

The Voice of the Holy Apostles

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A Message from the Rev. Blake Hutson



Dear Apostles,

Over the last few months, our Apostles with Fire have been doing some great work in the community. Gumbo Gala (April 22nd), Celebrate Hoover at Veterans Park (April 29th), and our 20th Annual Crawfish Boil (May 13th).

They have worked really hard — preparing food, feeding people, helping spread the good word about Holy Apostles and representing our parish in the community. It is fun to watch and be part of this group. They have fun when they get together! Known for their great food, enthusiasm and personality, they make an impact at every event where they serve.

The Apostles with Fire perform an important ministry. Yes, it starts with food — but, of course, it's about more than food. They offer hospitality as they welcome; they do evangelism as they invite people to Holy Apostles. They connect our parish with the larger community. They show some of the best of what we, as a parish, have to offer to our neighbors: community, fellowship, a place to belong, a place to serve, a place to be fed.

During his life, Jesus fed people. He fed them in miraculous ways like the feeding of the 5,000 and in ordinary ways like at the Last Supper, when he fed the disciples in the Upper Room. In John's Gospel, Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:35). Jesus fed people. He fed people with food. He also fed those who were hungry for love; for joy and peace. He fed the hungry of heart and soul.

As many of you know, Henri Nouwen is one of my favorite authors. In *Life of the Beloved* he wrote, "We are chosen, blessed and broken to be given ... As the Beloved Children of God, we are called to become bread for each other — bread for the world" (p. 121).

That's a powerful way to imagine the work we do. As Christians we feed one another and we feed the community around us. Our ministry, our work, and our community itself feeds a hungry world. At Holy Apostles, we share the love of Christ with a world that hungers for love; we provide a place for people to find community; we provide a place to experience God's love. We also feed one another with our encouragement, with unconditional love, and support. The amazing thing is we find that our hunger is filled and we are fed: when we worship, when we serve, when we give, and when we share ministry with each other.

We are called to reach people for Jesus, to share God's love and grace with people who need it. Our Apostles with Fire are like most ministries in our parish. They are enthusiastic and an easy group to join. All you need is a love for Jesus, a desire to serve, and a passion for feeding people.

— Blake

Psalm 23

*The LORD is my shepherd,
I shall not want.*

*² He makes me lie down in
green pastures; he leads me
beside still waters;*

*³ he restores my soul. He leads
me in right paths for his
name's sake.*

*⁴ Even though I walk through
the darkest valley, I fear
no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.*

*⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.*

*⁶ Surely goodness and
mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, and I shall
dwell in the house of the
LORD my whole life long.*



Farewell Message from our Associate Priest



My dear friends,

Beloved of God, I cannot believe it is time to say farewell. When Scott and I first sat down with Bishop Kee during my process for ordination, we talked about what a great adventure this would be and the wonderful people we would meet and the places we would get to be along the way. And, it has been a privilege to be your pastor for this time. The word “pastor” is an ancient word that means shepherd, and that is what I feel like in my call as a priest. We may live in homes of bricks, but they actually are more like tents, because after all, we are shepherds. And so the way of a pastor and priest and her family is a journey.

You all have been such a blessing to me and Scott and Sadie. I will treasure my ministry with you. I thank you for the freedom you have given me to preach God’s word. And I have been so blessed to be with you in this part of your lives as your pastor. It is time to go on our way, but we will carry you in our hearts. We are not alone and you are not alone, “for Thou art with me.” God is with us. God is the ultimate sustainer of our faith and the church. He is the forever and forever constant of faith—the everlasting source of love and light. The rest of us just step in and out of His mission of grace that is flowing through the ages.

So say your prayers, go to church on Sunday and take care of one another. And most of all, live into the Spirit of God that is within each one you. You are in Him and He is in you.

*The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.*

— Love,
Robin



Praise, Share, Love, Work, Feed, Embrace, Nurture



Hey everybody!! To say that I am humbled and honored to serve as your Senior Warden for 2017 would be an understatement. I am a firm believer that God puts people in the right place at the right time, and my prayer is that I am the leader that your Vestry and our Parish deserves.

