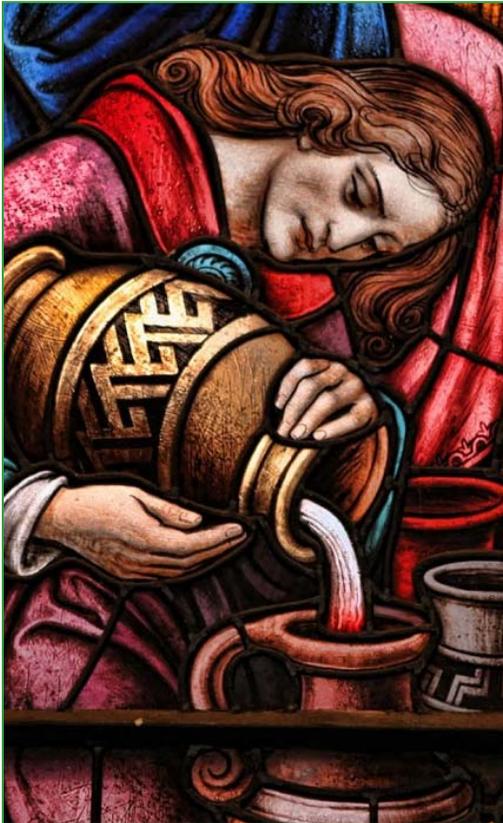




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MOBILE, ALABAMA



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THANKSGIVING ECUMENICAL SERVICE

Monday, November 21
5:30 p.m.
Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception



ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 6
10:00 A.M.

Join us for the Festival Eucharist
and Celebration of our Mission
followed by a Celebration in the
garden.

A Message from the Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

You may have noticed that in recent weeks I have extended the blessing after communion to include some words familiar to those of you who grew up with the 1928 Book of Common Prayer. If you would like to see them in the current prayer book, turn to the end of the Holy Eucharist Rite One on page 339: "The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always." These words first appeared in the 1548 and then 1549 Book of Common Prayer, and they have been part of our tradition ever since, even though they are not printed at the conclusion of the Rite Two service.

Why does this matter enough for me to write to you about it? Well, first of all, not a single word of our prayers is a wasted word; each one has purpose and meaning. In invoking this blessing of God at the close of our worship, I am asking the peace of God to dwell in your hearts until we meet in the Body to worship again. God's

peace is there SO THAT the knowledge of God and the love of God, and of Jesus Christ, may fill your hearts and minds.

Beyond that, I am aware that your lives—your ears and your minds, and sometimes even your hearts and own mouths—have been filled of late with the noise of intolerance, anger, prejudice, and harshness of every sort. So it seemed that a request for God's continuing peaceful presence in you might be helpful. If for no other reason, this blessing might help by being a reminder that what we carry with us out into the world from our worship *is* the knowledge and love of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord. We carry this, not simply for our own wellbeing, but for the healing and hope of the world.

As you read these words, we will be facing down the presidential election we have all both dreaded and longed for. Whatever its outcome, please remember the words of that blessing. God's peace dwells in our hearts; the body and blood of Christ empower us through the Holy Spirit to be agents of peace and transformation in the world. No earthly political process can ever touch or change that.

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THE CATHEDRAL
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The Rev. Aaron Smith, 2018
St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs
Magoo Price Hamilton, 2019
St. Thomas, Greenville
The Rev. John Riggin, 2019
St. Paul's, Mobile

A Message from the Canon

Dear Cathedral Family,

Thank you so much for helping with our youth confirmands' outreach project, the Kappa League Brunch, held on October 23rd after our service. We exceeded our \$3500 goal which will help to pay for the young men's preparation for and taking of college entrance exams. I am happy to report that we were able to raise over \$4000. Thank you all so much! Your generosity will help our friends in the Kappa League chart their future toward college which will open many doors of opportunity.

A special thanks goes out to all of our children and youth (Senior High, Middle School, and even some Fun Clubbers) who worked hard to sell tickets, secure sponsorships, and worked that morning as our servers, ticket agents, bussing tables, providing drinks, and providing hospitality to our visitors. Another big thanks goes to Al and Jill Chow and Ken McElhaney who worked very hard to cook up our awesome food. While it was hard work, I know our cooks were having a lot of fun, too.

Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship. I am thankful to you, our Cathedral Family, as you all supported this endeavor and welcomed the young men from the Kappa League and made them feel at home. It was great to have the president of the Kappa League read our New Testament reading, and it was a joyful thing for them to share in receiving Christ's holy presence at the communion rail. In the past, I know that some of the Kappas have stated that they do not have a church home; however, when they come to the Cathedral it is like "coming home." What a compliment to us, but what a grace that God gives.

Along with updating you all on our youth confirmands' outreach project, I would like to take a moment and talk about our EYC and Fun Club activities this month. Our EYC will have some fun of their own on November 13th when we head to Get Air Trampoline Park. For our 10th through 12th graders, Sarah Bolt and I will have lunch with them on November 20th after church to talk about attending a Happening Weekend. Happening is a weekend event that helps high schoolers further explore their faith in a safe and joyful environment. It is a ministry of the Episcopal Church and is put on by our Diocese. There are fun activities, worship opportunities, plenty of food, discussion time, singing, and hearing other high school students share their faith stories. This year's Happening will take place February 3-5, 2017 at Holy Nativity, Panama City. I hope that our 10th through 12th graders will take this opportunity to learn more and consider attending the weekend. As for our Fun Club, on November 20, we will have a group Sunday School event of making Advent wreathes. The Fun Clubbers will take wreathes to Murray House and spend some time with the residents. The folks at Murry House are already looking forward to their visit!

