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We are working on finalizing the first phase of our playground. The playground, begun last spring as an Eagle Scout project, will be finished by a gift from a friend of the parish and member of All Saints Episcopal Church, Carl Bruner. The set up date will be announced. Thanks also to Deb Peeples and the playground committee for finding just the right setup.



180th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Alabama

February 11-12, 2011, June 25, 2011 AND July 16, 2011

Bishop Parsley has called for parishes to elect persons who are confirmed communicants as delegates and alternates to attend the 180th Annual Convention of our diocese. Chosen delegates must attend all three sessions—February at Saint Luke's, Birmingham, June also at Saint Luke's Birmingham, and July at the Cathedral Church of the Advent sessions.

Elected delegates must be able and committed to attending these important meetings. The Eleventh Bishop of Alabama will be elected at the final meeting. Our parish will elect delegates on October 3rd.

[Fri Oct 1](#)

[Betty Marek Happy Birthday](#)]
1pm – 5pm [Holy Spirit Golf Tournament](#) - Ballantrae
Golf Club Pelham alabama

[Sat Oct 2](#)

10am – 10:30am [Blessing of the Animals](#) 10 am -
church
11am – 1pm [Training For Sunday Morning Ministries](#)
- church

[Sun Oct 3](#) 9:30am – 10:30am

[Vote for delegates to Diocesan Convention.](#)
6pm – 8pm [Financial Peace University](#) - 858 Kent
Dairy Rd, Alabaster, AL]

[Wed Oct 6](#)

[Lee Lowery, Happy Birthday](#)]
7pm – 8pm [Choir Rehearsal](#)

[Thu Oct 7](#)

[Roxie Wright, Happy Birthday](#)]

[Fri Oct 8](#)

[Kem Muruako, Happy Birthday](#)]

[Sun Oct 10](#)

[Schuyler Arn, Happy Birthday](#)]
[Brotherhood of St. Andrew Meets after Worship](#) -
Episcopal church of the Holy Spirit]
6pm – 8pm [Financial Peace University](#) - 858 Kent
Dairy Rd, Alabaster, AL]

[Mon Oct 11](#)

[Columbus Day](#)
[Erica and Richard Wall, Happy Anniversary](#)]

[Tue](#)

[Oct 12 Ed Olson, Happy Birthday](#)]
7pm – 8pm [Vestry Meetings](#)]

[Wed Oct 13](#)

[Fr Lowery at Cursillo until Sunday afternoon](#) - Cur-
sillo
7pm – 8pm [Choir Rehearsal](#) - 858 Kent Dairy Rd]

[Sat Oct 16 Bill Spencer, Happy Birthday](#) 9am –
1pm [Beans and Rice Outreach](#) - Episcopal Church of
the Holy Spirit 858 Kent Dairy Rd Alabaster, AL
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[Sun Oct 17](#) 6pm – 8pm

[Financial Peace University](#) - 858 Kent Dairy Rd, Ala-
baster, AL]

[Mon Oct 18 Triston Von Seebach, Happy Birthday](#)]

[Tue Oct 19 Bill Meeks, Happy Birthday](#)]

[Wed Oct 20](#) 7pm – 8pm [Choir Rehearsal](#) - 858 Kent
Dairy Rd]

[Thu Oct 21](#)

[Kendall Moseley, Happy Birthday](#)]

[Fri Oct 22](#)

[Robert Chenault, Happy Birthday](#)]

[Sun Oct 24](#) 6pm – 8pm

[Financial Peace University](#) - 858 Kent Dairy Rd, Ala-
baster, AL]

[Mon Oct 25](#)

[Scott and Louise Corscadden, Happy Anniversary](#)]

[Wed Oct 27](#)

[Kate Lowery, Happy Birthday](#)]
7pm – 8pm [Choir Rehearsal](#) - 858 Kent Dairy Rd]

[Thu Oct 28](#)

[Parker Agee, Happy Birthday](#)]

[Sun Oct 31](#)

[Reformation Day](#)

[Halloween](#)

12pm – 1:30pm

[Oktoberfest, newcomers dinner](#) - church

[Financial Peace University](#) - 858 Kent Dairy Rd, Ala-
baster, AL]


[Mon Nov 1](#)

[All Saints Day](#)



Happy Birthday

- Betty Marek, October 1
- Lee Lowery, October 6
- Roxie Wright, October 7
- Kem Muruako, October 8
- Schuyler Arn, October 10
- Ed Olson, October 12
- Bill Spencer, October 16
- Tristan Von Seebach, October 18
- Bill Meeks, October 19
- Kendall Moseley, October 21
- Robert Chenault, October 22
- Kate Lowery, October 27
- Parker Agee, October 28



Say a prayer for...

