



Summer 2018

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Our Work Continues...



Dear Friends,

We know that the Church year moves according to seasons. Some seasons are shorter than others. Some seasons move quickly, and some seasons seem to drag on and on and on. If you step back and look at the Church calendar not just as individual seasons but as an entire year, you can see an arc. You can see how each season serves a purpose and how each season's purpose is a part of the greater purpose of our lives as Christians. Advent leads to Christmas, Lent leads to Easter, and Pentecost and Trinity Sunday leads to Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time falls for us during the Summer months. Our life rhythms outside of church change a little bit. School is out, but we travel more to the beach or to the lake or wherever. We have summer camps, summer jobs, maybe some summer sports. The rhythm of the Church changes a bit too. Programming slows down. Here at Holy Apostles, we follow a similar schedule to the schools, so we go on a hiatus with all of our Christian Education offerings for Children, Youth, and Adults. (But, we still have Children's Chapel every Sunday!) As you can imagine, and you may have seen in the past, church attendance seems to dwindle a bit in the summer as well. Even though the natural tendency around the Church is to slow down, the work of the Church in the world doesn't when the pools open.

On the Day of Pentecost, I preached about what gets us moving! I asked you all what it is that gets your blood pumping and what it is that inspires you! On the first Day of Pentecost, the disciples were gathered together in a room, not sure where to go and not sure what they were going to do. Jesus was gone and their future was uncertain. Then something incredible happened. Suddenly, the room was filled with a violent wind and tongues of fire danced above them. The wind of the Holy Spirit blew into that room that day and then blew the disciples back out the door and out into the world, giving each of them a purpose and an identity. They were to, no matter the circumstances, go out into the world and spread the Good News of Christ to those who were so very hungry for it.

Our mission as the Church is the same now as it was on that day over 2,000 years ago. Go out into the world and share the Good News of God's Love for us! Although our lives are moving into a different season with the arrival of summer, the Church is still the place where we can learn and grow with one another, and together work toward the building of the Kingdom of God here in this world!

So, this summer, keep coming to church! Keep joining us for services! If you are out of town, try a local parish nearby where you're vacationing! See how you can learn and grow while on your visit! Whatever you are this summer and whatever you do, KEEP MOVING! Keep learning! Keep growing! Keep loving! Keep serving! The work of the Gospel of Christ never ends!

Grace and Peace,

— *Worth*

Apostles with Fire Checklist 2018:

1. Feed the hungry
2. Raise money for charities
3. Win Awards at Gumbo Gala
4. Serve hundreds of Beignets
5. Put on one of the best little Crawfish Boils in Hoover



Just another Spring for the team known as Apostles with Fire. It all started back early in the year when we cooked our first pot of Gumbo to serve at St. Martha's Table, a charity event hosted by The Abbey in Avondale. This "pay what you can" event feeds all guests regardless of what they can afford. Apostles with Fire, along with a couple of other area Episcopal Churches, cooked up a few gallons for the cause. We just hate to miss an opportunity to feed the hungry and we're a little proud of our Gumbo! It was a great day to represent our Parish in Avondale doing something we love to do. And it was during this event that the idea for our Gumbo Gala theme started to take shape.

Each year the Apostles with Fire dream up and create a new theme for the Gumbo Gala. We love to cook almost as much as we love to entertain! In fact, we probably put more time and effort into our booth than we put into the 12-gallon pot of Gumbo. It has always been a goal of the team to put our character as well as our cooking on display. Our hope has always been to provide something that would be fun and engaging to the visitors who attend the annual Gumbo Gala. The 2018 theme of Voodoo Gumbo did not disappoint. As guests entered the festival they were immediately met with our smoking shrines and characters dressed as voodoo dolls, chiefs and gypsies. The team was rewarded with a second place finish in the spirit competition. But, there must have been something in that Gumbo this year because Apostles with Fire took the People's Choice Award for best Gumbo! In the six years we have competed, Holy

Apostles has walked away with 2 first place awards for the Gumbo, three first place awards and two second place awards for the spirit competition. Holy Apostles has definitely become a fixture of the annual Episcopal Place Gumbo Gala raising much needed money for Episcopal Place.

Just like that the team shifted gears and converted the Gumbo pot into a fryer and headed out to Celebrate Hoover with the thousands of guests who gather each year at Veterans Park on Valleydale Road. In a cloud of flour and powdered sugar, the team cranked out hundreds and hundreds of beignets. From start to finish this incredible team kept the dough frying and flying! We served a hundreds of guests and, more importantly, showed our support for the city of Hoover as we grow and further establish our presence in the community.

After a week off it was time to host the 21st Annual Crawfish Boil. Thanks to the hard work and support of the entire Parish (and a little help from Mother Nature), we enjoyed an incredible sunny day and entertained hundreds of guests at our little festival. Our family, friends and guests spent the afternoon enjoying some good company, great food and the wonderful hospitality for which we are well known. It's hard to believe this started 21 years ago and many of the people who worked the show then are still involved today! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to put on one of the best little boils in Hoover.



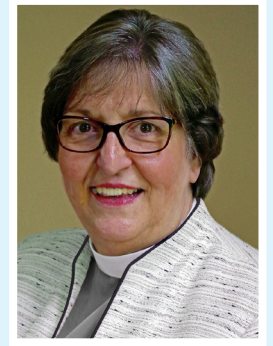
And in the middle of all the fun we raised \$1200 for the Assistance League of Birmingham providing clothing and support for underprivileged children in the Birmingham Area.

