



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



Ascension

Highlights What's Happening This Week

- Wednesday Night Live – Wed, Sep 9 @ 5:15 PM
- Beans & Rice Distribution – Saturday, Sep 12 @ 8:30 AM
- Going Coconuts Ministry Fair – Sunday, Sep 13 @ 9:15 AM
- Good Vibrations – Sunday, Sep 13 @ 12:00 PM

Dear Ascension,

The weekend of August 9, 2026, was perfect. Your generosity—the notes, gifts, calls, and attendance—meant so much, and Bill and I want to express our deepest thanks.

Beyond that extraordinary weekend, we are grateful for the privilege of serving the Church through our time at Church of the Ascension. Your support, prayers, and gifts have been the center of everything I have done for the past 40+ years.



The painting by David Braly is a treasure that I still cannot fully comprehend. It will be the heart of my memories and a symbol of the freedom I felt in worship and music here. Ascension's support of our music and ministry has reached far beyond our parish—from my time at Tutwiler Prison to the Choir's residency at Salisbury Cathedral. We will never fully know all the lives touched by the music of this church.

While I cannot name everyone without risking leaving someone out, I must specifically thank:

- Candice for the Hildegard sermon and all of the music that we got to offer ;
- Richard Norris for his collaboration with David Braly and his moving words;
- Virginia Humphrey and the Altar Guild for the reception and the piano cake;

- Jan Davis, Nan Hobbs, the Staff. and everyone who made Sunday morning, the Choir dinner, and the Ascension Hall party possible.

If you served in any way that weekend, please know I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I am so excited about Joel Gregory's work. He is a wonderful musician and already a vital part of our music program. Please continue to support him and Music at Ascension with your prayers, gifts, and presence. I hope to be among you again soon.

I also want to publicly thank The Ascension Choir for their commitment, talent, and love, as well as their families for the support and sacrifice that make this music possible. If you love to sing, please consider joining them!

The reason that I originally came to Ascension was for the children. Thank you to every parent and friend that has given the children this opportunity for service, growth, and learning. I wish every Ascension child could be part of the choir programs.

Our cups run over. We pray that the love planted in your hearts at Ascension grows in abundance and mercy so the world will know that the Kingdom is at hand!

With love,
Becky

CONNECT

This Sunday!



Ministry leaders reach out to [Laura](#) in order to reserve your table at the Ministry Fair by Thursday, September 10th!

All ministries that will be hosting a table at the Good Vibrations ministry fair are asked to come by the church office and pick up a coconut to decorate and display on your table that day. There will be judges and prizes for the best decorated coconuts and we will display them around the church this fall!

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:

Pizza
Coke Floats

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

Montgomery Fire Rescue 25-Year 9/11 Anniversary Commemoration Public Invitation

September 11, 2026

Location:

Montgomery Fire Department
Headquarters
19 Madison Avenue

Ceremony Begins at 8:45 AM

Ceremony Program Includes:

- Posting of the Colors
- Opening Remarks
- Invocation
- Guest Speakers
- Tolling of the Bell
- Honor Recognition for Montgomery Fire Rescue's fallen firefighters
- Closing Statements

All are welcome to join us in honoring the heroes of 9/11 and reflecting on the values of sacrifice, courage, and service.



**NEVER
FORGET**

Being With

September 9 - October 4

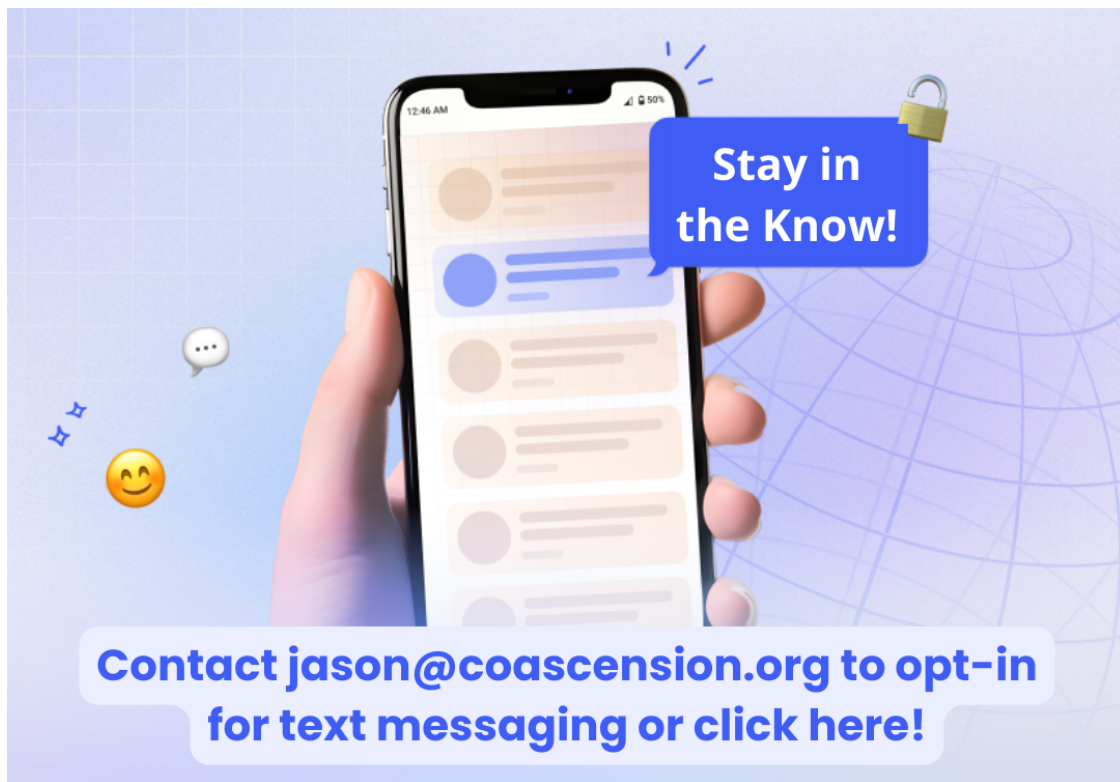
Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM

Small Dining Room



Please join us for Mahjong Mondays from 1:00 pm until 4:00 pm.
No experience needed! We are all beginners and play for fun.

Get Signed Up Today!



GROW

The **Forgotten Books**

Scripture Between the Testaments



Every Thursday - 7 AM
Breakfast & Bible Study
Ascension Hall
Men's Prayer Breakfast

Register Now!

EfM

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

As we look forward to a new year together, EfM (Education for Ministry) extends an invitation to anyone interested in a community experience that is a "... unique four-year, small-group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection." Ascension's EfM year begins the week after Labor Day and runs through the month of May (please note that you don't have to be an Ascension member to participate, and you can commit to participating on a year-by-year basis). You can find information about the program on Sewanee's website at <https://theology.sewanee.edu/education-for-ministry/>, or by contacting co-EFM Mentors Eric A. Kidwell (ericakidwell31@gmail.com) or Russ Wishum (russ.wishum@gmail.com), who will be happy to answer your questions.

In Trouble and In Wonder

The Gospel of St. Thomas

Thursdays - 12pm

Joshua Commons

Women's Bible Study



Our Fall Formations brochure is coming soon! Be on the lookout!

SERVE



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

Benefiting Ascension Day School
and Respite Ministries

coascension.org/lobster-fest/



Contact Monique Walker if you would like to volunteer!

**Be sure to tune in to WSFA's lunchtime broadcast on
Wednesday, September 9th to see Candice and Richard
Norris talking lobsters!**

Get on Board!

Giving blood saves lives.



Church of the Ascension
Blood Drive

Sunday, September 13th

In the bloodmobile

315 Clanton Avenue, Montgomery

8 a.m. – 1 p.m.



LIFESOUTH
Community Blood Centers

Donors must be 16 or older, weigh at least 110 pounds and show photo I.D. 16-year-olds require written parental permission.

Bring Youth a Meal!



EYC season is almost upon us and one of the great services of the church is feeding our youth on Sunday evenings when we get together. Youth parents help provide meals but we also would love help from members of the parish who may not have a teenager at home anymore but can still sympathize with the plight of a hungry group of young people. If you would be willing to provide supper on a Sunday night please click the link [HERE](#) and go to our sign-up page to select your Sunday.

New Beginnings! Volunteers Needed!



Ascension-New Beginnings is looking for tutor-mentors for the upcoming school year. Ascension volunteers meet with students at the church on Wednesdays for a group meal, conversation/play, and about an hour of one-on-one school-related work, which can be provided by the program. We ask that each mentor commit to being present for most Wednesday evenings during the school year, except for holidays; some serve one year and others develop longer relationships. If you are interested in having a meaningful impact in this way on the life of a child, please call or text Mildred Wakefield ([334-201-4854](tel:334-201-4854)) or send an [EMAIL](#). We will start the 2026-2027 school year with an orientation meeting for volunteers—tentatively scheduled for Wednesday September 2— before we begin meeting with the children, probably beginning September 9.

Flower Vases Needed!



The Altar Guild is requesting medium and large flower vases! If you have vases you would like to donate please bring them and leave them in the Flower Room!