Thank you for supporting our children and youth ministry in so many ways. Thank you for your prayers, your mentoring, and your financial gifts. Have a great November, and I hope to see you at church!

God's Peace,

The Reverend Daniel A. Wagner
Canon Pastor

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Announcing the Vestry Nominees—Proposed Class of 2019

The Vestry and Convention Delegate nominees will be elected at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Sunday, December 6, during Coffee Hour.

John David Brady, Jr.

David was received into the Episcopal Church in 1985 at St. Paul's in Selma, Alabama. After returning to Mobile in 1986, he and his family attended All Saints Episcopal Church where David served as Junior Warden, Senior Warden, and as Chairman of the Executive Committee. David has attended Christ Church Cathedral for the past 4 years. He currently serves as the Diocesan Disaster Preparedness Coordinator for the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, Chairman of the Pastoral Care Committee, and a member of a Hospitality team. David is married to the former Lucy Pryor Bowman, and they have two daughters who are also members of Christ Church Cathedral—Mrs. William DeMouy Slaton (Lucy Pryor) and Mrs. Kyle Lawrence Wall (Charlotte) and one granddaughter Brady Elizabeth Wall. He is the Managing Partner of Anders, Boyett & Brady, P.C. David is a decorated veteran, having served in Operation Desert Storm. He retired from the US Army Reserves after 30 years of commissioned service at the rank of Colonel. As a member of the Vestry David hopes to provide the necessary leadership for Christ Church Cathedral to continue to grow as a vibrant downtown church community.

Chambliss Keith Brister

A cradle Episcopalian from Selma, Alabama, Chambliss grew up attending St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Selma, where she was baptized and later married her husband, David Brister, in 2009. Chambliss and David have two sons, Parke (5) and Koen (10 months). Chambliss is a managing partner at Fit Recruiting, a local staffing firm partnered with Smith Dukes. Chambliss graduated from Auburn University with a B.A. in Corporate Journalism and minor in Business. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Mobile and the Junior League of Mobile.

Julianne (Julie) Chapin Hoffmeyer

Julie was reared in Houston, Texas where she attended St. Francis Episcopal Church and Day School. Both she and her husband Fred are graduates of Sewanee. They moved to Mobile in 1989 and attended All Saints until moving to Christ Church in 2004. Julie serves on a hospitality team. She is the college counselor at the Alabama School of Math and Science. The Hoffmeyers have twins, Page and Alex who are seniors at Auburn University.

Julia (Julie) Martin McClelland

Julie grew up attending All Saints Episcopal Church in Atlanta. She began attending Christ Church when she married her husband John in 1981. Their three children were all christened at Christ Church. The McClellands attended All Saints, Mobile for a few years, where Julie served on the Vestry. At Christ Church Julie has served on the Vestry when we were undergoing our last renovation in 2006. She served as Senior Warden the following year. John and Julie have three married children, and three grandchildren.

Her hope for Christ Church Cathedral is for it to be a welcoming place to all who enter our doors. As we discern whether to go ahead with the proposed and much needed updating to our buildings and campus, she hopes that we look forward to the potential we have as a downtown church and the responsibility we all have of caring for our historic site.

Music Ministry

*Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in.*

Leonard Cohen (b. 1934), *Anthem*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every November brings excitement here at the cathedral. The month starts off with our All Saints' Celebration on November 6th, and continues with Christ the King Sunday and the First Sunday of Advent. Even amid all of this festivity, there is no denying that winter is coming. The days are growing shorter, the nights are growing longer, and our sense of *normal church* is dying away. While Advent is a time of new beginnings, preparation, and hope, it also mirrors the season of Lent. In the Eastern Church, Advent is known as the Nativity Fast, and this brings us closer to its original mood—more Lenten in nature. For generations, Advent was a time of penitence and soul searching, a time of clearing out the dust and making room for the Christ-child. As many of you know, the liturgical cycle is divided into the cycles, or years (A, B, and C), and a new cycle always begins on Advent One. I imagine the church making its new year's resolutions to fix up the place and make straight the crooked. Of course, we'll never make everything perfect, and we'll fall off the wagon time and time again, but it is not perfection that makes us grow in grace! Just like in the above lyric from Leonard Cohen, we need to realize that the Light comes through the cracks.

Here at the cathedral, we have a more celebratory Advent season. We choose to emphasize the *joyful hope* of Christ's coming rather than the *Little Lent* aspects of this season. This is largely a cultural tradition, but it also has merit and wisdom in a spiritual sense. Our Advent carols will resound with such familiar ideas as telling glad tidings, making the crooked paths straight, waiting for God, looking East, and the Annunciation of Gabriel to Mary. It isn't that we don't acknowledge the cracks in ourselves, but we choose to embrace them as places for the Christ-

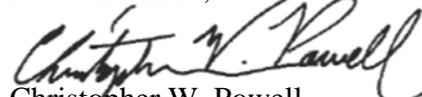
child's light to shine through. Our choirs will lead us in musical meditation on all of these ideas this year. As musicians, it is particularly hard to "Forget your perfect offering," because that seems contrary to what we do on a daily basis—trying to make perfect music. However, one of the things I've learned over the years of being a musician is that if we focus on keeping mistakes from happening, we make mistakes. It is in giving ourselves totally to the end goal of a piece, its moods, its structure and directions, that we actually achieve the end goal the piece is communicating. I think our lives are like that also, especially when it comes to our relationship with God and neighbor. No matter how much I prepare a piece of music, there will nearly always be something I could have done better at the end of the day. Accepting that as a joy instead of a burden is a principal key to being happy as a musician. Maybe this concept is not so foreign to our daily lives.