We truly share something special at Holy Apostles, and I am constantly amazed by the by the feeling that I get every time that I walk through the door. We are like one big family who loves each other unconditionally. As I talk with friends from around the Diocese I have learned that Holy Apostles has a wonderful reputation for being incredibly hospitable and welcoming, which is something that we should all be proud of. We personify that reputation every single Sunday during our Peace which is like a big family reunion and always lasts a good 4-5 minutes.

At our annual Vestry retreat we were able to do some things that have never been done before at Holy Apostles. In 2017 we have budgeted for and are able to financially support several ministries for the first time. Because of your generosity in 2016 we were able to set aside \$13,000 into a designated fund for “Major Repairs” and we were also able to approve a one-time \$15,000 payment to Lighting the Way on behalf of the parish!!! None of this would have been possible without our parish’s combined efforts in growth, support and being good stewards of our resources. On behalf of the Vestry — THANK YOU!!!

On Saturday, February 11 Leslie Manning with Ministry Architects came to Holy Apostles and led a Strategic Visioning and Planning session for us. We started a conversation that day, a conversation with our parish and about our parish and about our future as a parish. As we continue that conversation, and based on the collective input of over 50 parishioners from our Strategic Visioning day on the values that we hold dear, the Vestry thought it would be wise to review our mission statement. After much discussion and prayerful consideration we are honored to unveil our new Mission Statement:

At the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles, our mission is to:

- praise* God,
- share* the Gospel with joy,
- love* Christ in every person,
- work* for justice and peace,
- feed* the hungry and hungry of heart,
- embrace* diversity, and
- nurture* each person’s unique gifts in service of God’s Kingdom.

Our hope is that this new mission statement will help serve as a compass along the journey to our future. We ask for your continued prayers for Holy Apostles as we take the next steps and begin to work toward some of the goals that were discussed at our Strategic Visioning day.

Finally, words cannot express how thankful we are to have had the Rev. Robin Hinkle as part of the Holy Apostles family for the past 2 years as our very first Associate Priest. Robin’s love and care for our parishioners has been an incredible blessing to us all, and the tremendous impact that she has had on our community is immeasurable. We wish Robin nothing but the best as she embarks on the next chapter of her ministry. My hope is that Holy Apostles has had as much of a lasting impact on her as she has had on Holy Apostles. We also need to thank the Diocese of Alabama for their wonderful support of Holy Apostles in helping to make Robin’s time here possible. We are excited about similar continued support from the Diocese going forward and will have some exciting news to share with everyone very soon!!

Thank you all for your endless love and tireless dedication to our wonderful church on the hill. I wish everyone a blessed Easter season.

— Jason Whatley, Senior Warden
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I suspect Spring in most homes is an unusually busy time of year, and it is no different for our church home! Over the past several months we have prepared Holy Apostles for Easter as well as the future. Please continue reading for brief updates on Holy Apostle's building and grounds.

Building Use

While sometimes our space may seem cramped, Holy Apostles is blessed to have a wonderful building. In fact, several outside groups use our building for various activities (music recitals, Pre-K graduation, etc). The congregation has expressed a strong desire to see our building used even more. The Vestry has recently approved a Building Use policy that more formally states the expectations and process for groups to use our facilities. If you know of (or are a part of) a group looking for meeting space, please consider Holy Apostles as an option — we are making a concerted effort to open our building to the larger community. Our office administrator, Kim McAdams (kmcadams@holypostleshooover.org) is the point person for groups to obtain a copy of our Building Use policy and request building usage.



While on the topic of Building Usage, we have simply outgrown our space in the Narthex to host certain events (e.g., Shrove Tuesday Red Beans & Rice Dinner). This past Mardi Gras, we set up tables/chairs and shared a meal in the Nave. This was a fantastic set-up, as it enabled the entire congregation to eat 'family style' compared to our previous arrangement. Many thanks to all who helped with the furniture

arrangement and clean up! Rest assured, your Vestry will carefully consider when (and when not) to use the Nave for activities other than worship. ***A general reminder for everyone: Please do not bring food or drinks into the Nave, unless we are sharing a meal as described in this article.*** The inevitable spills are difficult to address and distracting to others during our worship services.