Melissa, Lori, Jackson, Kassi, Francis, Lizzy, Michele, Chip, Karen, Noah, Kin, David, Joy, Jackie, Shirley, Louise, Steve, Rhonda, Hameed, Naubert, Otis, Gordon, Harriet, Jay, Nancy, Peggy, Roxanne, Jerry, Raburn, James, Cacy, Laura, Gladys, and Joy.

For our bishops Henry and Kee

For our men and women in the Armed Forces

For peace in the world

For those who lead our city, state, and country.

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

Almighty God; Send down upon your Church and the Diocese of Alabama the comfort of your Holy Spirit, that this same spirit may lead us in this time of transition. Guide us as we seek your wisdom, so that we may choose a bishop who will walk in your ways, and so draw our hearts to you, that in all that we do we may glorify your name. We pray this through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Happy Anniversary

- Erica and Richard wall,
October 11
- Scott and Louise Corscadden,
October 25

Our pledges for the period ending in September have fallen behind our goal.

We're working with the diocese and we're working on fundraisers, but we need each pledge from large to small to meet our obligations.

If you can check your giving for the year and catch up if you're behind it would help us manage our money.

Parish life

The Parish Family Life Committee seeks to emphasize the importance of human relationships in the parish. In this regard, the group hopes to promote enrichment of family life, through opportunities for parishioners to meet and interact, and to develop an awareness of the needs of singles, couples, parents, and retired members of our community.

Our goal is to host events for Holy Spirit on a monthly basis. Other functions include hosting Newcomer's Dinners and the reception when the Bishop visits.



Contact Allyson Agee
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Classes and Topics for the Year:

- Preschool-Kindergarten.....Discover
- Elementary.....Family Life in Bible Times
- Middle School.....Follow the King
- High School.....Follow the King
- Parents.....Becoming a Love and Logic Parent
- Adult Christian Ed.....Visioning our future



Middle and High School classes will have a social each month. The elementary class will plan their own activities throughout the year.

Trinity Clanton

For the second year, Trinity Episcopal Church, Clanton will be celebrating Oktoberfest with a traditional German dinner and beverage together with lots of German music and dance.

This year, Oktoberfest will take place on Friday, Oct. 8, beginning at 6 p.m. and will be held at Helen's Place Restaurant in Clanton (located 1/2 block east of the church) on 2nd Avenue South.

Tickets are now on sale for \$15 each or two for \$25, and nursery care will be provided at the church.

All profits are divided between emergency assistance in Chilton County and the new Sunday morning Atrium Program for children at Trinity.

Two chances to celebrate Oktoberfest!

Don't miss our Oktoberfest after worship, October 31. Come celebrate the eve of all Saints Day, Sunday, October 31. We want to set this aside as a special time for all of our Saints to get to know each other. The weather should be great, and the companionship outstanding.

Holy Spirit

Save the Date!

The second annual

ESOL Educator Conference for Volunteer-Based Programs is October 22nd.

This training event for volunteer programs and individual ESOL educators will be held again at The Junior League of Birmingham.

This will be a single-day event presenting the latest research and classroom strategies for those serving adult English language learners. Lunch is included in the \$30 registration fee, and we will again have drawings for free registration to upcoming TESOL, AMTESOL and Sunshine State TESOL conferences.

Our gracious partners at the English Language and Culture Institute and the ESL teaching program in the School of Education at UAB will again volunteer their expertise to benefit ESOL programs and learners in our local community and across Central Alabama.

Watch for more information regarding session topics and registration on our web site!

Please contact Theresa Sterling at The Literacy Council, 326-1925, or tsterling@literacy-council.org for more information.



