

# THE MESSENGER

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL  
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## A Message from the Dean

Dear Cathedral Family,

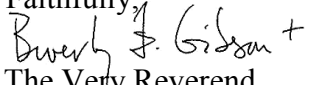
September of most years would be a time of “rallying” or “ramping up” for our program year, shifting gears from the relative calm and quiet of summer to a time of greater activity. This year is exceptional, in more ways than one.

Our annual Rally Day on September 13 will not be the usual day of signing up for new ministries, organizing the Episcopal Church Women, and taking a running start at the year ahead. Instead, we will celebrate our summer of great activity and excitement surrounding the consecration of our new bishop, The Rt. Rev. Russell Kendrick, by having a “Post-Celebration Celebration.” Young people will still find their Sunday School rooms and meet their teachers, and our Episcopal Youth Community will meet to discuss their very busy calendar of events. We will still commission our Christian Education teachers during our worship. But mainly, we will enjoy being together, and we will give thanks for the outpouring of the gifts of so many members of the extended Cathedral Family over the course of last spring and summer. We will enjoy the abundant “leftovers” of our “loaves and fish” celebration weekend—pulled pork, chicken tenders, a few extras, and maybe a glass or two of something refreshing.

The Cathedral Vestry and Staff spent a productive and pleasant day in retreat at the end of August, looking at plans for the year ahead and beginning the process of visioning for the next seven years, leading up to our bicentennial in 2022. We discussed a new worship opportunity beginning this fall: during the month of October, we will experiment with a Sunday afternoon Eucharist, meeting at

4:00 p.m. in the chapel. This will be a more relaxed worship experience than the one at 10:00 a.m., with a different musical style and some of the alternative liturgies approved by The Episcopal Church. If the response is strong and positive, we will explore making this a more regular part of our worship life together. Organist and Choirmaster Christopher Powell previewed the year’s musical offerings, detailed in a separate mailer you should have received recently. Canon Wagner reviewed the year’s calendar for our young people; once again this year, we will benefit from the ministry of Sarah Bolt with our youth and Corinne Betbeze with our children. In November, I will be leading a discussion of the recently published *The Book of Common Prayer: A Biography*, by Alan Jacobs. This is a short book, copies of which are available in the office. It is a wonderful introduction to us as “people of the book” for inquirers or for anyone wanting to know more about how our worship has developed over time. Plans are also underway for our stewardship campaign in October, and the process of Vestry nominating has also begun.

We are not “rallying,” because we are already “ramped up” for the year ahead! This program year will be one of great activity and exciting planning for our future as the Cathedral of our diocese, as we join our Bishop Russell in looking forward with hope to the mission God has given us.

Faithfully,  
  
The Very Reverend  
Beverly F. Gibson, Ph.D., Dean

## RALLY DAY AND A POST-CELEBRATION CELEBRATION LUNCH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13!

On the first day of our program year, come join us for another “Taste of the Central Gulf Coast,” thanks to our wonderful Celebration Team!

Our Christian Formation and EYC year begins with our students meeting their teachers and then meeting together in the high school classroom.

## THE CATHEDRAL CHAPTER

### 2015

Robert Willis Israel  
*Senior Warden*

Hetty Cunningham Newell  
Charles Stephen McKay  
*Junior Wardens*

William Kennon Drew  
*Treasurer*

Harwell Ellis Coale, Jr.  
*Chancellor*

Ronald A. Snider  
*Clerk*

### Class of 2015

John D. Davidson  
Mary Esther T. Elliott  
Banks C. Ladd  
Alison S. Mitchell  
Lucy F. Moore  
Henry R. Seawell IV

### Class of 2016

Sage M. Bolt  
Lewis H. Golden  
George B. Inge  
Robert W. Israel  
Charles S. McKay  
Hetty C. Newell

### Class of 2017

V. Lyn Bennett  
Cartledge W. Blackwell III  
Steven B. Hall  
Barbara L. Mitchell  
Margaret M. Thigpen  
Thomas B. Van Antwerp

### Chapter Members

Mendy Henderson, 2016  
*St. Agatha's, deFuniak Springs*  
Gary Moore, 2017  
*St. Paul's, Daphne*  
The Rev. Aaron Smith, 2018  
*St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs*

## A Message from the Canon Pastor

As August has given way to September, life at the Cathedral is starting up once more with our program offerings. Later this month, we will have our Rally Day where we will celebrate our hard work done for the bishop's consecration. We will also begin our program year, with Christian Formation, Fun Club, and EYC activities. Rally Day, September 13, will be a time for our children and youth to meet their Sunday School teachers and for our EYC to meet as a group during lunch.