Building Safety

Father Blake and I recently met with a Hoover police officer for a general discussion on safety best practices and opportunities for Holy Apostles to improve our security. It was particularly good to hear the first thoughts of someone who had not previously been to Holy Apostles. The Property Team is carefully discussing the recommendations made to improve safety for our staff and congregation, as well as make Holy Apostles an inviting space for visitors and those in need.

Spring Work Day

On April 8th, over 20 volunteers did some Spring Cleaning in and around Holy Apostles in preparation for Easter. Outside, we re-stripped the entire parking lot, washed all of the exterior windows, and spruced up the edging around the Memorial Garden flagstone, as well as removed several saplings below the main parking lot. Inside, we did some preventive maintenance on our emergency lighting system, lint-rolled (by hand!) all of the seats and kneelers in the nave, cleaned the interior windows, and disinfected all of the toys in the nursery. Many thanks to all who helped make it a very productive day!

It is easy to overlook beautiful scenes when we pass them frequently. The next time you are able, I encourage you to stop by our Memorial Garden and spend a quiet moment or two absorbing the splendor. If you have not done it (or even if you have!), please enjoy this beautiful area of our church. Jim Mersmann leads the Memorial Garden effort, so please give him a heartfelt 'Thanks!' the next time you see him!

As always, please let me know of your thoughts (both negative and positive!) with the building and/or grounds.

— *Patrick Schexnailder, Jr. Warden*



New Church Software for Parishioners Too!

We are always looking for ways to better serve our parish — more efficient means to handle the business side of Holy Apostles, and new tools through which we can share more information with each other about all of the wonderful things that are happening with our church. Through the generous donation of one of our parishioners, we now have a wonderful new software program that will be very helpful to not only our office staff but to every single parishioner as well. This new software, Realm, will help track financial records, serve as an archive of our general records, aid in overall communication with our parish, and offer secure offsite data storage of all of this information. Realm will help our staff be more efficient with their time because now all of this information can be accessed from one secure location. Realm will also give parishioners another way to stay in touch with each other and secure access to pertinent information about them and their family. In the coming weeks you will be receiving an invitation to create your own login to your personal profile on Realm. This wonderful tool will be a way for us to be able to stay better connected with our church family. Please make an effort to use Realm, as it will impact a number of areas.



For more information about Realm and the login process, go to wiki.acstechnologies.com/display/realm/Congregants%27+Guide.

Membership and Fellowship Ministry Update

Lots of exciting things are happening with our membership and fellowship ministries this spring!

The annual Holy Apostles Parish Retreat was held at Camp McDowell the weekend of March 10-12. The weekend was filled with fun and fellowship for all that attended! The festivities began with a cookout Friday night. Thanks to Jim Mersmann and Fr. Blake for firing up the awesome grill in Bethany! We also enjoyed roasting S'mores at the fire pit. Although Saturday started off with rain, good times were had in Phifer Hall — playing games and watching movies. Great idea, Julia Sanford, to have the foresight to bring movies!

What a wonderful view of the lake from the porch of Phifer Hall. Shout out to Camp McDowell for hosting an impromptu hayride and tour of the farm too! We had the opportunity to meet new friends who joined us from St. Francis Women's Retreat for our social gathering, followed by a beautiful worship service Saturday evening in the Chapel of St. Francis. We always enjoy hearing from Mark Johnston about his past 26 years at Camp McDowell. Our Tex-Mex dinner was quite a feast! Thank you to all who attended and contributed. Sunday, the sun came out...

Parish Life is gearing up for a busy spring and summer! HA's Youth Sunday is set for May 7th! Parish Life will be hosting a taco bar lunch for the parish after the 10:30 service to honor our graduating seniors.

On May 21st the Hospitality Ministry along with Parish Life will be hosting a send off reception for Robin to celebrate her time with us and wish her well in her future endeavors. Also, The Hospitality ministry will be hosting the Odyssey Early School graduation on July 28th. Along with these events, Parish Life is planning our annual Holy Apostles Barons' game outing, a reception for our new Curate, and a Sundae Sunday so look for these dates in the near future!

