

# weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost | August 17, 2025**

## Upcoming Events

### **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 other women at Ascension! Reach out to Emily with any questions

[emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org).

### **Samford Acapella Choir Concert | August 21**

The Samford University A Cappella Choir will present a short, informal concert celebrating the end of their annual choir camp. The concert is free and will be Thursday, August 21 at 6:00 PM in the nave. The director is Philip Copeland, father of our own Caroline Copeland. This is a great chance to hear one of the South's finest choirs!

### **Sunday School Open House | August 24**

Youth, children, and adults are invited to a special open house during the Sunday School hour (9:30-10:15) to learn more about Sunday school offerings for all ages. This is also a great opportunity to meet Ashley Monachelli who is our new Director of Family Ministries as well as Sam Herman who is our new Youth Minister. Additionally, our volunteer teachers will also present. There will be breakfast pastries and other sweet treats.

### **Godly Play Information Session | August 24**

Curious about what our 4K-2nd graders are doing during Godly Play? Join us for an informal info session on Saturday, August 24th from 2:00-3:30 PM in the Sunshine Room. We'll start there, then head over to the GP Room to explore the space and learn more. Please RSVP to Ashley Monachelli, [ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org), so we know how many to expect. We'd love to see you there!

### **EYC Kick-Off | August 24**

We will have our EYC Kick-Off August 24 from 5:30 - 7:15 pm. Grades 6 - 12 are invited to have pizza, play games, and start our study of Luke. Grab your Bible and bring a friend! Contact Sam Herman for more information, [sam.herman@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:sam.herman@ascensionepiscopal.org). Mark your calendars for our fall EYC dates! Dinner will always be provided and we will meet from 5:30 - 7:15 pm.

\*September 7, 14, 21, 28 | October 5 (Club 345 included) and 19 | November 2, 9, 30 | December 7, 14, 21 (Christmas Bash).

### **Men's Breakfast | August 28**

Join us for a time of good food and great fellowship at our next Men's Breakfast! We'll gather on Thursday, August 28 at 8:30 AM at First Watch in Vestavia. Please RSVP through Realm or by reaching out to Martin Hoerner at

[mhoerner@gmail.com](mailto:mhoerner@gmail.com).

### **Kickoff Sunday | September 7**

The program year officially kicks off on September 7th with the return of breakfast and Sunday school. The nursery will open at 9:15 a.m. and formation for all ages will run from 9:30 - 10:15 a.m. Following the 10:30 service, we will have a Tailgate Lunch in Ware Hall hosted by Pier 34. Bring a favorite tailgate food and wear your favorite team's colors!

### **Bible Presentation | September 7**

At the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, we believe engaging with Scripture is vital for spiritual growth. This year, we're excited to start a new tradition: presenting Bibles to our third-grade students, marking their faith development and readiness for independent Scripture study. We're also extending this new tradition to include our fourth and fifth-grade students in this year's presentation. This Bible presentation is a heartfelt gift from the congregation, symbolizing our support and encouragement. We pray these Bibles become treasured possessions and powerful starting points for each child to cultivate a deeper relationship with God through daily study of His word. We envision these Bibles as lifelong

companions, guiding students on their faith journey. Please register your child for this memorable celebration via Realm. This will enable us to have Bibles for all of our children. For questions or more information, please reach out to Ashley Monachelli, [ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org). We are here to assist and look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with you.

### **Newcomer Coffee | September 14**

If you are new or visiting we invite you to join us for the Newcomer Coffee in the Sunshine Room at 9:30 am. Please RSVP by emailing The Rev. Jack Alvey, [jack.alvey@ascensionepiscopal.org](mailto:jack.alvey@ascensionepiscopal.org).

### **News & Notes**

\*There is no August Soup Social, we will resume in September.

### **Rummage Sale Update**

Our Rummage Sale was a HUGE success- thanks to you! Whether you donated, sorted, bought, hosted, invited people, transported, set up or closed down, Thank You! We raised over \$5,500 for Ascension Outreach ministries, cleaned out “stuff” and got to spend time with some incredible church members.

### **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](mailto:matthewshottle@gmail.com)) to find out more.

### **Giving Hope | August**

School will be starting soon and that means that the Ascension Backpack Program will be gearing up, as well. The goal of the Backpack Program is to alleviate child hunger in Vestavia Hills by providing nutritious, easy-to-prepare food on weekends when other resources are not available. Packs of food are distributed to participating schools and then discreetly given to children in need, at no cost to the participating schools or children. Volunteers from Ascension prepare the meal packs each week and deliver them to the designated elementary schools.

The goal of our Giving Hope outreach for August is to stock the shelves for this wonderful program. You can help by donating any of the following: **individual microwave mac and cheese, individual microwave Chef Boyardee, peanut butter crackers , applesauce squeeze pouches, individual packs of trail mix, beef jerky sticks, protein bars, breakfast bars, and shelf-stable protein drinks.**

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:caralynmcdaniel@gmail.com).

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