I give thanks to God that we have some wonderful Christian Formation offerings for our children and youth and we have some wonderful teachers. This year, we will continue to use lectionary-based Christian Formation materials for our Sunday School classes. From Kindergarten through High School, we have learning opportunities. For a more detailed listing of our learning opportunities, please see page 4.

It is my hope that Christian Formation and children and youth activities are not just "one more thing to do" for families. Our society places a lot of demands on us and it is not my goal to place another "burden" on our parishioners. But my hope is that our offerings are avenues for spiritual growth for our younger parishioners. In gardening terms, think of it as readying the soil and planting the seeds. My hope is that our parents and grandparents will work hard for our children and youth to come to church and to fully participate in our Christian Formation offerings. Our children and youth have an active role in our parish. They enjoy Sunday School, being acolytes, and

participating in the Fun Club and EYC groups.

Our children and youth have worked hard in the area of outreach through last year's Pancake Breakfast for the Fuse Project. This year, our youth will be doing a service project, in conjunction with the Confirmation Class, to raise money for a scholarship program for the Kappa League.

For our Fun Club, we want our 3rd-5th graders to have the experience of doing group activities and learn more about their faith. For our EYC, we want to cultivate a safe and joyful environment where our youth can explore their faith and build friendships. This year, our goal for EYC is do fun and formative events with our own group, participate with other local EYC groups, and engage with youth from the whole diocese.

Parents and Grandparents, I encourage you all to look at our opportunities and bring your children and youth on Sundays. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

If anyone is interested in helping with our youth or assisting as a substitute teacher, I would love to hear from you as well. Please email me at the address below or call the church office.

Have a great September everyone, and I hope to see you at church!

Faithfully,



The Reverend Canon Daniel A. Wagner  
Canon Pastor  
[dwagner@christchurchcathedralsmobile.org](mailto:dwagner@christchurchcathedralsmobile.org)

## KAPPA LEAGUE BRUNCH

Sunday, October 18  
After the 10:00 a.m. Service  
Cost: \$8

Please see members of the 3rd - 12th grade Sunday School classes to buy your tickets.

This is our youth outreach project. The goal is to raise money for members of the Kappa League to prepare for and take college entrance exams. We are looking for sponsors who are willing to support the project for \$100. If you would like to become a sponsor, please call Canon Wagner or place your check, with the notation Kappa League Brunch.

## Music Ministry

Dear Friends in Christ,

September is upon us, and with it comes the return of our “program year.” The choir has returned from summer break. We are ready for a full season of music to the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul. Our 2015-16 Music Season promises to be an exciting one, building on favorite events of previous year while introducing some new things as well. The choir has already begun work on our special services for the year, and I know their hard work will pay off with some excellent music.

While reflecting on our progress last season and over the summer and planning our special music for the new season, I’ve begun to ponder the role of sacred music in our lives more deeply. The ancient Greeks believed music was a gift from the gods and a reflection and expression of our souls. Amazingly, they even saw the body as a musical instrument. When everything works properly, our thoughts become the song of our bodies, in a certain sense, at least from an ancient point of view. It is easy to downplay the importance of the spiritual side of things in a society always looking for the plain and simple truth—the bottom line. Aristotle, and other Greek philosophers, believed music had the power to alter the soul. For them, music could even affect a person’s character. The ancient Greeks went so far as to say that certain musical scales (modes) would have different effects on the listener to such a degree that only certain ones were appropriate on certain occasions. This philosophy informed the way early Christians thought of music’s power, and it has continued to influence the way musicians have thought about music through all of the eras of sacred and secular music.

The idea that music has power is not new to us, but perhaps we have never thought it so powerful or

important as to fundamentally affect our character. As the saying goes, “you are what you eat,” so too, you are what you listen to. Beautiful, well written music has the power to uplift our souls and minds so that we may better focus on praise of God—our ultimate mission. This is true in our daily lives, as well. Music really does have power over our thoughts and feelings and should be practiced and listened to with care.

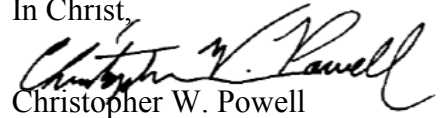
As we begin our new year of worship, special services, and concerts at the Cathedral, it is my prayer that our music will always be appropriate for the event that it accompanies. To that end, our musicians will work hard to practice and perfect their craft so that our pieces will sound their best. Like any other craft, music takes discipline, maturity, discernment, inspiration, and restraint to achieve its highest form. As we strive to accomplish these things, we ask your prayers and participation with us.

