

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | July 6, 2025

Upcoming Events

Ascension Men's Gathering | July 15

Join the men of Ascension for a casual evening of fellowship, games, and fun on Tuesday, July 15th at 5:30 PM at Up-Down Arcade Bar, located at 113 13th Street South in Birmingham. All are welcome—bring a friend and come enjoy a great night out! Contact Martin Hoerner for more information at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Club 345 & EYC Bowling | July 16

Join us for Club 345 and EYC Bowling Night on July 16th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM at Vestavia Bowl! The cost per person is \$15. Don't forget your socks! Please RSVP in Realm or contact Ashley for more information, ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game | July 25

Join your friends from Ascension as the Birmingham Barons take on the Montgomery Biscuits at 6:30 PM at Regions Field. Stick around after the game for fireworks—win or lose! Tickets are \$17 and include admission, a hot dog, chips, and water. RSVP on Realm or contact Kathy kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org with any questions.

Pier 45 Gathering | July 26

Pier 45 (40's/50's) will gather next on Friday, July 26th at 6:00 PM at the home of the Nelsons to celebrate Elaine and Leslie's retirement. Dinner will be provided, and guests are invited to sign up to bring appetizers or desserts. Please RSVP on Realm or contact Caroline Hottle, caroline.hottle@yahoo.com.

Rummage Sale | August 1 & 2

It's time to Save Your Stuff for Ascension's Rummage Sale! Donations may be dropped off in Ware Hall beginning Sunday, July 27 after the 10:30 service. **NO CLOTHING OR ELECTRONICS.** Please place items in the designated areas. Volunteers are needed for set-up and pricing on Monday, July 28, Tuesday, July 29, and Wednesday, July 30 (if needed). The sale will take place on Friday, August 1 and Saturday, August 2, with all proceeds benefiting the Outreach ministries of Ascension. To volunteer, please sign up via the Sign-Up-Genius. Contact Kathy with any questions, kathy.lounsbury@ascensionepiscopal.org.

Pier 34 Pool Party | August 9

Pier 34 will gather on Saturday, August 9th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Goulds' home for a pool party. Bring a snack to share and BYOB as we enjoy an afternoon of good conversation and fellowship. To RSVP, please text 334-412-2737.

Pier 23 Pool Party | August 10

Join us for a fun-filled evening at the Pier 23 Pool Party, hosted by John and Mary Claire Bandy, on August 10th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at their home. Please bring a side dish, appetizer, or dessert to share with everyone. To help us plan, kindly RSVP to Andrew Ault (asault@crimson.ua.edu) or Emily Collette (emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org) by August 4th. We can't wait to see you there!

Men's Fireside Chat | August 12

Join the men of Ascension for a relaxed Fireside Chat on Tuesday, August 12th at 7:30 PM at the church. It's a great chance to connect, reflect, and enjoy meaningful conversation together. Contact Martin Hoerner for more

information at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Parish Day Out | August 23

Mark your calendars! We're heading to Oak Mountain State Park for a day of fun and fellowship. Stay tuned for more details.

News & Notes

Upcoming Office Hours

Week of July 7 : Monday - Thursday - 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.; Friday - Closed

A Message from the Bishop Search Committee

We want to hear from you! Help guide our search for the next Bishop of the Episcopal Church in Alabama by taking a quick survey. Your insights will help potential candidates prayerfully discern if God is calling them to serve in our diocese. The survey is open through July 11, so please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and be part of this journey. Thank you for your participation. For more information, the survey link was shared in past emails and on social media.

Service Music Change

We will be changing our service music this week to the ever popular settings by Robert Powell. A native of Benoit MS., Mr Powell was a leading figure in American church music before his death earlier this year at the age of 93. He was a graduate of Union Seminary and he served several churches throughout his career including 35 years at Christ Church, Greenville, SC. He published hundreds of anthems, organ pieces, and larger works. He was the cousin of our own Barbara Hash.

A/V Guild Volunteers Needed!

The A/V Guild is looking for a few new recruits to help stream our Sunday services. Members would typically be responsible for one Sunday per month. You don't have to be a computer wiz to figure it out but some computer skills are required. This ministry helps connect people to the gospel who would otherwise not have access to church. Please reach out to Matt Hottle (matthewshottle@gmail.com) to find out more.

Giving Hope | July

This July, our Giving Hope initiative is dedicated to supporting the Firehouse Shelter, which provides essential services to homeless men in Birmingham. Given the exceptionally hot summer we are experiencing, there is a particularly urgent need for bottled water. We kindly ask for donations of bottled water. Packages can be stacked next to the bin due to their weight. Your generosity will make a significant difference in helping those in need stay hydrated!

The Abbey Volunteers

Every Thursday morning, members of the congregation distribute sack lunches for those experiencing hunger in Avondale. Members of the congregation also gather on Wednesday to pack these sack lunches. To learn more and sign up, visit Sign-Up Central or contact Ross Parker at rossparker@att.net.

First Light Volunteers

Every month, members of the congregation serve a hot meal to the women and children at First Light Shelter. We also need teams to cook and/or serve the meal. To learn more and sign up, visit Sign-Up Central or contact Caralyn McDaniel at caralynmcdaniel@gmail.com.

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