

# weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION  
Making Christ Known by our Love for All



## **Easter Sunday | April 5, 2026**

### **Rock Solid Bible Club | April 8**

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension invites children in grades 3–5 to join us after school from 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm as we build a strong foundation of faith. This spring, we'll explore stories of Jesus that teach us to trust Him and love others. Questions? Contact Ashley Monachelli, Director of Family Ministries: [ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org)

### **Sung Compline Service | April 8**

Ascension will offer a service of sung Compline on Wednesday, April 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the church. Compline is a beautiful service meant to help us close out the day in prayer and worship. A potluck dinner will precede the service at 6:00 p.m. in Ware Hall. A main dish will be provided. Attendees are asked to bring a side or dessert to share. All are invited!

### **Men's Breakfast | April 9**

Join us for a time of good food and fellowship at our next Men's Breakfast! We'll gather on Thursday, April 9th at 8:15 AM at First Watch in Vestavia. Please RSVP through Realm or by reaching out to Martin Hoerner at [mhoerner@gmail.com](mailto:mhoerner@gmail.com).

### **Threads of Love | April 10**

Love knitting, crochet, or needlepoint—or have a project you've been meaning to finish? Join us from 1–3 pm in the Sunshine Room for a relaxed time of crafting and community. All skill levels are welcome—just bring your project! For more information, For more information please contact Marguerite Handlin at [kinneym@bellsouth.net](mailto:kinneym@bellsouth.net).

### **The Chosen | April 12 - May 10**

Join us for a new Adult Faith Formation series based on the popular television drama *The Chosen*, which brings the life of Jesus to the screen in a powerful way. We will gather in the Sunshine Room on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. to watch short clips from the series and reflect together as a class. All are welcome!

### **Casual Church | April 12**

Join us April 12th at 5:00 p.m. in Ware Hall for a Casual Eucharist. Come as you are for an evening of worship and Holy Communion in a relaxed setting. Music will be led by Sam Herman and parish volunteers and will feature hymns and songs from *The Hymnal 1982*, *Alleluia III*, and other contemporary sources.

### **April Soup Social | April 15**

Join us for soup and fellowship, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Ware Hall. No cost—just come and enjoy! Orzo chicken soup is on the menu! Contact Kathy Lounsbury at [lounsbury.k@icloud.com](mailto:lounsbury.k@icloud.com).

### **Gumbo Gala | April 18**

The 20th annual Gumbo Gala is April 18th from 12:00–4:00 p.m. at Cahaba Brewing Company! Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online by visiting [www.episcopalplace.org/gumbo-gala](http://www.episcopalplace.org/gumbo-gala). Children 12 and under attend FREE. You can support Ascension's award-winning gumbo team in several ways—join the prep team on Friday, April 17th at Ascension, help serve on Saturday at Cahaba Brewing, or come enjoy the event (and vote for our gumbo, of course!). Email Emily ([emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org)) to sign up for a team or with any questions.

### **Pier 34 Spring Social | April 19**

The Pier 34 group will gather right after the 10:30 service for food and fellowship at Back Forty Brewing! Bring the whole family and connect with others in a similar stage of life. We'd love to see you there. Please RSVP in Realm or email Kelly Gould at [gouldkellyj@gmail.com](mailto:gouldkellyj@gmail.com).

### **Holly Goettge Send-Off Party | April 19**

Please join us as we send Holly Goettge off with love as she begins her next adventure in California. Holly has been an integral part of the Church of the Ascension for many years and will be greatly missed. Pier 60 is hosting this gathering, and all are welcome. Join us Sunday, April 19 from 3–5 pm in Ware Hall. For questions, contact Kathy Lounsbury at [kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org) or 205-516-9521.

### **Women's Mahjong Night | April 21**

Join us for a fun and relaxed Mahjong Night at the church on April 21st from 6:00–7:30 PM! Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, all are welcome. Bring a snack to share and whatever you'd like to drink—we'd love to see you there! Please RSVP in Realm and contact Emily Collette with any questions, [emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org)

### **Monet to Matisse Exhibit | April 22**

Join us for a tour of the *Monet to Matisse* exhibit at the Birmingham Museum of Art on Wednesday, April 22 at 1 pm. Tickets are \$15, payable to Church of the Ascension. For questions, contact Kathy Lounsbury at [kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org) or 205-516-9521.

### **EYC Fresh Vibes Festival | April 26**

Join us for the EYC Fresh Vibes Festival on April 26 from 4–7 PM at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension! This event brings together EYC groups from across the Birmingham area for a fun afternoon filled with a cookout, ice cream bar, trivia, awards, and prizes. Come enjoy high-energy games, team challenges, music, and all the good vibes while spending time with friends and making some new ones. We can't wait to see you there! For more information reach out to Sam Herman at [youth@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:youth@ascensionepiscopal.org)

### **News & Notes**

#### **Medical Equipment Needed**

We need your help! Do you have medical equipment you would be willing to loan to fellow parishioners? We are in the process of creating a list of available items that can be borrowed as needed. A list of equipment and sign up sheet are located in the Terrill foyer. For additional information, contact Kathy Lounsbury at 205-516-9521 or [kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org).

#### **Daystar Counseling Speaking Event | April 28**

Join us on April 28 at 6 PM in Canterbury Center for a meaningful conversation with Sissy Goff and David Thomas of Daystar Counseling Ministries in Nashville. With more than 30 years of experience working with children and families, they will share practical wisdom and insights from their new book, *Capable: How to Teach Your Kids the Strengths, Skills, and Strategies to Build Resilience*. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Ashley Monachelli ([ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org))

#### **Camp Chaos VBS | June 15 - 18**

Are you ready for this summer to get a little... chaotic? Get ready for **Camp Chaos VBS!** This summer, children will spend a few days at a forest campsite—but watch out! Things are starting to get a little wild at Camp Chaos, but we will discover how Jesus is our peace in a chaotic world. Save the dates for VBS June 15 - 18, ages 4k - rising 5th grade welcome! Questions? Reach out to Ashley Monachelli ([ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org)) You can register on our website or via the QR code.



#### **Cursillo**

Making plans and filling up your calendar for 2026? Consider going to Cursillo at Camp McDowell! Upcoming Cursillo weekends are : **April 9-12** (sign up by March 7), **May 28-31**, & **October 8-11**. Cursillo weekends are Thursday evening-Sunday afternoon. Each retreat combines fun, friendship, study, worship and service in a beautiful setting. There is no cost to attend. Accommodations are hotel style, your choice of single or double, and delicious meals are provided. If you're interested or want to sign up, contact [marybethbasu@gmail.com](mailto:marybethbasu@gmail.com) or [Rebecca.p.posey@gmail.com](mailto:Rebecca.p.posey@gmail.com)

#### **Giving Hope April**

This month, our outreach supports Sawyerville, an Episcopal Diocese of Alabama ministry providing free summer programs, mentoring, & scholarships for Hale County youth. Their mission fosters service to God, broadens perspectives, improves race relations and supports those in poverty. Help us contribute individual bags of chips.

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