We would love to have you in the choir, but there are other ways in which you can participate in our ministry. Just by attending our services and concerts, you are helping us create our music. By singing the hymns with us, you are exponentially increasing the volume of our songs of praise. By listening actively to our anthems, solos, and instrumental pieces, you are joining yourselves with us in spirit by being open to the messages the music contains. The listener is more important than any other single aspect of a musician’s situation. Here at Christ Church, we are blessed with wonderful, thoughtful listeners, and your musicians are grateful for that. As things get busier in the rush toward the end of the calendar year, don’t forget to take a deep breath and be present with us in our songs and worship.

Finally, remember that music has great power in the world. It doesn’t have to be complex or of a particular

genre to be good, but it should be healthy for the soul. As we begin the month of September and thus our new season, the musicians of your Cathedral are prayerfully preparing music intended to ennoble the spirit, refresh the soul, stimulate the mind, and promote well being.

In Christ,



Christopher W. Powell

Organist and Choirmaster

[cpowell@christchurchcathedralmobile.org](mailto:cpowell@christchurchcathedralmobile.org)

### CHOIR REHEARSALS

**Wednesdays  
in the Huger House**

Cathedral Handbells at 5:45 p.m.

Cathedral Choir at 6:30 p.m.

Our choir has worked hard over the summer due to the Bishop’s Consecration and related events, but we are ready to have a great 2015-16 Music Season! You may have already received a booklet in the mail listing our various concerts and special services for the coming year. Also, please consider if you or someone you know would be interested in joining the choir. It’s the beginning of the season, so now is the perfect time to join! Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Huger House. Our Handbell Choir rehearses Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. until 6:15 p.m. upstairs in the Huger House. We would love for you to join us. Come talk to me on Sunday after the service or speak with one of our choir members if you would like to be a part of our Music Ministry.



## Students:

# Find your classroom, meet your teachers, and enjoy lunch on Rally Day - Christian Formation Kick-off Sunday, September 13

**The Children's Chapel Crucifer will lead the group from church before the procession begins.**

**Elementary**—Grades K, 1, 2 will meet upstairs in the large central room. Eleanor Inge Baker, Sarah Bolt, and Laura McLeod will be the teachers.

**Fun Club**—Grades 3, 4, 5 will meet upstairs in the first room on the right past the large central room. Banks and Mary Carol Ladd, and Lucy Moore will be the teachers.

Both Elementary and Fun Club will continue to use *Feasting on the Word: Teaching the Revised Common Lectionary*. This curriculum helps classes explore one of the lectionary passages in ways suitable for all participants. It provides comprehensive, accessible biblical background for teachers from four perspectives. The program was created to invite leaders and learners deeper into the rhythm of the church year.

**Middle School**—Grades 6, 7, 8 will meet upstairs in the first room on the left, the room with the big round window. They will continue to use the curriculum that was developed and written exclusively for the Episcopal Church, entitled *Weaving God's Promises*. The class is named after the process of faith formation in which we learn how God's promises of salvation are inextricably woven into our lives. The goal of *Weaving God's Promises* is to teach children the way of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world, and to give them a solid grounding for future youth formation programs, which in turn will prepare them for Christian adulthood. Alison Mitchell will again teach this class.

**Youth Confirmation**—Grade 6 and up will meet once a month in the Cathedral office (or in the chapel). The book used is *I Will with God's Help* and it is based on our Baptismal Covenant. Carolyn Jeffers is the catechist.

**High School**—Grades 9, 10, 11, 12 will meet in the EYC Room, downstairs below the chapel, and will continue with a lectionary based curriculum, *Feasting on the Word for Youth*. Youth are figuring out who they are as they search for whose they are. *Feasting on the Word* materials provide opportunities for this age group to explore their personal and communal identity in Jesus

Christ through meaningful, community-building experiences, engaging Bible study, and relevant learning activities. Youth will be challenged to put their faith into action as they grow to understand themselves as Christ's disciples. Each session includes a media connection section that ties the week's scripture passage to a film, video, song, or website. Canon Wagner and Carl Cunningham, Jr. will be the teachers.

All Christian Formation opportunities will begin on September 13, and will go through May 1, 2016, with several "holiday" Sundays when classes will not meet. Once a month, there will be a group-wide Christian Formation offering, allowing all Cathedral children and youth the opportunity to learn and participate together. For any questions about the Christian Formation offerings, please contact Canon Wagner.

For any questions about the Christian Formation offerings, or if you are interested in assisting in teaching any class, please contact Canon Wagner at [dwagner@christchurchcathedralmobile.org](mailto:dwagner@christchurchcathedralmobile.org) or 438-1822.

