

weekly announcements

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



Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 3, 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!

Casual Church | TONIGHT

Join us tonight 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.

EYC | TONIGHT

Please plan to join us for Casual Church from 5:00-5:45 Sunday evening, followed immediately by EYC until 7:00! After the service, we will have about an hour set aside to hang out with no strict agenda. We'll have pizza in the EYC room and unwind together before the week begins. We might play some games, do an art project, or just enjoy one another's company with good conversation. Hope to see you there! *Episcopal Youth Community (EYC) is for youth in grades 6-12.*

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

Men's Breakfast | May 14

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

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. We need lots of volunteers to pull this off. Sign up to help in Terrill Foyer or use sign-up genius located on our website.

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.

May Soup Social | May 20

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

News & Notes

Giving Hope May

Let's make a difference by spreading joy through generosity. We're gearing up for our upcoming Vacation Bible School and we need your help. Please consider signing up to donate supplies via Amazon Wish List on our websites and a food sign up is in Terrill Foyer. Go to our website to find out more information and contact ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org with any questions.

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. 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 or Rebecca.p.posey@gmail.com.

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.

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