

# weekly announcements

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



**Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 26, 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 23 Hiking Excursion and Dinner | TODAY**

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 | TONIGHT**

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.*

## **Senior Sunday | May 10**

Every year, we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. On Sunday, May 10th, we will honor the following seniors who are graduating this May during the 10:30 service : **Ella Burke, James Colvin, Thomas Downey, Nathan Mann, Amanda Orr, Carrie Ella Smith.** Please join us in praying for them as they take this next big step in their lives!

## **Rock Solid Bible Club | May 13**

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension invites children in grades 3–5 to join us after school on May 13th from 2:45 pm – 3:45 pm as we build a strong foundation of faith. 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)

## **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!

## **Alabama Choral Society Concert | May 16**

Join us as we host Alabama Choral Society's concert Saturday May 16 at 2:30 pm at Church of the Ascension. The concert will include Gabriel Fauré's Requiem with instruments as well as C. Hubert Hastings Parry's coronation anthem I Was Glad. Dr. Melinda Doyle is the conductor of the group which is made up of young music professionals. The Concert is free and all are invited.

### Ascension Sunday | May 17

Celebrate *Ascension Sunday* on May 17 with Sunday School Olympics for all ages (9:30 - 10:15). After 10:30 church, we'll take our annual Parish Family Photo and then enjoy the end-of-the year cookout. The church will provide the main course (burgers & hotdogs). We just ask that you please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

### 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).

#### Breakfast Update

Please note the last hot breakfast of the year is May 3. We will have Continental Breakfast on May 10. Regular hot breakfast to return in September

#### 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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