstairs in Brantley                     |

## 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 in early December for conversation. See Cn. Gibson if you have questions.

**Cursillo will be held November 3 - 6 at Beckwith.**

## Diocesan News

For more information on any Diocesan event please go to the website: [diocgc.org](http://diocgc.org)

**St. Francis Weekend at St. Francis Gulf Breeze**—October 7 through 9. Make a weekend out of St. Francis Day. Friday - Art Show/Wine and Cheese Party. Saturday fun run/walk with the animals then Eucharist and Blessing of the Animals and in the evening seated dinner/silent auction. Sunday - Open House/Ministry Homecoming Eucharist/Family Day

**Wild About Birds Workshop at Church of the Redeemer** on Saturday, October 15—A two-part, daylong workshop that includes a session on bird watching from and a session on drawing wild birds. The class is open to anyone over the age of 10. A light lunch will be served. Space is limited to 20 students, so registration is required. For more information, call the church office at (251) 639-1948.

**St. John's, Robertsdale Annual Draw Down/Silent Auction** on Saturday, October 15th, 2011 at 6:00 pm at the Loxley Civic Center. Tickets are \$100 each and will admit two adults (must be over 21). Only 200 tickets will be sold. Each ticket includes door prizes, beer wine, food and entertainment. The public is invited! Dress is casual. Questions? Call (251) 947-6011.

**St. Andrew's 21st Annual BBQ Fest and Bake Sale.** Sale begins at 7:00 a.m. and Dinners will be ready at 10:00 a.m.—dine in or take out. Call ahead to 479-0336 to order ahead.

**Advent, Lillian hosts BBQ and Blues** on Saturday, October 22. A full day of arts and crafts, BBQ, and Blues music along with silent and live auction items! Event starts at 9 am .....

**2012 Construction Mission Team to the Dominican Republic** from March 10 to March 18, 2012. The deadline is October 31, 2012. If you have any questions, please call the team leader, Geary Gaston, at 251-649-7327.

**Christ Church Cathedral**  
**All Saints Celebration**  
**Sunday, November 6**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Please list names to be remembered during the service. A listing of names is on the cathedral website as well as a submission form or you may place this form in the alms basin, call names into the Cathedral Office at 438-1822, or e-mail to [office@christchurchcathedralmobile.com](mailto:office@christchurchcathedralmobile.com). Please submit names by Monday, October 31.

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