Big Thanks to those working on this year's Golf tourney. To be held October

	Acolyte	Altar Guild	Lector	LEM	Usher	Vestry	Welcome Wagon	Coffee Hour Host
Sunday, Oct 3, 10:30 AM	William Slonneger	J. Elliott Betty Grady	G. Elliott - 1st B. Fowler - 2nd C. Agee - Prayers	A. Smith	A. Agee H. Roberts	I. Barnes - Teller B. Smith-Slonneger - Vestry	M. Araujo	L. Divers
Sunday, Oct 10, 10:30 AM	Alistair Delchamps	M. Logan A. Logan	Al Delchamps - 1st J. Elliott - 2nd G. Elliott - Prayers	A. Smith	M. Araujo K. Brooks	G. Elliott - Teller L. Wade - Vestry	M. Roth	Linda Lowery
Sunday, Oct 17, 10:30 AM	S. Gardner	L. Divers M. Spencer	M. Picot - 1st A. Gardner - 2nd M. Kelley - Prayers	G. Elliott	M. Roth B. Smith-Slonneger	R. McIntosh - Teller M. Logan - Vestry	S. Picot	M. Picot
Sunday, Oct 24, 10:30 AM	B. Cawthon	M. Logan A. Logan	D. Cawthon - 1st J. Talbert - 2nd David Aldrich - Prayers	G. Elliott	C. Agee A. Agee	L. Wade - Teller B. Smith-Slonneger - Vestry	S. Picot	M. Araujo
Sunday, Oct 31, 10:30 AM	Z. Roberts	R. McCoy K. Olson	Linda Lowery - 1st J. Dykes - 2nd B. Fowler - Prayers	G. Jones	H. Meeks B. Meeks	B. Smith-Slonneger - Teller I. Barnes - Vestry	S. Picot	Linda Lowery

Vestry Meetings are second Tuesday of the month. All are invited to participate.

Vestry Meeting 9/14/10

Present: Lee Lowery, Broocks Slonneger, Linda Wade, Mary Joe Logan, Ian Barnes, Gary Elliott, Rinsel McIntosh, John Talbert

Golf Tournament:

- ◇ 10/1
- ◇ Rising registration and sponsorships
- ◇ Still need more teams
- ◇ Lee will ask Turner Batson, Iberia Bank, and Brasfield/Gorrie about sponsorships

Bring a Friend to Church Sunday

4 invited/2 visitors

Oct. 2 – Training Day.... Greeter, Lectors, Altar Guild, Ushers, LEM, etc.

Lee will advertise for three Convention Delegates in Feb 2011. Elections to be 10/3

Signs

- ◇ Rinsel will call strip center
- ◇ Lee to talk to Commercial Bank
- ◇ Also discussed signage at Hwy 17

Upcoming Calendar Dates

Oct 3: Delegate Elections

Oct. 31: Newcomer Dinner?

Nov. 7: Kickoff Fall Stewardship Campaign “Time”

Nov. 14: Kickoff Fall Stewardship Campaign “Talent”

Nov. 21: Kickoff Fall Stewardship Campaign “Treasure”

Nov. 28: Stewardship Ends

Dec 12: Bishop

Keep in mind names for next year’s Vestry – to be nominated in January

Oktoberfest:

Rinsel proposes no Oktoberfest this year

Seems to be no enthusiasm for it, so we won’t do it.

New Member Dinner Team

- ◇ Not a fundraiser
 - ◇ Possibly build it in the future
 - ◇ Parish Life will tackle this
- October 31

Fall Stewardship Campaign

- ◇ David Divers nominated to head stewardship team (permanent team).
- ◇ Lee will look to see if there is a stewardship package
- ◇ “Time, Talent, and “Treasure” to be the focus for 3 Sundays
- ◇ Discussed need for a stewardship team to focus on all aspects, not just financial.
- ◇ Need to increase # of families who pledge
- ◇ Also need to increase % each family gives... maybe 1% each year
- ◇ Need to generate strategy with materials
- ◇ Begin team meetings by the end of September
- ◇ For next vestry meeting...develop stewardship statement
- ◇ David, Gary, Rinsel, John, Joe, Lee, others??

Member Incorporation

Lee will be focusing on member incorporation

Challenging people to have a deeper relationship with God

Be sure to fill out your survey

How do we bring people deeper into the parish?

Building Team

Has not met recently

Will try to meet soon, possibly every Thursday beginning 9/23

Discussed modular building like Westwood’s new addition

Playground meeting Wednesday 9/15

Join In the Spirit!