



We believe in sharing love and grace with God and one another.



# Ascension Highlights What's Happening This Week

- FaceBook Morning Prayer - Mon-Fri, @ 8:00 AM

- Wednesday Night Live - Wed, Mar 4 @ 5:15 PM

- Men's Prayer Breakfast - Thur, Mar 5 @ 7:00 AM

- Cubscouts Carwash - Sat, Mar 7 - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

From the Rector...

Several years ago, I served as a chaperone on a diocesan pilgrimage to Taizé in the Burgundy region of France, founded by Brother Roger. During World War II, Brother Roger helped Jews and others targeted by the Nazis escape occupied Europe. When the Gestapo sought to arrest him, he fled to Switzerland, where he continued his efforts until the war ended.

While in Switzerland, he developed a distinctive pattern of worship that transcended denominational lines—repetitive sung prayer, extended silence, and a deep simplicity that invited people into the presence of God. After the war, Brother Roger returned to France and established the Taizé Community, dedicating his life to healing and reconciliation. He was killed a few years ago during evening prayer, but the community continues its ministry of peace, welcoming thousands of young adults each year for weeklong gatherings grounded in common prayer and shared life.

After our week at Taizé, our group spent two days in Paris before returning home. Still buoyed by the depth of that spiritual experience, we wandered the city with a renewed awareness of Christianity and its imprint on the city. In the oldest parts of town, Stations of the Cross are still etched into the stonework of buildings. The great churches lift the eye



heavenward, embodying the architects' desire to point worshipers toward hope beyond the limits of ordinary life. Yet it was not the buildings that moved me most—it was the people.

One afternoon, as another chaperone and I shepherded our teens through the city, we stopped in a park for a snack. What we had was modest: bread, cheese, crackers, fruit. Each person shared what they had brought—a loaves-and-fishes moment—and someone commented that it felt like Eucharist.

When we finished, one of the youth noticed a homeless man nearby. Without prompting, he took a bottle of water and some of the remaining food in a napkin to share with him.

That is what the Eucharist does.

I have no illusion that the man in the park preferred food to money, or that he experienced that simple exchange as sacred. The act did not solve his hunger or change his circumstances in any lasting way. But in that moment, something holy happened—not because of what the man received, but because of how the young person had been changed.

The man was no longer invisible. He was seen. And in seeing him through the lens of Christ, the teenager responded—not out of obligation, but out of recognition. The Eucharist had schooled his vision. It had trained his heart.

That is the mysterious grace of sacrament. In baptism, we are claimed as Christ's own forever. In the Eucharist, we are fed with Christ's life again and again so that we may become what we receive. We are sent into the world not simply to believe something about Jesus, but to embody his self-giving love in small and great ways as the Spirit leads us.

In the end, this journey of faith is about learning to see as God sees and to love as God loves.

Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread—and in the lives that are broken open for the sake of the world.

Light and Life,

Candice+

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**GROW**

# The Great Divorce – A Lenten Practice

Daily Reflections by the Rev. David Hall

February 19 – March 27



Contact [Jason@coascension.org](mailto:Jason@coascension.org)  
to receive daily emails  
or listen at Church of the Ascension  
on your favorite podcast channel

A line art illustration on a light orange background. It features two wine glasses, one slightly behind the other, a bunch of grapes with a leaf, and an open book with several pages visible. The text 'The WORD' is written in a mix of cursive and bold sans-serif fonts. Below the illustration, the title 'THE GREAT DIVORCE' is written in bold, uppercase letters. Further down, the event details are listed in smaller, uppercase letters.

*The*  
**WORD**

**THE GREAT DIVORCE**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 6:00 PM  
IN THE SMALL DINING ROOM  
GATHER FOR CASUAL THEOLOGICAL DISCOURSE WITH CLERGY

WINE AND ALTERNATIVE BEVERAGES PROVIDED.

**NEW!**

DISCOVER THE  
POWER OF



March 5 - April 2

Men's Prayer Breakfast  
to deepen your Lenten journey.

