

*Week of February 5 - 12, 2017*

*Living  
in the  
Spirit*

**Sunday, February 5th**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall  
Choir Practice, nave  
Taste of the Spirit Planning Meeting, church office  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11:45 am Joyous Communion (grades 3rd - 6th), nave

**Tuesday, February 7th**

5:00 pm Centering Prayer, nave

**Wednesday, February 8th**

11:00 am Healing Eucharist, nave  
7:00 pm Choir Practice, choir room

**Saturday, February 11th**

8:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast, parish hall

**Sunday, February 12th**

8:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
9:30 am Christian Formation for all ages, parish hall  
Choir Practice, nave  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
11:45 am Vestry Meeting, parish hall  
Joyous Communion (grades 3rd - 6th), nave

*Notes from the Interim Rector*

**Cahaba Valley Health Care Screening:** When I began learning about this parish, I was delighted to find that Church of the Holy Spirit is a screening site for Cahaba Valley Health Care (CVHC). What a wonderful gift it is to the community to make the church facilities available so that our underserved neighbors have access to health services. The beauty of that gift was underscored last Sunday by 18 adult and youth parishioners who volunteered to welcome our guests and to support the work of CVHC. Many thanks to everyone at Holy Spirit for helping this to be a place of hospitality and care. This is just one way that Holy Spirit strives to "seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself."

**Praying for the Vestry:** The duties and responsibilities of a vestry are always important as its members work to take care of parish finances and church facilities. Those responsibilities are heightened when it comes time to call a new rector. With that in mind, I invite you to keep the vestry in your prayers. You can find *A Prayer for Our Vestry* in the narthex and in the entrance to the parish hall. I invite you to pick up one of these and pray for the vestry often.

**A Prayer for Discernment:** Speaking of prayers, here is one that I have used often over the past 17 years. I plan to say more about it in this morning's sermon.

*Lord, Let me know clearly the work which you are calling me to do in life. And grant me every grace I need to answer your call with courage and love and lasting dedication to your will.  
Amen.*

The Rev. Bill Blackerby, Interim Rector

## *Weekly & Monthly Reminders*

Centering Prayer	Feb 7th	5:00 pm	Nave
Women's Circle	Feb 7th	6:30 pm	Nave
Healing Eucharist	Feb 8th	11:00 am	Nave
Choir Practice	Feb 8th	7:00 pm	Choir Room
Men's Prayer Breakfast	Feb 11th	8:00 am	Parish Hall
Vestry Meeting	Feb 12th	11:45 am	Parish Hall
Bunco	Feb 16th	6:30 pm	Parish Hall
Pack for Beans & Rice	Feb 17th	9:00 am	Parish Hall
Beans & Rice	Feb 18th	9:00 am	Narthex
Holy Spirit 101	Feb 19th	11:45 am	Rector's Office

## *Save the Date*

Feb 17th-18th	186th Diocesan Convention, Birmingham
Tues, Feb 28th	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, 6:30 pm
Wed, Mar 1st	Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 pm
Thurs, Apr 13th	Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm
Fri, Apr 14th	Good Friday Service & Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
Sat, Apr 15th	Easter Vigil, 7:00 pm
Sun, Apr 16th	Easter Sunday

## *Church Happenings*

### **Cookies for Beans & Rice**

As part of our Beans & Rice Ministry, we like to add a small bag of cookies (homemade cookies, store-bought cookies, brownies, etc.) to the bag of food staples that we provide each month to those in need. This treat is greatly appreciated. Please consider signing up (by yourself or with a friend) to provide cookies for one of the Rice & Beans Ministry Saturdays during the year. Sign up and get all the details at: <http://holyspirit-al.org/volunteer-spot/>

### **Centering Prayer, Tuesday, February 7th at 5:00pm, nave**

If you've been curious about how Centering Prayer might enrich your Spiritual Practice, now is the time to find out. Join us as we meet on the first Tuesday of each month to encourage each other in this ancient practice. We'll spend about 20 minutes sitting together in peaceful, reverent, healing silence, & we'll share our stories and tips for incorporating this practice into our daily lives.

### **Healing Eucharist, Wednesday, February 8th at 11:00 am**

In need of a mid-week boost? Come join us for a quiet, service of healing February 8th 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, February 11th 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](mailto:buzz.palmer@rawsonlp.com); Al Delchamps, [aldel11@aol.com](mailto:aldel11@aol.com); or Doug Smedley, [dsmedley@calera.org](mailto:dsmedley@calera.org).