## September Christian Formation Calendar

### Sunday, September 13

- Rally Day
- Find your room and meet your teacher(s)

### Sunday, September 20

- Curriculum for all children and youth classes
- Confirmation: Session I—*The Creeds*

### Sunday, September 27

- Group Sunday School—Acolyte Training for grades 3 and up.

## Fun Club

Starting later this month, members of the Fun Club will have monthly group outings to learn about their faith and just have plain ole fun. Fun Clubbers be on the lookout for more information!

## EYC 2015-2016 Schedule

The goal of EYC is to provide our youth with a safe, joyful environment where they can explore their faith and build friendships.

This year's schedule includes:

**August 15**—Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage

**August 30**—EYC at Beckwith

**September 13**—Rally Day Lunch in EYC Room

**September 20**—Live action game of Clue!  
at Trinity Episcopal Church

**October 11**—Bowling and Laser Tag  
on the Eastern Shore

**October 18**—Kappa League Brunch Outreach Event

**October 25**—Gospel of John Movie and Discussion

**November 7**—Good Shepherd's Fall Festival (Saturday)

**November 22**—Hide/Seek or Scavenger Hunt

**November 29**—Advent Lessons and Carols

**December 13**—Mexican and "Mystery Visits"

**January 10**—Putt-Putt and Compline

**January 31**—Diocesan-wide EYC Mardi Gras Parade  
Party at Cathedral

**February 14**—Paintball

**February 26**—Friday Night Lock-in

**March 13**—Progressive Dinner/Fast

**April 3**—Lunch and Games

**April 17**—Water Event and Lunch

**May 1**—Study Break

**May 22**—Blow out at McElhaney's Dog River House

## CONFIRMATION CLASS 2015-2016 SCHEDULE

*\*Regular Confirmation Classes  
are held in the Cathedral Office*

**August 30**—Meeting in the Chapel for youth  
confirmands and their parents.

**September 20**—Session I\*  
*The Creeds*

**October 18**—Brunch fundraiser  
for the Kappa League  
This is the required Confirmation Outreach Project.

**October 25**—Session II\*  
*Teaching, Fellowship, Bread, Prayers*  
Following class, there is a required  
EYC afternoon activity.

**November 15**—Session III\*  
*Resist, Repent and Return*

**January 24**—Session IV\*  
*By Word and Example*

**February 21**—Session V\*  
*Seek and Serve*

**February 28**—Instructed Eucharist  
In the chapel

**March 6**—Session VI\*  
*Into the World in Witness*

**April 17**  
Confirmation Preparation  
In the church

**April 24**  
Cathedral Celebration and Confirmation

Youth Confirmation Class will meet one Sunday a month separately from their regular Sunday school class. The curriculum will again be *I Will with God's Help*. This confirmation program, developed with the help of Episcopal educators, clergy and theologians, encourages youth to enter into a uniquely Episcopal—yet profoundly Christian—faith journey. It is built entirely on the Baptismal Covenant from The Book of Common Prayer, offers seekers a solid reflection on Episcopal heritage and belief, together with the riches of Episcopal liturgy and prayer.

If you have a child (grade 6 and up) who is ready to consider being confirmed, please contact:

Carolyn Jeffers at  
[cjeffers@christchurchcathedralmobile.org](mailto:cjeffers@christchurchcathedralmobile.org)

## Vestry Elections 2016

### Requirement of Vestry Members

- ✦ To be a confirmed communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, 18 years of age or older.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church, including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that Christ Church Cathedral Vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving; to encourage the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to work personally toward the tithe.

### Responsibilities of Vestry Members

*Resolution of Christ Church Cathedral Vestry  
approved on October 10, 2005*

- ✦ To live a daily life reflecting the Christian faith; to strive to grow spiritually through worship, prayer, and educational opportunities.
- ✦ To participate faithfully in the worship of the church.
- ✦ To attend vestry and chapter meetings and retreats.
- ✦ To work for unity among the clergy, vestry and congregation through open communication; to accept the position of vestry member as an opportunity to serve our Lord.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that the Christ Church Cathedral vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving and encourages the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to be working toward the tithe.
- ✦ To accept the role of leadership, work diligently and congenially at assigned tasks, and seek out ways to improve the Cathedral Church including:
  - ~ To make new and regular members and visitors feel welcome through personal greetings, visits, and an invitation to participate in activities of interest to them, and
  - ~ To encourage all members of the congregation to become a part of activities and ministries of the church and to attend parish meetings.