In other fellowship ministries news: The Invite/Welcome/Connect hosted the spring New Members Brunch on April 2nd — welcoming several new members to Holy Apostles. Per discussion and findings during our Strategic Visioning, IWC is also working on a questionnaire of sorts that will help our new members connect to and find ministries to serve which best fit their interests.

— Emily Bennett
Vestry Liaison



For many years, Emma Wang has designed *The Voice*. However, Henry and Emma Wang and children Olivia and Elliott, are relocating to the Houston area this summer. We will miss their many contributions — Emma as designer/illustrator and member of our Communications Team Ministry; Olivia as an acolyte; and both Elliott and Henry accompany Derek Kluz and the choir with their violins. You will be missed! Godspeed and good luck!



STRATEGIC VISIONING



As I look back on our Strategic Visioning day from February, I am still amazed by everyone's excitement and commitment that day. It was an awesome time of dreaming and imagining and planning. We started a conversation about our values as a parish and we talked about some pretty ambitious but important potential goals for Holy Apostles. Your Vestry has taken everyone's input from that day and focused it to a set of values and 5-year goals that we are incredibly excited to share with you. As I mentioned earlier, this is an ongoing conversation and these goals can and likely will change based on ongoing input from parishioners and as our needs and wants as a parish evolve. This is a tremendous starting point that we are hopeful everyone will whole-heartedly support. Your Vestry is working very hard on the details of our plan of action to keep this conversation going as we work toward these goals. Those next steps will include continued conversations with the entire parish as we plan for our future together. We hope to engage as many parishioners as possible so we welcome any and all input and hope to receive everyone's participation in this ongoing process. We look forward to sharing the details of the next steps with everyone very soon. In the mean time, we are pleased to present:

VALUES

WORSHIP

We worship God. We make beautiful music. We celebrate and pray and give thanks. We break bread together. We baptize and marry and remember our loved ones all in the name of Christ.

SERVE

We are a compassionate and just community who live a life of serving and caring for all of God's people.

WELCOME

We are a warm, genuine, friendly community that welcomes and seeks to serve Christ in all persons. We value and embrace diversity.

SHARE

We share the love of God with our community. We share the bread and wine made holy at Christ's table, the altar of the Lord. We share food with those in need. We share the faith of our forefathers with the next generation. We share the faith by striving for justice, respecting the dignity of all people, and by reaching out into our community. We share the good news of Christ and make Him known to all people in our words and in our actions.

GOALS

HOSPITALITY

1. Church facilities have been used to provide space for Diocesan gatherings as well as used by the surrounding community (examples: AA groups, other support groups, etc.)
 - a. **One Year Goal:** Subcommittee has been formed to explore and select which outside groups to partner alongside, game plan has been written to guide the church through this process, and an invitation has been extended to the diocesan office.
 - i. **Idea to explore:** 40 children in after-school arts and music program that is designed in collaboration with Trace Crossings Elementary that gave Holy Apostles' and community children new exposure to the arts.
 1. **One Year Goal:** Leadership from Holy Apostles' has met with the Trace Crossings Elementary leadership (at least three times) to determine possibility of new creative partnership.
 2. "Town Hall style" meeting has been calendared by the two groups to hear from school parents to determine needs/longings from community.
2. Used parish and community resources to provide bi-annual health screenings for the economically disadvantaged in the Hoover area.
 - a. **One Year Goal:** Parishioners that are professional health-care providers or have a passion for health-care have been identified and a task force has been created to determine next steps and assess needs and resources.

MISSION AND SERVICE

3. Established a 5-day a week daycare/preschool program for up to 60 students.
 - a. **One Year Goal:** Community Needs Assessment has taken place with particular focus in determining what types of daycare/preschool needs exist in the Hoover area. Part of the assessment resulted in identifying potential resource partners.

4. Established a team of 20 people that are trained to respond to regional disasters with food, clothing, first-aid, labor, shelter and counsel, compassion, love and prayer.
 - a. **One Year Goal:** Two parishioners are trained at the Volunteer Disaster Chaplaincy Training offered by the Beecken Center at Sewanee.