Thursdays at 7 am:

**ASCENSION HALL**

# In Trouble and In Wonder

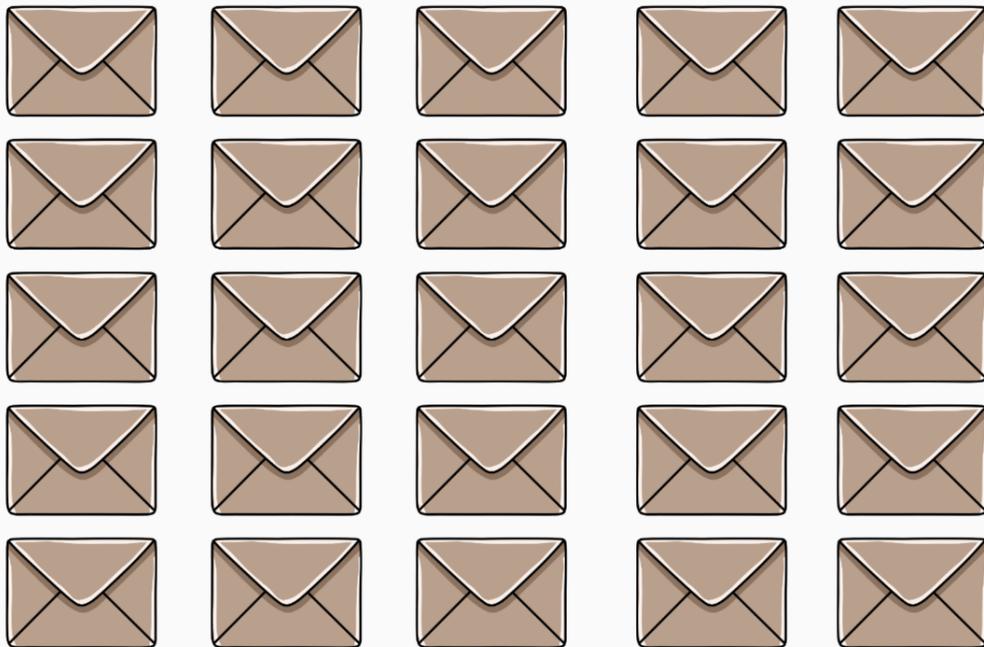
The Gospel of St. Thomas

Thursdays - 12pm

Joshua Commons

Women's Bible Study

## SERVE



The Youth Envelope Fundraiser is back! Once again we are raising money for our summer mission trip to Hinton Rural Life Center in North Carolina. We will have 100 envelopes numbered 1-100 and ask members to select their favorite number (or group of numbers) and donate that amount of money to our trip! Each donor will receive a thank you note from our trip as well as updates along the way!

**NEW! This Saturday!**

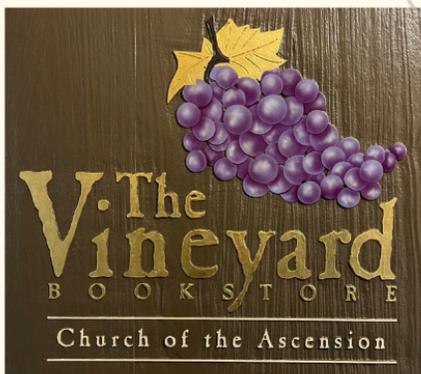
*Support Pack 1 Scouts*  
**CAR WASH**

**MARCH 7, 2026  
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

**Suggested  
Donation  
\$10**



**Church of the Ascension  
1500 Hull St  
Ascension Hall - Lower Lot**



New Easter basket items in now  
and more arriving next week.

Shop with us for your birthday  
gifts too!

All proceeds support local  
organizations.

**CALLING ALL  
BUNNIES!**

Cash/Check/Venmo Accepted!



# SPRING WORK DAY



## SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Come one! Come all!

Please come join us and spruce up the campus before Holy Week! We will be trimming up the bushes, shrubs and cleaning up the whole campus. We will also be spreading pine straw in the beds around the property! Bring your favorite yard tools and let's get going!



We are in need of cardboard boxes for our Food Box Ministry. Boxes strong enough to support 10 pounds of food such as those made for books or wine bottles are preferred!

## WORSHIP

# MORNING PRAYER

8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY

LIVE ON



**Children's Compline! Wednesday Nights!  
6:50 PM in the Choir Loft and on Facebook  
Live!**

# Attention Venmo Users



As electronic payments become more widely used we ask that anyone who uses Venmo to **please add a short summary of what the payment is for in the description field**. We now accept Venmo for Wednesday night dinner, Sunday morning breakfast, purchases in The Vineyard Bookstore, as well as for giving. This description will help us allocate the resources appropriately. Thanks!