All Saints' Sunday is another one of those times when we, the church, deliberately choose to acknowledge what could be considered the greatest imperfection of all—death. The strains of the *Lacrimosa* from the *Requiem in d minor* by Mozart (1756-1791) will fill our church with words that are quite striking. "Oh, that day of tears and weeping, when, from dust of earth returning, man must prepare for judgement. Spare, O God, in mercy spare him! Lord all pitying, Jesu blest, grant them Thine eternal rest. Amen." Of course, as people of faith, we believe that death is possibly the most profound opportunity of all for the light to flood in through the cracks. This is expressed in the introit for All Saints' Sunday.

*Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.*

John Donne (1572-1631), *Sonnet X*

Peace in Christ,


Christopher W. Powell
Organist and Choir Master

Upcoming 2016 Music Season Events

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

10:00 A.M.

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY CELEBRATION OF CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

This moving service on All Saints Day, will feature special music by Cathedral Choir, enhanced by the presence of guest musicians. As we remember those gone before us, come celebrate with us and hear works of remembrance by great composers. The Cathedral Choir will present the *Lacrimosa* from *Mozart's Requiem*.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

4:00 P.M.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS



Do not miss one of the most beautiful choral services of the year. Come be part of a service rich with light as we celebrate the season of Advent. This service will contain Advent anthems, solos, and carols interspersed between readings illustrating the first and second comings of Christ.



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

2016 Children's Christmas Pageant

The pageant takes place during 10:00 a.m. worship on the Sunday before Christmas. We will send instructions to parents but we hope to include all of our children up through grade 5.

Pageant Rehearsal Schedule

Sundays, November 20, and December 4.

The dress rehearsal will be on Sunday, December 11.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE PRELUDE CONCERT & FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

4:15 p.m. Prelude music begins

5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Come early for our Christmas Eve service to hear beautiful Christmas music. This intimate yet grand Cathedral service for the Nativity of the Lord is a wonderful Christmas tradition. Special musicians will join us for this service.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

10:00 A.M.

CHRISTMAS MORNING EUCHARIST

Join us for a joyous morning service full of Christmas carols

and music by our choir and soloists. Though smaller than our Christmas Eve service, the Christmas morning Eucharist is a wonderful way to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord.



Annual Giving 2017: Growing in Mission

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful.

1 Corinthians 4:2

Annual Giving 2017 Pledge Goal: \$740,000

Annual giving is the practice of returning to God a portion of that which was given to us. It represents a commitment to a service based life. Through giving we support the many programs, outreach efforts, facility maintenance and inspired leadership here at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile.

Stewardship Prayer

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you; strengthen us with your grace to be faithful stewards of your gifts and to give back to you what is needed for the growth of your church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We can reach our goal quickly if:

Every current pledger increases their gift by 5%, or by \$4 per week.

Every non-pledger considers pledging \$25 per month, a \$300 annual pledge.

Many thanks to all who have returned their pledge cards.

Outline of the 2017 Campaign

Mid to late October	Letters with pledge cards mailed to every household.
October 30	The Messenger Stewardship edition mailed to every household.
Late October	Friends letter sent requesting donations to the operating budget.
Sunday, November 6	All Saints' Sunday, Celebration of Cathedral Mission (requested pledge deadline.)
November 9	Leadership calls to those who have not pledged.

Please go on-line to www.christchurchcathedralmobile.org for full information on giving and funding.

A Message from the Dean *(continued from cover)*



Finally, I want to try to express to you how thankful I am for the ways you have expressed the love, the hope, and the caring in your hearts this fall. Our annual giving canvass response has been generous so far, with most of you increasing your gift for the growth of our mission. Your participation in the feasibility study for our master plan completion was robust and positive, and we will be talking together more about these plans in the new year. Above all, I am thankful for the loving care my family has received during Mike's illness over these past few months. We have been nourished by many wonderful meals, and we have felt surrounded and lifted up by your prayers. We love you all more than you can know. It is a privilege to serve our Lord here with you.

Faithfully,
Beverly F. Gibson
The Very Reverend
Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., Dean



Parish Calendar November

Wednesday, November 2

Noon HE, Rite II
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 6

10:00 a.m. HE, Rite II
11:15 a.m. All Saint's Day/
Cathedral Celebration
Note End of Daylight
Savings

Wednesday, November 9

Noon HE, Rite II
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 10

6:30 p.m. Young Adults
(ages 21-36) at Red or White

Sunday, November 13

10:00 a.m. HE, Rite II
11:15 a.m. Christian
Formation
Noon EYC
Noon Choir Retreat

Wednesday, November 16

Noon HE, Rite II
5:15 p.m. Finance
Committee
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 20

10:00 a.m. HE, Rite II and
UTO Sunday
11:15 a.m. Christian
Formation—Advent wreaths
Pageant Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Vestry
Noon EYC/
Happening, Fun Club