5. “Apostles with Fire” expanded their outreach ministry to involve a “food truck” designed with commercial food capacity and tools for delivering and serving to those in need. The food truck would be used to leverage the parish’s “food talents” — serving as a tool for fellowship and bonding and a means to serve the community (need to determine numbers of times per year and numbers of mouths fed.)
 - a. **One Year Goal:** 2 representatives from “Apostles with Fire” and a Vestry member has committed to pray with this idea and determine what food security looks like in and around Hoover. The team has made a presentation to the Vestry with a list of ways the ‘food truck’ could be used.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

6. Part-time Children’s Ministry Director has been hired to oversee all ministries related to children; birth to 5th grade.
 - a. **One Year Goal:** Children’s Ministry Steering Committee has been recruited and empowered to oversee children’s ministry (purpose: review curriculum, recruit 20 more volunteers, review nursery guidelines and procedures, create an annual major event calendar that adds two events designed toward 3K-5th grade children.)

INREACH

7. Fellowship Hall has been designed and built. New multi-purpose space can accommodate 250 people and outfitted with a variety of meeting spaces, restrooms, storage, industrial kitchen, and parking.
 - a. **One Year Goal:** Current facilities assessment has taken place determining how else the current space can be used and a running list of ‘dream space’ is created.
 - i. Financial feasibility study has been completed to determine where the church is regarding the current debt, and determine the feasibility of starting another capital campaign within 5 years.

8. Full-time paid associate priest has hired and the salary/benefits are completely supported by the parish budget.
 - a. **One Year Goal:** Parish hired and supported half of an associate’s salary.

9. 10 small groups that meet weekly for programming and fellowship are underway.
 - a. **One Year Goal:** A discipleship plan has been written detailing the Holy Apostles’ roadmap for adult spiritual formation.

10. Pastoral Care Teams, consisting of clergy and trained laity, are empowered to visit shut-ins and the hospitalized at least once a week. One coordinator has been set up to arrange these meetings.
 - a. **One Year Goal:** Stephen Ministries (www.stephenministries.org) has been explored and information gleaned and presented to the leadership of the church.

— Jason Whatley- Senior Warden
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We are stirring up spring in Hoover

Holy Apostles cooking group, Apostles with Fire, prepared for three big community events — their Spring Trifecta! We hope you didn't miss these events, so far, and coming this week is Holy Apostle's own Crawfish Boil!

Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala at Sloss Furnaces National Historical Landmark

Every year, Holy Apostles participates in the Gumbo Gala that benefits Episcopal Place, affordable apartments for seniors and disabled adults in Birmingham, run by the Diocese of Alabama. The Gumbo Gala, voted one of the top outdoor festivals in Birmingham, is also one of the largest gumbo cook-offs in the southeast, with over 50 teams competing for the title of Birmingham's Best Gumbo. Teams compete in both professional and backyard divisions for the title of best Chicken & Sausage, Seafood, or Specialty Gumbo. In addition to a plethora of gumbo to sample, there is live music, art vendors, Pogo's Playground, and the Muskrat Art Ramble featuring local artists. Holy Apostles won Best Gumbo one year and every year since has won the Spirit Award, including this year with Second Place for Spirit!



Celebrate Hoover! Day at Veterans Park on Valleydale

Another annual event is Celebrate Hoover! Day, a city-wide celebration that is free to the public, drawing more than 10,000 residents. The event features Giant Pie, Mayfield ice cream, an exhibitor pavilion, kids zone with inflatables and games, petting zoo, carnival rides, blood drive, car show, live entertainment, document shredding, electronic recycling, and our Apostles with Fire tent that provides the community with a tasty treat. This year, over 1,100 were greeted by Apostles, and served beignets with coffee or water!

Holy Apostles Crawfish Boil, May 13, 11 am – 3 PM at the Church — Come celebrate our Crawfish Boil's 20th anniversary!