### **Cursillo 4th sunDAY!, February 26th at 11:45 am**

All past Cursillistas are invited to reunion together every 4th Sunday of the month. Our first get together will be February 26th. Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch.

*If you are interested in attending Cursillo,* contact Kim Sorensen, ksorensen@jackhenry.com, for more information.

Upcoming 2017 Cursillo Weekends:

\* March 9th – 12th \* April 6th – 9th \* June 8th – 11th \* Sept 7th – 10th \* Oct 5th – 8th

### **Holy Spirit 101 – February 19th at 11:45am**

Come learn more about Holy Spirit with M.E. Spencer Sunday, February 19th after the 10:30 service. This is a great opportunity for visitors (but all are welcome) to gather once a month in the rector's office with refreshments and hear about the church and our offerings.

*Thank you...*

To everyone who purchased or donated a Boston Butt in our Super Bowl Super Butts fundraiser!! We sold 64 butts which included 12 that were donated! Way to go!

Thank you also to Buzz Palmer and all the Holy Smokers for donating your time on an early Saturday morning.

## *Diocesan Events*

### **Registration for Summer Camps NOW OPEN!**

Visit [campmcdowell.com/summer-camps-retreats](http://campmcdowell.com/summer-camps-retreats) for calendar of sessions, general information, and to register. You can find information for Clear Creek Camp and Bethany Village. There are scholarships available for any child that wants to attend camp.

### **Renewed Life: Seizing the Promises of Christ, March 31 – April 2, Camp McDowell**

We yearn for a rich relationship with Christ, one that will deepen our connection to God and to one another, but too often, the new life in Christ can seem a lot like the old life, plus church. How do we cross the gap between the faith we have and the living faith we truly desire? How do we enter into Christ's promises, not only in heaven, but here, today, in this world? What does it mean to love Christ and to accept his love for us? Join us for this interactive retreat that will use ancient Christian stories and hands-on practices to help you learn to live resurrection. There will be opportunity for rest, massage, & spiritual direction. Register at [bit.ly/lentretreat](http://bit.ly/lentretreat)

### **Alabama Folk School, Winter 2017 Workshops**

2017 marks the ten-year anniversary of the Alabama Folk School. We will celebrate the milestone in style with 3-day, 4-day, and week-long programs in folk art and music. Special programs include birding, blacksmithing, wooden boat building, cooking, drawing and painting, fiber arts, homesteading, music, and songwriting. Join us this year in celebrating #10YearsOfFolk. Registration is already open for many classes and others will open in the coming months. Visit [www.alfolkschool.com](http://www.alfolkschool.com).

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## *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, January 29, 2016.

Pledged .....	\$1,980.00
Unpledged .....	\$ 254.40
Flowers .....	\$ 161.95
Outreach .....	\$ 15.00
Boston Butt Purchases .....	\$ 800.00
Boston Butt Donations .....	\$ 140.00
Total Contributions .....	\$3,351.35

### *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; Episcopal Relief and Development; Episcopal Ministries

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

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

**For all people everywhere, especially:** those living in Syria and all war-torn countries and the victims of the recent tornado destruction

**Healing & Guidance for members, relatives and friends of Holy Spirit:** Richard Smith (Victoria Knierim); Carl Raymond (Allyson Agee); Jo Cochran (Judy Dykes); Roxie & Stan Wright; Debra Dewees (Glenda Jones); Bud Montgomery, Henry (Carol Smedley); Kim & Luke Sloan, Nila Whetsell, Roy Wolfe, David, Obie, Brian, Bill & Debbie (Katy Brooks); Karen Marshall (Allyson Agee); Barbara Carroll (Harriet & Bill Meeks); Jaxson (Mary Hodgetts); Jim Mankoski (Allyson Agee); Dan Poset; Shannon Bogert & family (Amanda Wilbanks); Buzz Palmer; Isabelle Jackson; Hal Skalka; Will Graham; Lou Malone (Sharon Poset); Zara Golightly (Mandy Golightly); Julia Jackson; Charlotte Callough (M.E. Spencer); Jimmy Lee (Rodney Dilbeck); Betty Marek

**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:** Bella Brooks (2/6), Allison Smith (2/10), Eileen Dilbeck (2/12), Forrest Heacock (2/14), Robbie McCoy (2/17), Keri Ann Atkinson (2/18)

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