Monday, November 21

5:30 p.m. Thanksgiving
Service at Cathedral of the
Immaculate Conception

November 24-25

Cathedral Office Closed

Sunday, November 27

10:00 a.m. HE, Rite II

Wednesday, November 30

Noon HE, Rite II
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

December

Saturday, December 3

10:00 a.m. Diaconate
Ordination

Sunday, December 4

10:00 a.m. HE, Rite II
11:15 a.m. Annual Parish
Meeting with Vestry
Election
11:15 a.m. Pageant Rehearsal
4:00 p.m. Lessons and
Carols
5:00 p.m. Vestry and Staff
Christmas Gathering

Wednesday, December 7

Noon HE, Rite II
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 11

10:00 a.m. HE, Rite II
11:15 a.m. Christian
Formation
Pageant Rehearsal
11:30 a.m. Adult Inquirer's
Noon EYC, Fun Club

Wednesday, December 14

Noon HE, Rite II
5:15 p.m. Finance Cmt.
5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, December 18

10:00 a.m. HE, Rite II and
Christmas Pageant

Wednesday, December 21

5:30 p.m. Handbell Choir
6:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, December 24

4:15 p.m. Concert Prelude
Music
5:00 p.m. HE, Rite II
Festival Eucharist

Sunday, December 25

10:00 a.m. HE, Rite II

December 26-28

Cathedral Office Closed

An Outline of the Faith The Christian Hope

Q. What is the Christian hope?

A. The Christian hope is to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life, and to await the coming of Christ in glory, and the completion of God's purpose for the world.

Q. What do we mean by the coming of Christ in glory?

A. By the coming of Christ in glory, we mean that Christ will come, not in weakness but in power, and will make all things new.

Q. What do we mean by heaven and hell?

A. By heaven, we mean eternal life in our enjoyment of God; by hell, we mean eternal death in our rejection of God.

Q. Why do we pray for the dead?

A. We pray for them, because we still hold them in our love, and because we trust that in God's presence those who have chosen to serve him will grow in his love, until they see him as he is.

Q. What do we mean by the resurrection of the body?

A. We mean that God will raise us from death in the fullness of our being, that we may live with Christ in the communion of the saints.

Q. What is the communion of saints?

A. The communion of saints is the whole family of God, the living and the dead, those whom we love and those whom we hurt, bound together in Christ by sacrament, prayer, and praise.

Book of Common Prayer, page 861

Christian Formation

November Christian Formation

Sunday, November 6

No classes All Saints' Sunday
Celebration of Cathedral Ministries

Sunday, November 13

11:15 a.m. **Sunday School**
Curriculum for all children and
youth classes
Confirmation Class—Session III
Resist, Repent, and Return

Noon EYC
Join the EYC as we head to Get Air Trampoline Park in West Mobile. The approximate cost is \$35, including lunch. Please contact Canon Wagner if interested or have questions

Sunday, November 20

11:15 a.m. **Sunday School**
Group Sunday School
Making Advent Wreaths
Pageant Rehearsal in the Church

Noon Fun Club
The Fun Club will deliver Advent wreaths Murray House and then enjoy some fun time at Dairy Queen. The approximate cost is \$15. For more information, please contact Canon Wagner or Jubal Hamil.

EYC

Students from grades 10 through 12 are invited to an informational lunch about an upcoming youth event called Happening. Happening is a spiritual renewal event, for youth put on by other youth. It is a ministry of the Episcopal Church and the next Happening Weekend for our Diocese is February 3-5, 2017 at Holy Nativity, Panama City, FL. For more information, please contact Canon Wagner or Sarah Bolt.

Sunday, November 27

No classes

How to Join Episcopal Church

(paraphrased from The Episcopal Handbook)

By far, the most important requirement for joining the Episcopal Church is just showing up. Many Episcopal parishes are intentionally vague about assigning membership. We do not want to be known as places where weekly attendance is taken, annual contributions are tabulated, and your membership is assigned only if you pass muster. We are much less concerned about counting the people who are in, than we are about leaving someone out.

To serve as a lay minister you should be baptized in this or any Christian church, confirmed or received by a bishop of the Episcopal Church, attend services, receive Holy Communion, and make a financial commitment. Of course, some people claim membership to our churches because a long-lost relative once attended, and this is fine by us. We believe the church should reflect the open and accepting arms of Jesus.

If one is baptized in a parish, he or she automatically becomes a member. If one is already a member of an Episcopal parish and moves to another, a Letter of Transfer is typically requested. However, the paperwork generally plays second fiddle to the importance of a feeling of belonging to a parish family.

The official joining of the church is through confirmation or reception, which will take place when Bishop Kendrick is here on Sunday, May 7. A Youth Confirmation Class is currently underway. For adults a series of Inquirers Classes has been scheduled.

The Adult Inquirer's Class will be a series of three classes and a final meeting to answer questions about what happens at on Sunday May 7 at Confirmation.

Classes Meet at 11:30 a.m. in the Brantley Parlor

Sunday, December 11 Session I

Sunday, January 8 Session II

Sunday, March 5 Session III

Sunday, April 30 Confirmation Prep

Sunday, May 7 Confirmation/Reception

To attend the classes, please contact Dean

Advent 2016 Meditations

Enclosed in this *Messenger* is a copy of the Daily Advent Devotions—*Peace, Hope, Light* by Dr. Joel Heck from reflections on the writings of C. S. Lewis. The Advent season calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. This booklet contains daily quotes, Scripture, reflections, and prayers to take with you through Advent. The lessons will enrich your Christmas preparations as you await the Savior who comes in peace, hope, and light.