### The Vestry Nominating Committee will meet on Mondays, September 21, 28, and October 5.

Please speak with the members of the nominating committee and give them names of those you would like to have considered for vestry. You may submit names by phone or email, as well. It is not necessary for you to tell those you are suggesting for vestry that you are doing so.

The Nominating Committee is charged with presenting a slate for vestry elections in December, as well as a slate of delegates to our diocesan convention in February.

### Annual Parish Meeting with Vestry and Convention Delegate Elections Sunday, December 6

The meeting will take place during coffee hour.

### Vestry Nominating Committee

*Please direct to these individuals your nominations for candidates to fill 6 vestry positions.*

#### Graduating Vestry Class

Robert D. Forster	John S. McClelland, Jr.
Tray W. Hamil	Elissa E. Watkins
Ann H. Luce	Wythe L. Whiting

#### The Dean's Appointed Members

Lucy Brady	Tom Garth
Ginny Behlen	Lucy Lyons
Kennon Drew	Robby McClure



## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL VESTRY

*Left to right:* Banks Ladd, Mary Esther Elliott, Lucy Moore, Chuck McKay (Junior Warden), Barbara Mitchell, Hetty Newell (Junior Warden), Lyn Bennett, Bob Israel (Senior Warden), John Davidson, Sage Bolt, Margaret Thigpen, Dean Gibson, Alison Mitchell, Bishop Duncan, Canon Wagner Not pictured: Harwell Coale (Chancellor), Kennon Drew (Treasurer), Ron Snider (Clerk), Cart Blackwell, Lewis Golden, Steve Hall, George Inge, Henry Seawell, Tom Van Antwerp

## Bishop Kendrick's Letter to our Vestry

August 26, 2015

Dear Vestry of Christ Church Cathedral,

I heard that you are having a vestry retreat this weekend and I wanted to write you.

First of all, thank you for who you are. As I said to you in my sermon on the Sunday after my consecration, you are the incarnation of the miracle of the feeding of the 5000; you are a living sign of the power of Easter and resurrected life. While some say that the root of sin is pride, in this case, I disagree. I want you to be proud of what you and God have accomplished.

Again I say to you, thank you for who you are. You have graciously welcomed me as your Bishop, hosted my family, given me a place to have meetings, and provided me a home away from home. I am humbled by such hospitality and generosity.

Well done good and faithful servants! You have a marvelous staff of lay and clergy. You have a beautiful facility. You are strong, faithful, and tenacious. You are the Episcopal Church at her best.

As you meet this weekend, I hope that you will give thanks for all that has been done, and begin to dream. What a ripe time in the life of our Cathedral! I am praying for you and hopeful for your future and whom God wants you to be. I pledge to you my prayers and support.

Peace and hope,

+Russell Kendrick, Bishop

The Episcopal Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast

## 2016 Diocesan Convention Delegates

*The Diocesan Convention will be held Thursday, February 18 to Saturday, February 20, 2016 at St. Paul's, Daphne.*

## Requirements of Convention Delegates

- ✦ To be a confirmed communicant of Christ Church Cathedral, 18 years of age or older.
- ✦ To demonstrate meaningful and sacrificial financial support of the church, including making and fulfilling an annual pledge of support; to consider that Christ Church Cathedral Vestry upholds the tithe as the standard of giving; to encourage the parish to consider proportionate giving; and to work personally toward the tithe.

*Resolution to Christ Church Cathedral Vestry approved on October 10, 2005.*

## Resolution Concerning Convention Delegates

Rather than electing a new slate of four (4) persons to serve in this capacity each year, the terms of service will be staggered among the delegates. One (1) person will be elected each year to rotate onto our delegation for a 4-year term. This will allow for both continuity of experience and service within the delegation, while allowing more people to participate in this important ministry.

*Resolution to Christ Church Cathedral Vestry approved on November 20, 2011.*



**Lucy Brady, Chair**  
lucybbrady@gmail.com

**Rosemarie McClure, Co-Chair**  
McClure.rosemarie@yahoo.com

### THANK YOU

Thank you to the ECW for their support of the events at Christ Church Cathedral surrounding the consecration. A special thank you goes to Julie McClelland, immediate past Chair; Lucy Brady, Co-Chair; and Rosemarie McClure, incoming co-chair. In addition to leading us through the past year, including a Diaconate Ordination and Canon Wagner's ordination, all three ladies went above and beyond to make sure that all the teams were on track. Julie changed her summer plans around to insure that she would be here on July 25. Lucy and Rosemarie took their jobs understanding the huge commitments they had made. Thank you all.



from left: Julie McClelland, Lucy Brady, Rosemarie McClure  
2014-2016 ECW Leadership

The ECW is a church-wide organization with the continued goal of 100% participation in at least one ministry of the women in our parish. In trying to keep things simple after a very busy summer we are asking anyone who would like to join a ministry, please contact Lucy or Rosemarie, or speak directly with the ministry chair.

