

weekly announcements

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 10, 2026

The Chosen | LAST CLASS

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

Senior Sunday | TODAY

Every year, we recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our graduating seniors. Today we 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.

Pentecost Sunday | May 24

Celebrated 50 days after Easter, Pentecost marks the arrival of the Holy Spirit and the advent of the Church to carry out the work God gives us to do with and in the risen Christ. The congregation is invited to wear the color red to symbolize the presence and power of the Spirit. Additionally, those who can speak a foreign language are encouraged to help read our lesson from Acts. Please contact Brian Denton at briankdenton@gmail.com if you can help.

News & Notes

ECW Scholarship Announcement

The Ascension Scholarship Committee, on behalf of the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, is proud to announce the recipients of scholarships for the 2026-2027 school year. The recipients this year are **Carlin Gregory, James Colvin, and Nathan Mann.**

Carlin is a student finishing her first year at Auburn University and is currently majoring in psychology with a minor in French. She will be studying abroad this summer and plans to attend law school after she graduates. **James** has been accepted at Auburn University. He plans on majoring in rehabilitation and disability studies. **Nathan** has been accepted at the University of Alabama and plans to get his degree in art education.

Our congratulations to all three of these young people. May God bless them as they pursue their educational goals now and in their life's work after graduation.

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. To ask questions or to volunteer, please contact Ashley Monachelli at ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org. Registration is available on our website or via the QR code.



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

We will have Continental Breakfast on May 10. Regular hot breakfast to return in September

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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