Additional daily meditations from previous years and Advent materials for our youth will be on the credenza in the Chapter House beginning November 20. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27.

For our families we again have the posters, “Slow Down. Quiet. It’s Advent!” For the younger children we have a booklet *Look Around the Manger*, A Sticker Journey Through Advent. The book comes with a punch-out manger scene where the stickers are placed daily.

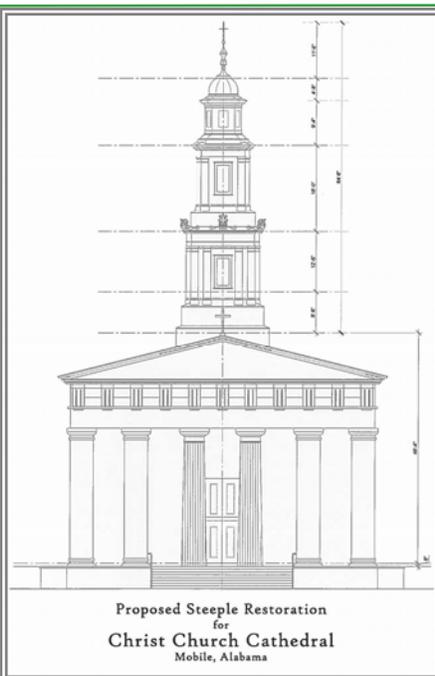
Where is the Steeple?

Architectural drawings from the 1937 Historical American Buildings Survey recreated the original Christ Church steeple, which once appeared prominently in the Mobile skyline until its destruction in the hurricane of 1906. Early photographs and drawings demonstrate the great height and massive structure of that steeple, which was already in disrepair and posed some danger prior to its collapse.

Twenty-first century technology makes it possible to construct a steeple of the same design and dimensions from materials of considerably less weight, with much greater wind resistance, and without significant maintenance requirements.

The steeple is being manufactured and will be installed by Campbellsville Industries, Inc. of Campbellsville, Kentucky (the “Steeple People”). The total height of the finished steeple, including the base support and lower level pilasters will be 64’8”. The steeple will be equipped with a digital carillon, which will be equipped with programed hymn tunes, as well as a keyboard for additional recordings and a remote control.

We look forward to a tentative installment date in December, so be on the lookout for further notices.



MORNING CIRCLE
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14
10:45 A.M.

At the home of Peggy McClelland
157 Oakway Drive
Studying Matthew 14

The group is open for membership and everyone is invited to attend. For more information, please contact Carolyn Stephenson at 342-5637.



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Please make these corrections in the directory mailed in your October *Messenger*.

All Saints' Sunday, November 6
Don't Forget to *Fall Back*
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS





Christmas Outreach Project

Look for some changes in our Christmas Outreach project this year. We will have the giving tree set-up in the Chapter House before Sunday, November 20.

The deadline for giving is Monday, December 12.

To participate, take a tag off the tree for either gifts or cash donations. Return the wrapped gifts to the area beneath the tree or you may send cash gifts to the Cathedral office marked *Christmas Outreach*.



United Thank Offering Ingathering Sunday November 20

Filling the UTO box gives us the opportunity to practice the spiritual discipline of thanksgiving. It allows each one of us the opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude for:

- ✠ Little things—beautiful weather, a phone call from a friend, a delicious meal
- ✠ Big things—recovery from illness, a job opportunity, for forgiveness and reconciliation

We are never too young or too old to count our blessings. Let's begin the daily practice of sharing our grateful spirits. The little things we are thankful for can become big blessings to others in need. Visit the UTO webpage at www.episcopalchurch.org.



The Arpilleras are coming!

Thursday, December 1 through Wednesday, December 14

By purchasing artisan handwork made by disadvantaged women you give them life-changing economic support. 100% of sales is returned directly to the artisans. To read more go to: <http://threadsofhope.ngo/> If you would like to help staff the table, please contact Betty Reniewicz at bwicz35@yahoo.com.

Outreach

Kappa League Brunch 2016

A Huge Success—We raised \$4000!



Above: The Kappa League gentlemen with Dean Gibson. Below: Our cooks Ken McElhaney, Jill and Al Chow.



Our youth and youth confirmands found 33 sponsors and sold 232 tickets! They also planned the breakfast and staffed it. Special thanks to Al and Jill Chow, and Ken McElhaney for cooking 45 dozen scrambled eggs, plus cheese grits, bacon sausage, and biscuits. And, thank you to Cn. Wagner and Sarah Bolt for their leadership.