### Ministries and their chairs are:

Sunday Hospitality Teams—Lucy Brady, Chair  
Advent/Lenten Lunch Teams—Rosemarie McClure, Chair  
Altar Guild—Barbara Archer, Paula Watkins, Co-Chairs  
Flower Guild—Robbie Lynn Irvine, Chair  
United Thank Offering (UTO)—Meg McGovern, Chair  
Arpilleras—Betty Reniewicz, Chair  
Special Services—Lucy Brady, Rosemarie McClure, Co-Chairs

## ECW—Save the Dates

### 2015

**Sunday, September 7**  
Rally Day

**Sunday, November 1**  
All Saints' Sunday  
and  
Cathedral Celebration

**Sunday, November 22**  
United Thank Offering Ingathering  
(*ECW Project*)

**Sunday, December 6 through  
Thursday, December 17**  
Threads of Hope—Arpilleras

**Wednesdays, December 9 & 16**  
Noon  
Advent Music Concerts and Luncheon

### 2016

**Wednesdays,  
February 17, 24, March 2, 9, 16**  
Noon  
Lenten Music Concerts & Luncheon

**Palm Sunday, March 20 through  
Easter Sunday, March 27**  
Holy Week and Easter

**Sunday, April 24**  
Cathedral Celebration and Confirmation  
followed by Reception

**Sunday, May 1**  
Christian Formation Celebration  
and  
Senior Hot Dog Luncheon

**Sunday, May 8**  
United Thank Offering Ingathering  
(*ECW Project*)



## Morning Circle

**Monday, September 14**  
10:30 a.m.

At the home of Martha Middleton  
3901 St. Andrews Drive, East  
Leader: Sara Phillips

Morning Circle is a Bible Study Group that meets at 10:30 a.m. on the second Monday of each month—from September through May. The study topic for this year is *The Book of Matthew*.

The group has been meeting continuously for as long as the current members can remember. They believe it was begun in the 1950s or earlier. The group is open for membership and everyone is invited to attend. If you want to learn all there is to know about Christ Church, we suggest you join this group.

For more information, please contact Carolyn Stephenson at 342-5637.

## Annual Parish Directory

You will find a copy of the Parish directory within next month's *The Messenger*. Additional copies will then be available on the Ministry Table or in the Cathedral office.

The directory contains names of parish members, friends of the Cathedral, and Chapter members. We have worked to confirm address and telephone changes, but sometimes changes occur that we have missed. Please contact the Cathedral office immediately if we have made an error on your family's listing or you may make corrections on a mock-up on Rally Day. And, please remember throughout the year to keep the Cathedral office apprised of any changes. There is a change of address form in the back of the directory. Thank you to everyone who has responded so quickly over the summer as we have been working to improve our records.

If you have children who are out of town (including those in college), send us their email and physical addresses, and we will stay in contact with them.

We will print corrections in the November *The Messenger* so that you may pencil them into your directory.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**\*Saturday, October 4 at 4:00 p.m. in the Garden**

\*Please note the change of day!

Many people bring their pets to the church to be blessed on or around St. Francis' feast day, October 4, because of his love for animals as expressed in his Canticle of Creatures. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and the environment. The service includes a blessing and is held in the garden, where different animals can gather peacefully.

## YOUNG ADULTS SUPPER CLUB

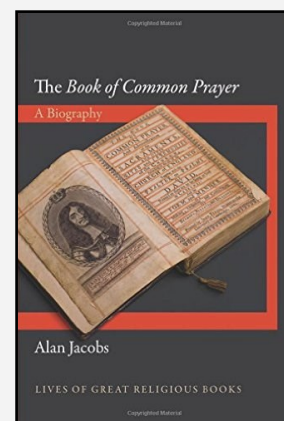
**Thursday, September 24**  
7:00 p.m.

BYOB and a small appetizer

Home of  
Eleanor and Stephen Baker  
311 South Georgia Avenue

RSVP to Eleanor  
Inge.eleanor@gmail.com  
or 648-6478

## CATHEDRAL READ



*The Book of Common  
Prayer: A Biography*  
by Alan Jacobs

The group will meet Sundays,  
November 8, 15, and 22 during  
Christian Education time in the  
library.