Apostles with Fire promises that this event will be the best ever, which is a tall order since this is always a fun affair. The Cajun-spiced crawfish is the main attraction, and it is served with red potatoes and corn on the cob. Some prefer to substitute shrimp for crawfish. People are welcome to pick up their meals to save for dinner, but most people prefer to eat at our tables under the canopies so they can visit, listen to the live music, and take in the fun atmosphere. There will be a bouncy house for the kids as well as games for kids and adults.

We encourage everyone to invite friends so we can share our welcoming spirit with the community. Apostles with Fire would also love your help with this church fundraiser. A signature event of Holy Apostles, the Boil, involves a lot of work and requires lots of loving support! If you would like to make a donation to the Boil, help with ticket sales, over-the-counter sales, set up, clean up, or other jobs, please talk to Kenn Gaddis, John Ross Havard, Richard Eppes or any member of Apostles with Fire. We are also looking to add booths and activities to the 20th Anniversary of our Boil. Have an idea or suggestion for a booth or know someone who would like to set up at our event? Let AWF know and get in on the efforts to make the 20th our best Boil ever! See you there!!

Need a Date Night?



This year's theme is Maker Fun Factory! It's all about how we are all uniquely created by God and that we are made for a reason. This year will be four days of discovering what makes us all unique and special intermingled with science experiments and crafts that show us how and why this is true.

Dates are July 17 - 20 and time is from 5:30 - 8 pm. The cost is \$15 per child and includes a T-shirt.

Be on the lookout for the registration forms on our web site soon. We will also have registration available at the Crawfish Boil.



Bring a friend to VBS! Any child, ages three to rising 5th grader, is welcome.

We are still looking for many volunteers to help us put on this wonderful and inspiring event. From dropping off snacks to helping with arts and crafts, there are numerous ways you can be a part of this fun three-day event. Please contact Laura Eppes if you want to help or if you have any questions on this year's program.



EYC has been busy in 2017

Meeting almost every Sunday evening, the EYC started off 2017 with a fun outing — ice-skating at the Birmingham Railroad Park. We had tons of fun skating outside in downtown Birmingham. We then continued our “Spice Rack” programs series for a few weeks until we held our very own Visioning session. Our EYC visioning group was very interested in growing our EYC outreach events and came up with several ideas for this year as well.



In March, we had more fun solving the real time Island Escape puzzle at Breakout Birmingham. We finished our first time through with one minute to spare! One of our new outreach ministries this year was making dinner for 38 families at the Ronald McDonald House in Birmingham. Finally, we had our last fundraiser of the year with the 18th annual Palm Sunday Salad bar.

We still have so much to do before we take a break at the end of May. We have more “Spice Rack” program time, an outreach program partnering with United Methodist Church in Vestavia on April 23 ... and a big fun event to close out this remarkable year.

For more information about the EYC programs, please contact Julia Sanford JSanford@holypostleshooover.org or Rev. Robin Hinkle RHinkle@holypostleshooover.org

On behalf of the EYCs, parents, and supporting volunteers, I want to extend a BIG enthusiastic Thank You to Julia and Robin’s leadership in this ministry over the last few years. We wish them the very best as they both move on at the end of May to different roles along their Episcopal journey. Words are inadequate to express our gratefulness and appreciation of the tireless work you’ve displayed during your time with us.

—Tommy Lotz



HOLY APOSTLES Cursillo

Cursillo is a three-day weekend experience held at Camp McDowell, predominantly facilitated by lay people from all over the diocese and attended by “pilgrims” from across the diocese. During this time, you learn how to enhance your journey with Christ and to share his love with others. The Cursillo experience continues into your fourth day, the rest of your life, as you carry this experience with you to others. The Cursillo community at Holy Apostles is



40-plus strong, including the people who have shared what their Cursillo experience has meant to them.

When I reflect on my Cursillo weekend, the first thing that comes to mind is the presence of God and the Holy Spirit throughout the weekend. This was evident from the perfect roommate matchup to the progression of my spiritual awakening, to the total feeling of love and acceptance. This was an amazing weekend and just the beginning of my new journey with God. I am aware of and feel his presence now more clearly than ever in every aspect of my life.