Sunday morning was very special with almost 50 Kappa men and their sponsors who were here for church and for the brunch. Kappa League president George Preston IV read a lesson and Kappa League Sponsor Carl Cunningham, Jr. spoke to us about the program. There was not a dry eye in the house. Many thanks to everyone who purchased a ticket and to our sponsors:

Angela and Chris Ashcraft
 Wes and Michelle Baker
 Toni and Tony Brown
 Jill and Al Chow
 Gretchen and Angus Cooper
 Joanne and David Cooper
 Lisa and Kennon Drew
 Perrin and Bill Drew
 Carolyn and Bert Eichold
 Mary Esther and Bart Elliott
 Liz and John Ferguson
 Bradley and Bob Forster
 Beverly and Mike Gibson
 Julia Grehan
 Stacy Wellborn and
 Johnny Gwin
 Holly and Bill Hall

Elizabeth Harrison
 Happy and Judy Henson
 Robbie Lynn and Sonny
 Irvine
 Cammie and Bob Israel
 Richard and Carolyn Jeffers
 Julie and John McClelland
 Erica and Ken McElhaney
 Lucy and Leland Moore
 Anne Carwie Moseley
 Richard and Lara Sherer
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 Kay and Wythe Whiting
 Lucy Wright

The Christ Church Cathedral family supports many local, national and international outreach agencies throughout the year. Those who are making special efforts during the holidays are listed on this page. You may give by placing a check in the alms basin with the agency noted, or you may give directly using the addresses provided.

Thanksgiving Opportunities

The Salvation Army

<http://salvationarmyalm.org>

The Salvation Army is recruiting volunteers to serve thanksgiving and Christmas meals. You may also donate on-line or sign-up for their Angel tree.

Feeding the Gulf (Formerly the Bay Area Food Bank)

<https://feedingthe.gulfcoast.org>

Go to their website to see how to donate, sort or distribute the over 20 million pounds of food they distribute annually.

AT THE PARISH LEVEL

Christmas Giving Tree

We have 15 students recommended by the [Mobile Police Department's Family Intervention Team \(FIT\)](#). This year we will provide only gifts for the children, so we have expanded our program to include both Camp Beckwith, and Raise the Roof. This year we will pay for and provide supplies for the [Beckwith Special Ministries Summer Camp](#) and graduates who want to attend Winter Woods. Special Ministries is for underprivileged children from Leinkauf Elementary School. For 47 years All Saints' has been

sponsoring and providing supplies for 3rd and 4th graders for Summer Camp. Graduates are campers who attended the summer sessions and who have asked to be invited back. The older children are mainstreamed with the regular campers. For many this is their only opportunity to have the camp experience. The hope for the program is that the children may eventually apply as counselors. We will also adopt the 21 families who have received help from [Raise the Roof](#) since the program began. Each family has different needs. We are asking you to contact the family to see if they need food, or gifts for the children, or maybe just a visit.

IN THE MOBILE COMMUNITY

Make a donation to the

Home of Grace for Women

www.homeofgraceforwomen.com

The Home of Grace program serves females ages 18 and up who are addicted to alcohol and /or other drugs. They can always use laundry detergent, and paper products. Donations may be taken to the Home of Grace 394 Aldock Road in Eight Mile.

Housing First (formerly 15 Place)

www.hfal.org

Housing first has items they need throughout the year: tarps, underwear (men's, women's, and children's), umbrellas, hygiene items, diapers, wipes, Depends. Any items may be dropped off at the Cathedral office or at their office at 273 Azales Road, Building 3, Suite 110, Mobile 36609.

Mobile Rescue Mission

<https://mobilerescuemission.org>

The Mobile Rescue Mission is collecting shoe boxes to be distributed locally. They have lists of items for boxes for men and women, instructions and the location for drop-off. The deadline for their project is December 9.

Penelope House

www.penelopehouse.org

Penelope House helps victims of intimate partner violence to gain social and economic independence through shelter, counseling, advocacy, and referral to community resources and agencies. We donate toiletries collected from hotels to Penelope House. You may also take gently used clothing to their resale shop, Penelope's Closet, at 63 North Florida Street.

NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY

Threads of Hope—Arpilleras

Beautiful Peruvian textiles that have transformed communities—through consignment shows there have been \$1.5M in sales benefiting over 700 artisans through monthly textile purchases and economic empowerment grants. Our sale is *December 1 through December 14*.

Episcopal Relief and Development Gifts for Life

ERD is celebrating their 75th year of giving. To become a part of the legacy go to:

www.episcopalrelief.org/gifts.

Gifts range from \$35 for Clean Water to \$80 for a goat. ERD Sunday is March 5, 2017.

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
WITH VESTRY AND
CONVENTION DELEGATE
ELECTIONS

The meeting will take place
in the church following the service.

*We wish to thank the members of
the Nominating Committee: Virginia M. Behlen, Sage M.
Bolt, John D. Davidson, W. Kennon Drew, Lewis H.
Golden, Lucy R. (Lyons) Harrison, George B. Inge, Robert
W. Israel, Chuck S. McKay, Stacy E. Wellborn for their
prayerful deliberations for our leadership.*

Floor Nomination Procedure for Vestry Members

A name may be placed in nomination as follows:

- ✠ The nominee has agreed to be placed in nomination.
- ✠ 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 *Resolution of Christ Church Cathedral* titled *Requirements and Responsibilities of Vestry Members* approved on October 10, 2005.

Requirement 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.

Requirements of Convention Delegates

- ✠ 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.

Resolution Concerning Convention Delegates

- ✠ Rather than electing a new slate of four (4) persons to serve in this capacity each year, the terms of service will be staggered among the delegates. One (1) person will be elected each year to rotate onto our delegation for a 4-year term. This will allow for both continuity of experience and service within the delegation, while allowing more people to participate in this important ministry.