Books are available in the  
Cathedral office for \$20 each.

## WEDNESDAY NOON EUCCHARIST

**Wednesdays**  
**September 9 through May 18**

### September is Disaster Preparedness Month

#### Some Notes from Episcopal Relief and Development

Disasters prompt our desire to help in some way. When we see images of people suffering, we want to do something. The tricky part is responding in a way that is actually helpful and appropriate. It's essential to wait for the people who have been directly affected by the disaster to take the lead in indicating what they need and when they need it.

Most disasters have three distinct phases: **Rescue, Relief and Recovery**. Preparedness should be ongoing.

#### Phase 1 - Rescue

The Rescue phase is focused on saving lives and securing property. This work is generally done by the police, fire departments and other government agencies.

#### Phase 2 - Relief

The next phase is the Relief phase, when the focus turns to creating short-term safe and sanitary conditions. The local church is often one of the first places people go to seek assistance and shelter during this phase.

#### Phase 3 - Recovery

Eventually, we get to the recovery phase where the emphasis shifts to restoring services, repairing buildings, returning individuals to self-sufficiency and rebuilding communities. The recovery phase is a chronic state, not a crisis. This is the phase that the Church excels in, because as part of the communities

that have been impacted, we can best identify needs and work with the community to address them.

#### Prayer

Prayer is essential during any phase of a disaster.

#### Preparedness

According to FEMA and the American Red Cross, there are three basic things you can do that will make a big difference in ensuring safety for yourself and your family in time of disaster: ***make a plan, be informed and prepare a kit.***

#### Make a plan:

Encourage family members to keep copies of emergency contact numbers on paper as cell phones may not function in a disaster.

#### Be informed:

Identify agencies that send out local text alerts and sign up for the service, and buy a radio to use during emergencies.

#### Prepare a kit:

The three basic things to have on-hand are a three-day supply of water (one gallon per person per day), food (non-perishable items) and cash (including small denominations)

**For more information**, go to: <https://www.episcopalrelief.org/what-we-do/us-disaster-program>

### Cursillo #155

**Thursday, September 10 -  
Sunday, September 13**

Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center  
To register to attend or to learn more, go to the Cursillo website at [www.coastalpilgrims.com](http://www.coastalpilgrims.com).



A weekend of fellowship and fun  
in support of  
Beckwith Camp and Retreat Center.

**Friday, September 25 -  
Sunday, September 27**

#### Friday, September 25

Bishop Russell Kendrick & the BayLights Band with the Undercroft Cafe sponsored by Nativity Dothan. Cafe opens at 6:00 p.m. with music starting at 7:30 p.m.

#### Saturday, September 26

- The Bishop's BBQ sponsored by St. Andrew's, Panama City at 12:00 p.m.
- Diocesan Ultreya at 2:00 p.m.
- Fun Activities for the Family & Youth all day: Corn Hole, Badminton, Blooper Ball, Pool Volleyball, Kayaks, Canoes, Paddleboards, Giant Water Slide & Challenge Course Elements Available—SEC Football in Wilson Hall
- Silent Auction & Party featuring Sugarcane Jane sponsored by St. Christopher's, Pensacola.
- Silent Auction opens at 4:30 p.m. Items include: Vacation Homes, Condos, Hunting & Fishing Trips, Art, & Themed Baskets.
- Music starts at 6:00 p.m.

For more information or to register, visit:  
<http://www.beckwithal.com/baylight/>

## Cathedral Prayer List

*O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### WE PRAY FOR:

#### Members:

Brink Brinkley, Butch Trawick, Alice Carwie, Raymond Fields, Katherine Deaton, Hank Cobb, Smitty Vanek, Jordan Moore