**CONNECT**

# WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIVE

STAY CONNECTED AND JOIN US ON  
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

5:15  
**DINNER**  
ASCENSION HALL

5:45  
**THE WORD**  
SMALL DINING ROOM

6:00  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES**  
3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM

6:00  
**CHILDREN'S CHOIR**  
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

6:00  
**EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**  
LIBRARY

6:45  
**COMPLINE**  
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

## Dinner Menu:

Poppyseed Chicken  
White Rice  
Green Beans  
Rolls  
Salad

\$8 per person or \$20 per family!



*Let's take Pictures!*

# PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



This spring, Church of the Ascension will field a pictorial directory. Step One is to get everyone's picture. We will do so over four Sundays in March and April.

Here's the plan: Immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service, family/individual photos will be taken in the Nave at the base of the altar steps. Each session will cover a segment of the parish broken out alphabetically as follows:

Sunday, Mar 8: Terryn Abner - Clyde Eller  
Sunday, Mar 15: Lee & Nancy Ellis - Becky Lewis  
Sunday, Mar 22: Bob Lewis - Inglesmay Rose  
Sunday, Apr 12: Pat Rutland - Drew Zimmerman

Parishioners in each session are to remain behind in the Nave for their picture to be taken, then may leave.

Parishioner Ron Wright, an experienced photographer, assisted by Paula Smith, will take the pictures. The intent is to get a family/individual's picture quickly without the usual lengthy posing in order to move the process along efficiently.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation and participation in this important project. Please contact me, Smitty, at 334-590-2865 with any questions.



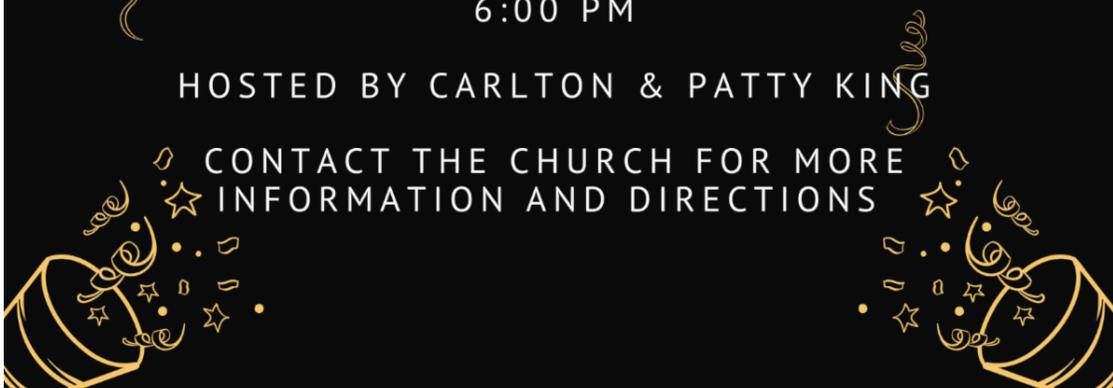


# EPISCO PARTY

TUESDAY, MARCH 10  
6:00 PM

HOSTED BY CARLTON & PATTY KING

CONTACT THE CHURCH FOR MORE  
INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS



## Lent Madness!

# 2026 LENTMADNESS.ORG

ROUND OF 32

**Denomination Domination**

- John Wesley
- Martin Luther
- Richard Hooker
- Thomas Cranmer
- Gregory the Illuminator
- Nino of Georgia
- Joan of Arc
- Marina the Monk

**Apostles and Allies**

- Constance and her Companions
- Martyrs of Uganda
- Cosmas and Damian
- Priscilla and Aquila
- Seven Sleepers of Ephesus
- Thomas the Apostle
- Paul the Apostle
- Peter the Apostle

FAITHFUL 4

ELITE 8

**SAINTLY 16**

- Benedict of Nursia
- Basil the Great
- Anthony the Great
- Paul of Thebes
- Clare of Assisi
- Scholastica
- Julie Billart
- Blessed Gerard
- Brother Roger of Toze
- Damien of Hawaii
- Janani Luwum
- Wang Zhiming
- Amy Carmichael
- Edith Stein
- Elizabeth Ann Seton
- Desmond Tutu

THE GOLDEN HALO




[www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org)

Each year Forward Movement hosts Lent Madness as way to learn about the various saints in the Christian experience. You are invited and encouraged to go online by clicking the above image to vote for your favorite saint!

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# Camp Celebration

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2026  
10 A.M.

