

weekly announcements

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Making Christ Known by our Love for All



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost | August 31, 2025

Upcoming Events

Pier 45 Gathering | September 6

Join us for a fun evening at the Hottle's Home on Saturday, September 6 at 6:00 PM. We'll enjoy great food and fellowship together. Please sign up in Realm to bring one of the following: appetizer, vegetable side dish, starch side dish or dessert. We can't wait to see you there! Contact Caroline Hottle for more information caroline.hottle@yahoo.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. We are here to assist and look forward to sharing this joyous occasion with you.

Men's Cookout | September 9

We are going to fire up the grill on Tuesday, September 9th at 6 pm. Join the Men of Ascension for an evening of food, fellowship, and fun! A suggested donation of \$10 helps cover dinner costs. RSVP in Realm or contact Martin Hoerner at mhoerner@gmail.com.

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.

Women's Ministry Watercolor Class | September 16

Join us on Tuesday, September 16th, for a watercolor painting class led by Ann Carr. Ann will help us paint note cards and gift tags to take home, as well as give some lessons and tips for those just learning how to use watercolors. We will meet at Ascension from 6:00-8:00 p.m. We will have light snacks. The cost is \$15, and financial assistance is available. In order to make sure we have enough supplies, please RSVP to Emily Collette, emily.collette@ascensionepiscopal.org or in Realm no later than September 11th.

September Soup Social | September 17

Join us for our September Soup Social on Wednesday, September 17, from 11:45 AM to 12:45 PM in Ware Hall. There's no cost to attend! It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy good food and great company. All are welcome, so feel free to invite a friend and warm up your afternoon with us! Contact Kathy Lounsbury at Lounsbury.k@icloud.com for questions.

Club 345 | September 21 & October 5

Club 345 will head out for some fun on Sunday, September 21! Following the 10:30 am service, we will walk to the City Center for lunch at Davenport's Pizza. Cost is \$5 per child, with pick-up back at the church at 1:30 p.m. Contact Ashley with any questions, ashley.monachelli@ascensionepiscopal.org. On October 5th, Club 345 will arrive at 4:45 to help collect supplies for Blessing of the Animals. After the service, they will join EYC & dinner is provided! Pick-up is at 7:15.

Pier 23 Bowling Night | September 21

Join Pier 23 for a bowling night on Sunday, September 21st from 5:00-7:00 p.m. The cost is \$20/person, which includes two hours of bowling and shoe rentals (financial assistance is always available - please reach out to Emily for help). RSVP in Realm or by emailing Andrew Ault, asault@crimson.ua.edu no later than September 18th.

Men's Breakfast | September 24

Join us for a time of good food and fellowship at our next Men's Breakfast! We'll gather on Thursday, September 24th at 8:15 AM at First Watch in Vestavia. Please RSVP through Realm or by reaching out to Martin Hoerner at mhoerner@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals | October 5

Join us in the garden as we have our annual blessing of the animals at 5 pm. We will also be collecting items for the Birmingham Humane Society. Items Needed: Dog Food, Unscented Non-Clumping Cat Litter, Cleaning Supplies, Large Dog Crates & Slip Leads.

News & Notes

Message from Kathy Lounsbury

It has been my pleasure to serve as Parish life Coordinator for the past 3 years. It gave me the opportunity to meet new friends, rekindle relationships with old friends and create opportunities for new ways to connect with each other. Your thoughtful gifts, cards and messages of kindness and love are much appreciated. I am grateful and blessed to be a part of the Ascension family. With my sincerest thanks, Kathy

Giving Hope | September

During the month of September, we will be supporting *Bundles of Hope* by collecting diapers of all sizes, including adult diapers, as well as wipes. Opened packages of diapers are also welcome and greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us give hope to families in need!

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.

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.

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