#### Friends & Family:

Peggy Naughton, Gary Davis, Harrison Leff, Michael Cameron, Nancy & Don Cameron, Rob & Amy Archer Ellis, Joyce Lee, Davis Nelson, Michael Sumrall, Gwen Cook, Alfred Showers, Jim Elia, Anne Brown, Mark Brown, Harriett Lillich, Dave Carlyn Block, Rachel McClanahan, Tom Cunningham, Francis Grace Hirs, Norma Beazley, Curtis Bullock, Valerie Boatman, Ann Jones, Hank Wozniak, Lisa Thompson, Stella Phillips, James Thomas, Ted Fraiche, Mark Miles, Tot Swanson, Art Swanson, Hayden Jenkins, Maggie Jenkins, Betty Ruth Patek, Carolyn Pryor, Merle Findley, Louise Douglas, Shirley & Dunlap Peeples, Steve Harris, Marian Macpherson Currie, Kit & Roger Geil and the Geil family, Angel & Larry Torres, Kathy Boucvalt, Bill Stevens, Ginger Simpson, Karen Sentilles, Lila Fisk, Tracey Johnson, Joe Lowrey, Temple Webber, Celeste Hall, Betty Browder, Allan Tucker, Wyatt Ison, Kathy Sanders, Davis Sarrett, Clarise Waters, Glenn Hill, Leslie Ellis Sharbel, Cora Lemmon, Marian Hall, Homer Kemp, Jane Behlen, Dan Jones, Florence Tucker, Betty Larison, Mike Barnett, Carolyn Graham, Ralph and Catherine Neal, Willie Thomas, Mark Mason, Anita Stead, Tim Fulton, Carter Albrecht, Bennett Stenger, Gladys Crowson, Billy Yost, Noel Fell, the Ward Family, Sybil Willis Rodgers, Hap Myers, Jr., Paul Vickers, Sr., George Robison, Georgia Dominick, Robin Wade, Randy Moore, Rick Nichols, Eric Kosche,

Patrick Smith, Kate Heddrich, Julie Brinson, John Ajuston Rogers IV, Ceaser Bryant, Moana Karstater, Dianne McCall, Icy Lee Neel, Frances Robison, Jim McCall, Emily Hubbard, Lil Tatum, Mike Dowers, Jason Lockwood, Ainsely McNeely, Ward Faulk, Pat Fisher, Bubba Murray, Joleen Patrick, Sally McNeely, Bernice Vickers, Jerry Collins, Grady McMillan, Bobby Moss

Sara Phillips, Pastoral Leader, Mary's, Coden

#### Those Serving in the Military:

Brian Caselton, Louis Coggin, Jonathan Duralde, Tyler Gamble, Sam Garcia, Darrien Gibson, Parker Hollinghead, Kelley Hood, Brian Hudson, Abby Hutchins, Randy Johnson, Ron Lansong, Jean-Michael Lemieux, Chris Marslender, Zack Miller, Todd & Jordana Mouthaan, Keith Moss, Michael Nassar, Jerry Olin, Brian Pennell, Josh Power, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, Susan Reniewicz, Evan Sizemore, John Snyder, Conner Thigpen, Ryan Anthony Thomas, Ryan Walker, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff

#### Births:

James Henry Norman, son of The Reverend Bailey Norman and Mrs. Sara Norman

Wilson Hutchins Israel, son of Anna and Brad Israel, grandson of Cammie and Bob Israel

#### Souls Departed:

Lily Lea Verneuille Pittman, grandmother of Ashley Mitchell

Betty Brown Thomas, mother of Sean Thomas

## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 2	Bill Bullock Tré Mitchell
September 3	Banks Griffith Brady Elizabeth Wall
September 6	Noreen Hume Craig Pittman Carrie Speegle Jerry Speegle
September 7	David Ross
September 8	Travis Russell
September 9	Lynne Davis
September 11	Gin Arnold
September 13	Sam Eichold Kim Ellis Matt Ritchie
September 14	Brink Brinkley Will Israel Laura Rutherford
September 15	Elizabeth Arnold Livy Ferguson Cornelia Gaillard Louise Prichard
September 16	Anna Kelly Elizabeth Kelly
September 17	Dylan Butler Sara Phillips
September 18	Christopher Hoitink, Jr. Hugh McClelland
September 20	Yvonne Holladay
September 21	George Inge Bill Youngblood
September 22	Susannah Israel Elizabeth LaRené Stella Reindl
September 23	Stephen Griffith
September 26	Anna Israel Carolyn Levensailor
September 27	Tori Hall Thad Hendrix
September 28	Emily Ruth McElhaney
September 29	Adrienne Golden Louise Collins
September 30	Ginny Behlen Blake Ferguson Steve Hall Sayre Kearley

Please contact the Cathedral Office ([office@christchurchcathedralmobile.org](mailto:office@christchurchcathedralmobile.org) or 438-1822) to let us know if you would like to remove or keep the names of Friends and Family you have submitted on the prayer list. We will update this list regularly.



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## The Cathedral Mission Statement

*The Cathedral is the spiritual center of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast. The Cathedral is a dynamic and evolving church that serves as a liturgical, educational, and pastoral center for Diocesan life. It serves as a visible symbol of unity and promotes growth, hope, and a deepening trust in the Lord. The Cathedral is a place where the Gospel of Jesus Christ will be faithfully preached and responded to, and it will model new concepts and ideas for education, evangelism, and outreach to which the Gospel calls us.*