Announcing Vestry Nominees—Proposed Class of 2019 continued

Robison (Robby) Clarendon McClure, Jr.

Robby and his wife Rosemarie were married here at Christ Church, prior to cathedral status, each having been confirmed or received here prior—some thirty years ago. Their children, Louise and Anna, were both christened here at Christ Church, and Louise was married here as well. Robby is the Vice President for Development at the Infirmary Foundation and has served as a Head Usher for decades. He has served on various Vestrys and as Senior Warden. His family, including his mother Sister McClure and brother Homer McClure, is committed to Christ Church Cathedral and advancing its care of its communicants and the communities it serves.

James (Jay) Fatherree Watkins

Jay is the Managing Shareholder in the Mobile office of Maynard, Cooper, Gale Law Firm. He graduated from Vanderbilt University and the University of Alabama School of Law. He is a cradle Episcopalian who was baptized at Christ Church in 1967 and attended St. John's Episcopal Church in Laurel Mississippi, where he grew up. In 2006, Jay and his wife Lissa, returned to Christ Church Cathedral. They have two daughters Kate, and Mary Mac. Jay is a member of the Finance Committee.

Convention Delegates

THE 46TH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION WILL BE HELD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23 TO SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2016 AT CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, DOTHAN.

Carolyn Delchamps Eichold

Carolyn served as a leader for events at Christ Church Cathedral for the Consecration of Bishop Kendrick and as Co-Chair of the 2012 Diocesan Convention. She served as a delegate to the diocesan conventions in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, and the electing convention in 2015. Carolyn was confirmed in 1989, and she and her family transferred to Christ Church in 2006. She served on the vestry from 2009-2011. She served as ECW Co-Chair in 2010-2011, and Chair in 2011-2012. Carolyn has served on the Gardens and Grounds and Columbarium committees. She is a chalice bearer and vested lay reader.

Jubal Lee Hamil

Jubal L. Hamil is a lifelong Episcopalian and a member of

Christ Church Cathedral since October 2000. He has served on the vestry, as an usher, and on other various committees. This will be his third diocesan convention. He is married to Tray Hamil and they have three young children: Lawson, Walt and Lally.

Carolyn Stephenson Jeffers

Carolyn is employed as Provost at Christ Church Cathedral where she has been in administration for 15 years. She is a life-long member of Christ Church. She has served on the vestry, is a chalice bearer, a vested lay reader, and is the catechist. She served as delegate to the diocesan convention from 2004 through 2013. She has served on the Standing Committee, and chaired the Transition

Committee for the most recent Bishop Search. She is married to Richard. They have two grown sons, Richard and Sam.

Richard Mitchell

Rick moved his letter to Christ Church in 1979. He has served two terms on the vestry and one term as Senior Warden. He has served on the Finance Committee for the past eight years, and has attended the past five Diocesan Conventions, including the electing convention, as a delegate. He also serves as chalice bearer.

Alternates

Harwell Ellis Coale, Jr.

Robert Willis Israel

Diocesan News

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

Is closing after 55 years.

Their Final Service will be:

Tuesday, November 15

5:30 p.m.

You are invited to join them for the service.

5901 Overlook Road

Mobile, Alabama

All Saints' Episcopal Church (along with Clawed Boudreaux) invites you to the

12th Annual Bayou Bash

Friday, November 4

6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Corner of Government and Ann Streets

Music, Food, Fun, Silent and Live Auctions

Tickets are \$35



By the grace of God

and with the affirmation of the people

The Right Reverend J. Russell Kendrick

Bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

will ordain

Michael Patrick Dickey

Curtis Albert Kennington

Mary Elizabeth Payne-Hardin

to the

Sacred Order of Deacons

in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church

on

Saturday, the third of December

in the year of Our Lord two thousand and sixteen

At ten o'clock in the morning

Christ Church Cathedral



Diaconate Ordination and

Reception

Saturday, December 3

10:00 a.m.

This year we will ordain three seminarians to the Diaconate. We need volunteers to assist. Sign-up sheets will be on the ministry table or you may call Marla in the Cathedral office.

Staffing Needs:

✠ **Stand-up Breakfast**

7:30 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

Purchase, preparation and serving of light breakfast fare.

✠ **Reception**

10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.

Purchase, prepare and serve cheese straws, nuts and mints, and beverages.

✠ **Greeters**

9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m.

We need 8 to 10 greeters stationed around the campus.

✠ **Altar Guild**

9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

We need two altar guild members to set and clear the altar and to prepare for Sunday.

✠ **Ushers**

9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

We need four ushers to hand out bulletins, assist during the service and after the ordination help prepare the church for Sunday.

