

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost | July 20, 2025

Upcoming Events

Cursillo of Alabama | Today

During the 10:30 service, Mary Beth Basu will reflect on the Cursillo movement in Alabama. Spanish for a 'short course' on Christianity, Cursillo provides ways for Christians to meet in small groups to reflect on their life of prayer, study, and action. The experience begins with a free weekend retreat at Camp McDowell. To learn more, contact our Parish Lay Rectors Jeannie Duke and Jim Loop at jdjl2xs@gmail.com.

EfM Informational Meeting | July 24

You are invited to join us for dinner and an informational meeting for all who would like to know more about the EfM, Education for Ministry program. The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 24 at 6:00pm at Ascension in the Sunshine Room. We will include an introduction to EfM and information pertaining to the 2025-2026 class now forming which is scheduled to begin on Thursday, August 7. *Past members are also invited. For additional information, please contact either Holly Goettge (tgoettge@charter.net/205-410-7208) or Jim Busbin (jybusbin@charter.net/205-4823557)

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 **BY TODAY** 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.

Club 345 & EYC | July 27

Join us at the church on Saturday, July 27, from 3:00–5:00 PM for an afternoon of service, fellowship, and fun! We'll be making cards for our friends at The Abbey to include with their lunch bags—a simple act of love for our neighbors. Afterward, enjoy games and ice cream sundaes with friends. Please RSVP for this event, and reach out to ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org with any questions!

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.

Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage | August 9

On August 9th, the Diocese of Alabama will offer the annual Jonathan Daniels Pilgrimage, which commemorates the martyrdom of Episcopal seminarian Jonathan Daniels, as well as the other martyrs of the civil rights movement in Alabama. The Rev. Emily Collette will be coordinating a group from Ascension to attend the pilgrimage and worship service, with the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry preaching. This is a powerful experience and a chance for us to grapple with our past and look forward in hope. The event in Hayneville will last from 11 am to 2 pm. We will carpool from the church and plan to meet at 8:45 am and return by 3:30 pm. If you would like to join, please RSVP in Realm or by contacting Emily emily.collette@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 Gould's 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks | August 10th

Students of all ages as well as teachers are invited to bring the backpacks to the service to receive a blessing as they start the new school year. Everyone will receive a momento during the backpack blessing as a reminder of God's love and blessings throughout the school year.

Ministry Fair | August 10

Join us for the Faith in Action Ministry Fair: Sharing the Fruits of Your Spirit on Sunday, August 10th in Ware Hall, immediately following the 10:30 service. Enjoy snacks and refreshments provided by our Ministry Teams. Don't miss this opportunity to explore and engage with our ministries as we come together to serve our community and grow in faith.

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.

Women's Gathering | August 19

Our next Ascension Women's gathering will be at Monday Night Brewing on August 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Come enjoy good food and fellowship with your fellow women at Ascension! Reach out to Emily with any questions emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org.

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

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!

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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.