— Hillary Ginas
Cursillo #204

Hey everybody!! My Cursillo weekend as a ‘Pilgrim’ was an incredible and eye-opening experience where I learned about and felt the tremendous love of God in a way that I didn’t think was possible. That weekend has also opened up the door to a whole new world and allowed me to meet and become great friends with a wonderful community of people throughout our Diocese. For me, the Cursillo community has become like an extended family that I dearly love. My Cursillo journey didn’t end with that weekend when I left Camp McDowell. It has continued into my 4th Day- and it’s true that “The Best Is Yet To Come”!! DeColores!

— Jason Whatley
Cursillo #190
On staff Cursillo
#198 and #209



Cursillo has opened my eyes to the many ways God is in my life and the lives of people every day. Meeting with my reunion group weekly keeps my mind focused on the most important things God asks us to do: To love him with all our heart and to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is really true when we say that it just gets better and better!! With Jesus Christ as the center of our life we know that he will always be with us.

— Toni Leo
Cursillo #133
On staff Cursillo #141,
#170, #184, #193, #203

Want to know more about
this tremendous movement?



Contact Susan Jackson
at jackson.susand@gmail.com.



Calendar of Events

Weekly

Sundays	Cursillo—Floating Reunion Group	11:45 am
Mondays	Cursillo Reunion	5:30 pm
Tuesdays	Cursillo Reunion	5:30 pm
Wednesdays	Cursillo Reunion	3:00 pm
Wednesdays	Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm
2 nd /4 th Thurs	Cursillo Reunion	6:30 pm

Monthly

Men's Group Dinner	1 st Mondays	6:00 pm
Vestry Meeting	2 nd Mondays	6:00 pm
DOK	4 th Mondays	6:00 pm
Tapister's -Hoover Library	2 nd Saturdays	10:00 am
Property Team Meeting	Last Mondays	6:00 pm
Healing Service	5 th Sundays	11:30 am

5.7.17	Easter IV (Spring Youth Sunday)
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)
9:30 am	Christian Formation: Henri Nouwen Series
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II w/Choir & Childcare)
5.8.17	Vestry Meeting
5.10.17	Christian Education Meeting 5:00 p.m.
5.13.17	2017 Crawfish and Shrimp Boil
5.14.17	Easter V (Mother's Day)
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)
9:30 am	Adult Choir Warm-Up
9:30 am	Christian Formation: Henri Nouwen Series
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
11:30 am	Children's Choir Practice
5.17.17	Regions Tradition Golf Tournament at Greystone Country Club
5.18.17	DOK Meeting
5.21.17	Easter VI
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
11:30 am	Reception and Celebration of Robin's Ministry
5.24.17	Hoover High School Graduation
5.28.17	Easter VII
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
5.29.17	Memorial Day (Church Office Closed)
6.4.17	Pentecost Sunday: Birthday of the Church (Red Colors)
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
6.11.17	Trinity Sunday
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
6.12.17	Vestry Meeting
6.13.17	Pastoral Care Meeting 4:30 pm
6.18.17	Pentecost II (Father's Day)
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
6.19.17-6.22.17	Young People Paint Birmingham (YPPB)
6.25.17	Pentecost III
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)

10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
7.2.17	Pentecost IV
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
7.4.17	Independence Day Holiday (Church Office Closed)
7.9.17	Pentecost V
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
7.16.17	Pentecost VI
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
11:30 am	Sundae Sunday Hosted by Parish Life
7.17.17-7.20.17	Vacation Bible School 5:30 pm
7.23.17	Pentecost VII
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
7.28.17	Odyssey Preschool Graduation
7.30.17	Pentecost VIII
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Childcare)
8.6.17	Pentecost IX
8:45 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (w/Childcare)
10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II (w/Choir and Childcare) Blessing of Backpacks, School Supplies and Commissioning of Teachers
11:30 am	Children's Choir Practice
11:30 am	Back to School Cookout
5:30 pm	EYC Parent Meeting at Holy Apostles





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Worship Schedule:

8:45 am Holy Eucharist
with child care

9:30 am Christian Formation
with nursery

9:30 am Adult Choir warm-up

10:30 Holy Eucharist
with choir and child care

11:30 am Coffee Hour
(fellowship following service)