

*Week of September 24 - October 1, 2017*

**Sunday, October 1st**

8:30 am Rite II Instructed Eucharist  
9:00 am Choir Practice, choir room  
9:30 am Children's Christian Formation, parish hall  
Adult Forum, nave  
10:30 am Rite II Instructed Eucharist & Piano Blessing  
2:30 am Blessing of the Animals Liturgy, church grounds

**Wednesday, October 4th**

5:30 pm Sit Quiet: A Time of Holy Silence and Prayer, nave

**Thursday, October 5th**

10:30 am Tai Chi, parish hall

**Sunday, October 8th**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:00 am Choir Practice, choir room  
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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Spirit*

*Save the Date*

**2017 Taste of the Spirit: Jazz & Jambalaya**

Saturday, October 28th 🎵 5:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Silent & Live Auction

featuring Choko Aiken with Cleve Eaton and Sonny Harris  
also performing, Thompson High School Jazz Combo



**Auction Items Still Needed!**

We still need auction items, especially restaurant gift certificates. We are taking NEW items valued at \$25.00 or more. We are also looking for big ticket items for our LIVE auction portion. Contact Allyson Agee, allyagee@bellsouth.net or 205-283-7732.

*Weekly & Monthly Reminders*

Healing Eucharist	Oct 11th	11:00 am	Nave
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Oct 14th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Oct 15th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Oct 19th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Oct 20th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Oct 21st	9:00 am	Narthex

*Vestry & Diocesan Convention Nominations*

**Vestry Nominations**

Vestry nominations will be here before we know it! This is a very important time in the church and to serve as a member of the vestry. If you would like to serve in this important role please let us know. Requirements for election to the Vestry are:

1. An adult person over the age of 16
2. Confirmed (or Received) in the Episcopal Church
3. Regular in attendance
4. Pledging member of record

Please contact Mandy Golightly, Senior Warden, if you are interested.

**Diocesan Convention Delegates**

Would you like the honor of representing Holy Spirit at the 187th Diocesan Convention? We need three delegates to attend this two day convention to hear all the latest updates from around the diocese and to vote on behalf of our congregation. The convention will be held on February 9th & 10th, 2018 in Decatur, Alabama. Please contact Mandy Golightly, mmgolightly@gmail.com, if you are interested.

## Church Happenings

### Blessing of the Animals, Sunday, October 1st at 2:30pm

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, we will have a special service followed by blessing of all creatures great and small. Kids are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals as well. We will also pray for those pets at home and those who have died. Please bring canned or packaged pet food that will be donated to a local shelter.

### Tai Chi Classes, Thursdays at 10:30 am

Tai Chi classes will be offered at Holy Spirit for 7 weeks on Thursdays at 10:30 by a certified instructor beginning September 7th. Approved by Fall Prevention and Arthritis Association. Free classes. Sign up in the narthex.

### Healing Eucharist, Wednesday, October 11th at 11:00 am

In need of a mid-week boost? Come join us for a quiet, service of healing October 11th at 11:00 am. Those who wish to stay are welcome to stay for a brown bag lunch immediately following the service.

### Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, October 14th at 8am

Join the men of Holy Spirit as they meet once a month on the second Saturday to gather for breakfast, prayer time, and fellowship. **All men are welcome and encouraged to come.** Cooking starts at 7:00 am with breakfast served at 8:00am. Please bring a few dollars to help cover the cost of breakfast. Be sure to wear your favorite hat! If you are interested in cooking breakfast or have other questions, contact Buzz Palmer, buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com; Al Delchamps, aldel111@aol.com; or Doug Smedley, dsmedley@calera.org.

## Financial Update

### Contributions

Thank you for your generous support of our parish. Below is a summary of the contributions received during the week ending on Sunday, September 24, 2017.

Pledged .....	\$2,430.00
Unpledged .....	\$ 68.00
Beans and Rice.....	\$ 75.88
TOTS tickets .....	\$ 80.00
Total Contributions .....	\$2,653.88

### Avg Sunday Attendance

	Jul	Aug	Sept
8:30am	13	12	9
10:30am	54	70	60
Total	67	81	69

## Please pray for...

**Bishops and Clergy:** Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael Bruce Curry, Presiding Bishop ECUSA; Kee Sloan, Alabama Bishop; Bill Blackerby, Interim Rector; Stan Wright, Priest Affiliate

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** Our companion dioceses of Alaska & the Virgin Islands & their bishops Mark & Ambrose; For all ministries to the hungry

**Ministries and Programs within The Church of the Holy Spirit:** Children's Christian Formation, EYC, Adult Education

**For Nation and Local Community:** Donald Trump, President; Kay Ivey, Governor; Communities of Calera, Alabaster, Helena, Maylene, & Pelham

**For all people everywhere, especially:** all those impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria

**Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit:** Richard Smith (Victoria Knierim); Roxie & Stan Wright; Bud Montgomery, Henry (Carol Smedley); Kim & Luke Sloan, Nila Whetsell, Roy Wolfe, David, Obie, Brian, Bill & Debbie (Katy Brooks); Karen Marshall (Allyson Agee); Dan Poset; Will Graham; Lou Malone (Sharon Poset); Charlotte Callough (M.E. Spencer); Jimmy Lee (Rodney Dilbeck); Betty Marek; Greg, Tyler, Derek, & Josh Hussey; Val Autrey; J.T. Peterson; Barb Diehl (Jim Hamilton); Dawn Mango (Harriet & Bill Meeks); Gladys McKay; Paul Clausmeyer; Ted Smith (Sally Jorgenson); Nan Vodde; Harriet & Bill Meeks; Catherine Frison, William Davis, Barbara Banks (Robbie McCoy); Bill Sorensen; Kindle Stamps (Mandy Curry); Claire Stephens (Carrie May); Dallyne & Jim Jones (Glenda Jones)

**For those serving in the armed services:** Hall Graham (Julia Jackson), Mark McKay (Gladys McKay)

**For all who have died,** may light perpetual shine upon them.

**Upcoming Birthdays:** Betty Marek (10/1), Carrie May (10/4), Roxie Wright (10/7), Pam Bainter (10/7), Kem Muruako (10/8), Lila Golightly (10/8), Daniel Campos (10/9), Olivia Kilgore (10/14)

**Upcoming Anniversaries:** Ellen & Janet Cooley (10/10), Erica & Richard Wall (10/11)

### **The Rev. Bill Blackerby, Interim Rector**

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Tara's Office Hours: Tues, Wed, & Thurs – 9:00am to 1:00pm

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