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:

Sonny Burchfield, Alice Carwie, Katherine Deaton, Hank Cobb, Jordan Moore, Patti Beal, Mike Gibson, Betty Coale, Bill Hall, Stephen Griffith, Diane Murphy

Friends & Family:

Peggy Naughton, Gary Davis, Harrison Leff, Michael Cameron, Nancy & Don Cameron, Rob & Amy Archer Ellis, Davis Nelson, Michael Sumrall, Gwen Cook, Alfred Showers, Jim Elia, Anne Brown, Mark Brown, Dave Carlyn Block, Rachel McClanahan, Norma Beazley, Curtis Bullock, Ann Jones, Hank Wozniak, Lisa Thompson, Stella Phillips, James Thomas, Mark Miles, Tot Swanson, Art Swanson, Hayden Jenkins, Maggie Jenkins, Carolyn Pryor, Merle Findley, Louise Douglas, Shirley & Dunlap Peeples, Steve Harris, Roger Geil, Angel & Larry Torres, Kathy Boucvalt, Bill Stevens, Ginger Simpson, Karen Sentilles, Joe Lowrey, Betty Browder, Glenn Hill, Leslie Ellis Sharbel, Marian Hall, Homer Kemp, Carolyn Graham, Ralph Neal, Mark Mason, Anita Stead, Tim Fulton, Gladys Crowson, Billy Yost, Sybil Willis Rodgers, Paul Vickers, Sr., George Robison, Georgia Dominick, Robin Wade, Randy Moore, Rick Nichols, Kate Heddrich, Julie Brinson, Ceaser Bryant, Moana Karstater, Icy Lee Neel, Frances Robison, Emily Hubbard, Mike Dowers, Jason Lockwood, Pat Fisher, Bubba Murray, Bernice Vickers, Jerry Collins, Grady McMillan, Kerry Goode, Chris Schnieder, John Day Peake, Jr., A. J. Villars, Kaye Koffler, Robert L. Hatcher, Mary Katzman, David Keniston, Zaidee Galloney, Adele Stuardi Gwatkin, Lydia Moore, Bill Betbeze, Ralph Boudreaux,

Tommy Roberson, Billy Bailey, Henry Trice, Cathlene Quizon, The Rev. John Rees, Charlie Mae Moreé, John Houston Tatum, Jr., Mary Christine Wilson, E. J. Boudreaux, Allison Robinson, Randy Batiste, Louise Batiste, Susan Farr, Christina Stanley, Katherine Carver, Pier Louise Hardin, Jason Greene, Myris Capriles, Ileana Molina, Don McWilliams, Scott Kelly, Austin Brown, Mike Curtis, Mary Searle, Jean-Claude Martin, Bob McMillan, Roberta Abrams, The Rev. Maurice Branscomb, Cartledge Weeden Blackwell II, Rene Thompson, Wayne Bailey, The Painter Family, Nonie Reed, Beth Schramm, Brian McArdle and family, Ted Green, Bradford Bankhead, Phinee Vanek, Bryce Saucer, Susan Guilian, Crawford Slaton, Fred Nusbaum, Jill Phillips, Bill Hibbert, Robert Berry, Ella Forkum

Those Serving in the Military:

Dan Drew, Louis Coggin, Jonathan Duralde, Tyler Gamble, Sam Garcia, Darrien Gibson, Parker Hollinghead, Kelley Hood, Brian Hudson, Abby Hutchins, Randy Johnson, Ron Lansong, Jean-Michael Lemieux, Chris Marslender, Zack Miller, Keith Moss, Michael Nassar, Jerry Olin, Brian Pennell, Josh Power, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, Susan Reniewicz, Evan Sizemore, John Snyder, Conner Thigpen, Ryan Anthony Thomas, Ryan Walker, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff, Colton Ulmer, Margie Hall Malloy, Charlie Thigpen, Austin Drexler

Souls Departed:

B. F. Paty Daves, brother of Joel Daves; Carol Elizabeth Cooper, sister of Angus Cooper; Bob Stein

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1	Bradley Forster Ann Moody
November 2	Russell Buster
November 3	Mary Cassis Campbell Sindel Paula Watkins
November 4	Mac Hall
November 5	Anne Price Mitchell Gerry Phillips
November 6	Holly Hall
November 7	Maryann White
November 8	Bill Butler Brooke Grehan Douglas Kearley Susan Youngblood
November 9	Catherine Kelly
November 10	Hayley Garth Tom Garth Lynn Ross
November 11	Alice Carwie Gaye Formanek Lucy Moore
November 12	Chris Ashcraft Wythe Whiting
November 13	Sydney Adkins Chambliss Brister Lucky White-Spunner
November 14	Virginia Wilkins
November 15	Bert Eichold Leland Moore, Jr.
November 17	Angela Ashcraft Clark Forster Findley Reeves
November 19	Russell Ladd Jack White J. P. Williamson
November 20	Mary Cook
November 21	Charlie Weeks Ritchie Sherer
November 22	Mary Dann Betbeze Susan Hales Maria Napier Laura Warren
November 23	Hallie Forster Trent Ken McElhaney Thomas Portacci
November 25	Mary Jane Cobb Betsy McCafferty
November 26	Catherine DeLaney Tray Hamil
November 27	Frank Tait Elizabeth Zarzour
November 28	Stephen McNair
November 29	Jack Thurber
November 30	Anna Frost Deanie Skinner Brenda Stanton

Please contact the Cathedral Office to remove names of Friends and Family you have submitted for the prayer list.

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Katherine E. Powell, *Choir Director*
Brenda J. Stanton, *Financial Secretary*
Marla J. Reis, *Cathedral Secretary*
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Sarah S. Bolt, *Youth Activities Coordinator*
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The Cathedral Mission Statement

The Cathedral is the spiritual center of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. The Cathedral is a dynamic and evolving church that serves as a liturgical, educational, and pastoral center for Diocesan life. It serves as a visible symbol of unity and promotes growth, hope, and a deepening trust in the Lord. The Cathedral is a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be faithfully preached and responded to, and it will model new concepts and ideas for education, evangelism, and outreach to which the Gospel calls us.