

weekly announcements

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



Second Sunday of Easter | April 12, 2026

The Chosen | TODAY - 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 | TONIGHT

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.

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. 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) 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.

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 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

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 or 205-516-9521.

Pier 45 Dinner Gathering | April 25

Join us for a Pier 45 dinner gathering at the Basu's home on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. The main dish will be provided—please bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share, and BYOB. We hope you'll come enjoy a relaxed evening of good food and fellowship! Please RSVP via Realm.

Pier 23 Hiking Excursion and Dinner | April 26

Join us on April 26th for an afternoon hike, followed by dinner! We will meet at the entrance to Red Mountain Park (the Frankfort Dr/Lyon Ln entrance) at 4:00 p.m. for a hike. Afterward, we will grab dinner together at Paramount in

Homewood. If you can't join us for the hike, you are still encouraged to come to dinner! Please RSVP to Emily emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org or Andrew to attend.

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

Pier 60 Dinner Gathering | May 2

Join us for a wonderful evening of food and fellowship at the Pier 60 Dinner Gathering on Saturday, May 2 at 6:00 PM at the home of Bob and Ann Carr. Jon and Mary Anne Hornbuckle will be co-hosting the evening. Dinner will feature Bob's Famous Boston Butt, so come hungry and ready to enjoy time together. Please RSVP to mahornbu@charter.net or 205-529-2884.

News & Notes

ECW Scholarship

The Ascension Birmingham ECW Scholarship Committee is now accepting applications for scholarships funded through the Harriette Wise Gwin and ECW Clara Crossley Smith scholarship funds. Applicants must be members of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension-Birmingham (Vestavia Hills, AL) and submit a completed application form along with a final grade report. Selection is based on need, academic standing, and application. Applications are available in the parish office and must be returned by **April 15, 2026**, with recipients announced by May 1, 2026. For questions, contact Barbara Hash at 205-823-4963 or bab64h@aol.com.

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)

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) 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 : **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 or 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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