Zig Ziglar once said, “kids go where there is excitement; they stay where there is love.” I think that holds true for people of all ages. We are naturally drawn to energy. When that energy is fueled by love, well we just want to stick around for more. Apostles with Fire, coupled with the broader Parish of Holy Apostles is part of that excitement and love that just makes it all special. We are proud to represent our family and are grateful for your love and support of what we do!



**Want to be part of the team?
Apostles with Fire
would love
to have you join us.
Anyone can be part of the fun!
Just ask Kenn Gaddis,
Bill Davis,
Richard Eppes,
Jason Whatley,
John Ross Havard
or any of our team
to be added to the roster!**

A Message From Our Deacon



— Deacon Marti

After busy weekdays, staying home and sleeping in sounds so tempting on Sunday mornings. I mean, life can be DRAINING, and often it's the only day with that option!

Do you remember the very first time you attended Sunday morning worship at Holy Apostles? I hope you can! Obviously, something happened that morning that caused you to want to come back again...and again...and again!

So, what was it? Maybe, it was something a little bit like what happened to Andres Todd at Wenonah High School.

After witnessing his grandfather die from a gunshot wound while they were mowing the grass at the Montevallo Gardens community, he became a confused and rudderless young man. For a 13-year-old, a traumatic experience like that can send you in a tailspin, and that is exactly what happened to Andres. By the time he entered his senior year in high school, he had been suspended at least once each year, and was 13 credits behind. The faculty considered him a lost cause.

That is when Birmingham Police Captain, James Jackson, went to the Birmingham Schools resource officers and asked for the names of the three most difficult students. Andres' name was first on the list. The Captain made a commitment to be a positive influence on this boy. With the approval and support of his grandmother, who is his guardian, Captain Jackson took Andres to a week-long trip to the Kids Across America camp in Missouri, a Christian program with a mission of encouraging, equipping, and empowering urban youth and their mentors through camping and education to impact their communities for Christ. It was a rough first few days, but then things began to turn.

Returning to Birmingham, Captain Jackson and other members of the police force made a commitment to help Andres complete high school successfully. What seemed hopeless to his teachers was made possible with help and encouragement from the officers. They tutored him. They even picked him up at home and took him to and from school in their cruisers. What a difference this relationship made in just a few months!

In late May this year, Andres was honored on Awards Day at the school with a Wenonah High School Student Achievement award. There were tears and loud cheers from his classmates, the officers, and his grandmother. On May 23rd, he graduated, ON TIME, from Wenonah High School.

WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE? Two things:

- 1. People showed up**
- 2. People made a commitment to be there for Andres.**

Woody Allen has said that "Seventy Percent of Success in Life is Showing Up." And, James Caan has been quoted as saying, "Showing up every day isn't enough." He explains that you have to show up and DO SOMETHING.

Like the police for Andres, somebody showed up, and did something, on your first day at Holy Apostles. It made a difference for you. What difference do you want to make?



Calendar of Events

Weekly

Sundays	Holy Eucharist II (w/Nursery)	8:30am
	Choir Warm-up	9:30am
	Holy Eucharist II (w/Choir & Nursery)	10:30am
	Cursillo - Floating Reunion Group	11:45am
Mondays	Cursillo Reunion	5:30pm
Tuesdays	Bible Study with Deacon Marti	10:30am
	Cursillo Reunion	5:30pm
Wednesdays	Cursillo Reunion	3:00pm
2 nd /4 th Thurs	Cursillo Reunion	6:30pm

Monthly

Men's Group Dinner	1 st Mondays	6:00pm
Vestry Meeting (Summer off)	2 nd Mondays	6:00pm
Daughters of the King	4 th Mondays	6:00pm
Tapister's - Hoover Library	2 nd Saturdays	10:00am
Property Team Meeting	Last Mondays	5:00pm
Healing Service	5 th Sundays	11:30am

Upcoming Events

6.24.18	5 th Sunday after Pentecost
7.1.18	6 th Sunday after Pentecost
7.4.18	Independence Day (Church Closed)
7.8.18	7 th Sunday after Pentecost
7.16.18-7.19.18	VBS at Holy Apostles (6:00-8:30pm)
7.22.18	9 th Sunday after Pentecost
7.29.18	10 th Sunday after Pentecost
8.1.18	Father Blake returns from Sabbatical
8.5.18	11 th Sunday after Pentecost
	Blessing of the Backpacks, School Supplies
8.8.18	Hoover School Start
8.12.18	12 th Sunday after Pentecost Parish Life Back to School Cookout at HA (11:30am)
8.19.18	13 th Sunday after Pentecost Ministry Fair & Potluck Lunch hosted by Parish Life
8.26.18	14 th Sunday after Pentecost
9.2.18	15 th Sunday after Pentecost
9.3.18	Labor Day (Church Closed)

Mark your calendar for Vacation Bible School at Holy Apostles, July 16-19 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.



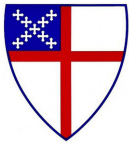


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Worship Schedule:

8:30 am Holy Eucharist
with nursery

9:30 am Adult Choir warm-up

10:30 am Holy Eucharist
with choir and nursery

11:30 am Coffee Hour
(fellowship following service)