

# weekly announcements

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



**Third Sunday of Easter | April 19, 2026**

## **The Chosen | TODAY – May 10**

Join us for an Adult Faith Formation series based on *The Chosen*, a powerful portrayal of the life of Jesus. We meet Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Sunshine Room to watch clips and reflect together. All are welcome!

## **Pier 34 Spring Social | TODAY**

Join the Pier 34 group after the 10:30 service at Back Forty Brewing for food and fellowship. Bring the whole family and connect with others in a similar stage of life—we'd love to see you there! RSVP in Realm or email Kelly Gould at [gouldkellyj@gmail.com](mailto:gouldkellyj@gmail.com). *Pier 34 is a peer group for those in their 30s/40s.*

## **Holly Goettge Send-Off Party | TODAY**

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 Ascension for many years and will be greatly missed. Sunday, April 19, 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 from 6:00–7:30 PM at the church! Whether you're a beginner or experienced, all are welcome. Bring a snack to share and your favorite drink. Please RSVP in Realm and contact Emily Collette with any questions at [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.

## **Pier 45 Dinner Gathering | April 25**

Join us for a Pier 45 dinner at the Basu home on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 PM. The main dish will be provided—please bring a side, appetizer, or dessert to share, and BYOB. Please RSVP via Realm or contact Caroline [Hottlecaroline.hottle@gmail.com](mailto:Hottlecaroline.hottle@gmail.com). *Pier 34 is a peer group for those in their 40s/50s.*

## **Pier 23 Hiking Excursion and Dinner | April 26**

Join us on April 26 for an afternoon hike, followed by dinner! We will meet at Red Mountain Park (Frankfort Dr/Lyon Ln entrance) at 4:00 PM. Afterward, we'll have dinner at Paramount in Homewood. You're welcome to join for either or both. Please RSVP to Emily at [emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org) or Andrew. *Pier 23 is a peer group for those in their 20s/30s.*

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

Youth (grades 6–12) are invited to the EYC Fresh Vibes Festival from 4–7 PM at Ascension. Enjoy a cookout, ice cream bar, games, trivia, music, and prizes with youth from across Birmingham. Bring your friends and come enjoy the good vibes! For more information, contact Sam Herman at [youth@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:youth@ascensionepiscopal.org).

## **Men's Fireside Chat | April 28**

Join us for our Men's Fireside Chat on Tuesday, April 28th, from 7:30–9:00 p.m. at the church. We look forward to spending time together and hope you'll join us. Please RSVP through Realm or by emailing Martin Hoener at [mhoerner@gmail.com](mailto:mhoerner@gmail.com).

## **Pier 60 Dinner Gathering | May 2**

Join us for an evening of food and fellowship at 6:00 PM at the home of Bob and Ann Carr, co-hosted by Jon and Mary Anne Hornbuckle. Dinner will feature Bob's famous Boston Butt—come hungry! Please RSVP to [mahornbu@charter.net](mailto:mahornbu@charter.net) or 205-529-2884. *Pier 60+ is a peer group for those in their 60s and above.*

### **Food Truck Festival | May 14**

Join us for our Annual Food Truck Festival on May 14 from 5:30–8 PM! Enjoy Battle Axe, Corazon, Uncle G's Pizza, Roll Cajun Boudin, and Nola Ice, plus fun for kids including balloon art and face painting. Sign up genius is available on our website, would love your help!

### **News & Notes**

#### **ECW Scholarship**

The ECW Scholarship Committee is accepting applications for scholarships funded by the Harriette Wise Gwin and Clara Crossley Smith funds. Applicants must be Ascension members and submit a completed application and final grade report. Awards are based on need, academic standing, and application. Forms are available in the parish office and are due April 26, 2026. Recipients will be announced by May 15, 2026. For questions, contact Barbara Hash at 205-823-4963 or [bab64h@aol.com](mailto:bab64h@aol.com).

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

Join us on April 28 at 6 PM in Canterbury Center for a conversation with Sissy Goff and David Thomas of Daystar Counseling Ministries. With over 30 years of experience, they will share insights from their book *Capable* on helping children build resilience. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Ashley Monachelli at [ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org).

#### **Camp Chaos VBS | June 15–18**

Get ready for Camp Chaos VBS! Children ages 4K–rising 5th grade will spend a fun-filled week discovering how Jesus is our peace in a chaotic world. For questions, contact Ashley Monachelli at [ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org). Registration is available on our website or via the QR code.



#### **Cursillo**

Consider attending Cursillo at Camp McDowell. Upcoming weekends are **May 28–31 and October 8–11**. Each retreat includes worship, study, fellowship, and fun. There is no cost to attend. If you're interested, 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 we support Sawyerville, an Episcopal Diocese of Alabama ministry providing free summer programs, mentoring, and scholarships for Hale County youth. Help by donating individual bags of chips.

#### **Feeding Ministries**

Volunteers are always needed for our feeding ministries. During the school year, help pack and distribute **weekend food packs** for local students. Year-round, **serve our neighbors in Avondale** through sack lunches and breakfast (in partnership with The Abbey), and help provide a monthly meal for the women and children at **First Light Shelter**. To get involved, contact The Rev. Emily Collette at [emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org).

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