**Riverwalk Stadium**

200 COOSA ST, MONTGOMERY, AL 36104

**FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS, AGES 5-16  
THAT HAVE EXPERIENCED A DEATH IN THEIR LIFE**

REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 A.M.; CAMP BEGINS AT 10 A.M.

Camp Celebration provides children, teens and their families with the opportunity to learn coping skills they can use during the ongoing grief process. The camp's daylong program helps children and teens face their grief and express emotions through a variety of activities, games and crafts. Most importantly, children learn they are not alone in their grief. The camp allows campers and families the opportunity to meet others who have also experienced loss. A memorial service will be held prior to the conclusion of camp; parents and guardians are invited. Lunch is provided and each participant will receive a Camp Celebration t-shirt.

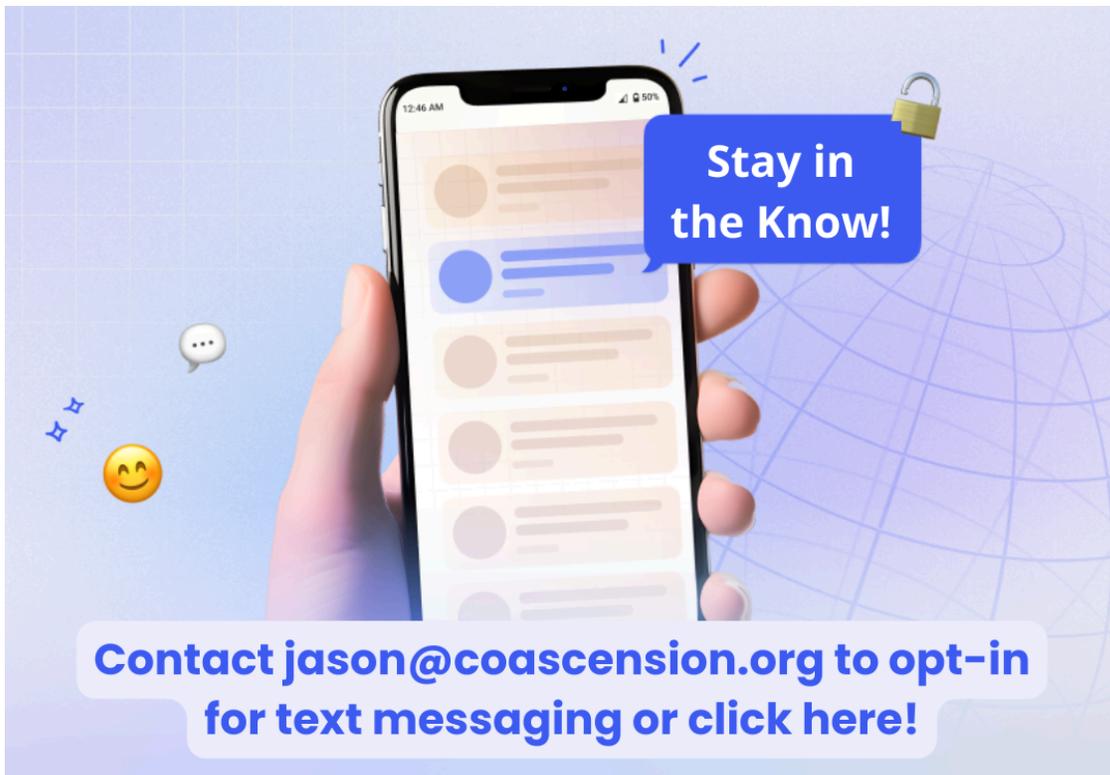
Camp Celebration is presented by Baptist Hospice. There are a limited number of spaces for this event, so if your child is interested in attending camp, you must contact Mona McDermott, Bereavement Coordinator with Baptist Hospice, at (334) 747-5000, or email [mhmcdermott@baptistfirst.org](mailto:mhmcdermott@baptistfirst.org) for more information.

**camp**  
**celebration**



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**Get Signed Up Today!**



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#### PRAYER FOR THE ASCENSION

Almighty and everlasting Father, we stand in your presence, awed and silenced by your goodness and wisdom. We rejoice in the outpouring of your Spirit on the Ascension and our ministries. Help each of us to remember that we are walking in your sight, and that you are present with us at every moment. Through your Holy Spirit, guide us in our prayers and enable us to focus our thoughts on you, so that we may be filled with the knowledge of your will. Grant us the wisdom to ask what you would have us do; the strength and courage to carry out your work; and the grace to show our gratitude through good stewardship of your gracious gifts. We ask all things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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