WEEKLY IN The Commons

Mondays

- 1:00 - 4:30pm - Mahjong Mondays
- 5pm - AA (Closed Meeting)
- 6pm - Boy Scouts

Tuesdays

- 6pm - GDPA on Second Tuesdays
- 7pm - The Recreators on 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Wednesdays

- 5pm - AA

Thursdays

- 12pm - Women's Bible Study

Saturdays

- 8:30am - Beans and Rice on 2nd Saturdays
- 8:30am - Food Box Ministry on 4th Saturdays

Stewardship 2027



Plenty Good Room

STEWARDSHIP KICK-OFF DINNER



*Please join us for an evening of fellowship
as we begin our stewardship campaign together.*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

DINNER AND SPEAKER | 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Joshua Commons

DINNER AND CHILDCARE ARE PROVIDED.

Catered by Moe's, with wine and beer served.



*The evening will be accompanied
by music to lift our hearts in gratitude.*

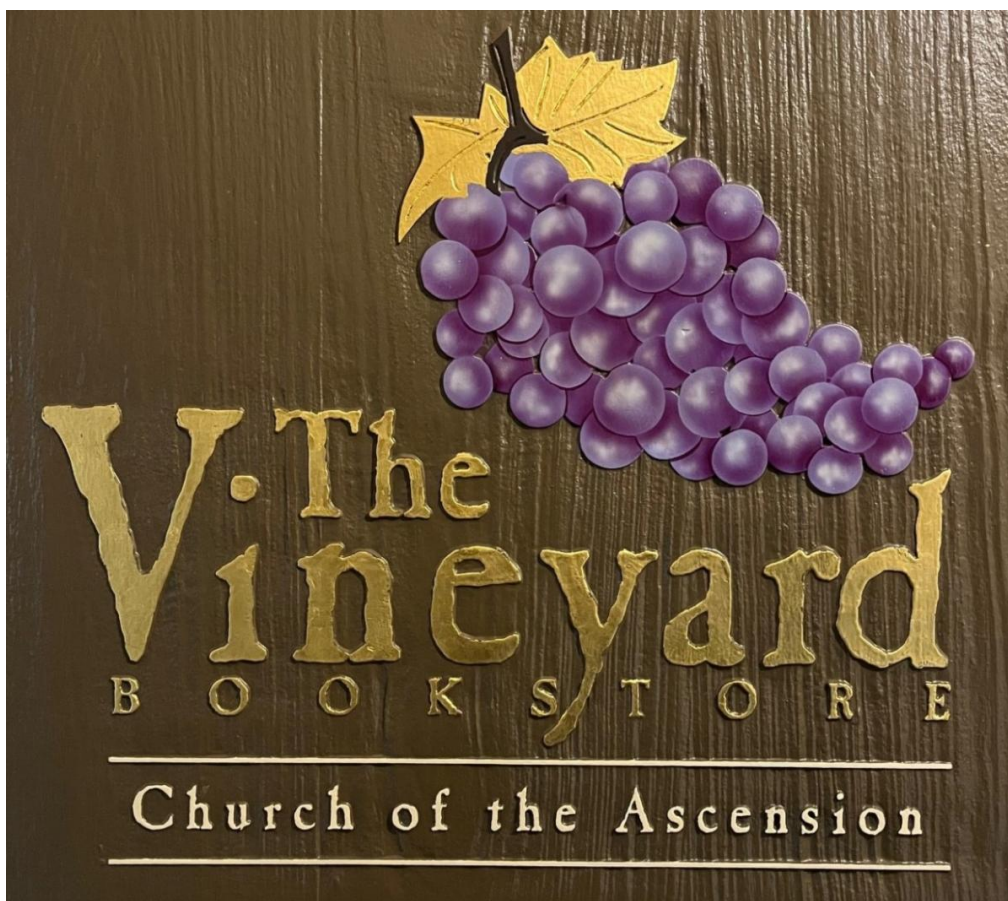
PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 18

TO jmcnair824@gmail.com

We look forward to gathering with you.



The Vineyard will Reopen on September 20



Downsizing? Decluttering?
The Vineyard is opening a new branch!

The Vineyard Treasure Shop

Please bring your "nice as new" items: home decor, artwork, antiques, serving pieces, decorative items, etc... to the small Vineyard room this summer. We will price and display everything for our Fall kick-off. Want to join the Vineyard Bunch? Call or text Lang Cardinal with questions or to volunteer.

WORSHIP



There will be a covered dish lunch immediately following 10:30 service. Please see below for details on what to bring:

Last Name A-M: Side Dish

Last Name N-Z: Dessert

You can drop your dish off in the kitchen prior to service. The church will provide fried chicken and beverages!

New Director of Music Ministries!



We are delighted to announce Joel Gregory as our new Director of Music Ministries. Joel's first Sunday will be October 18. Sing a song of gladness!

MORNING PRAYER

8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY

LIVE ON



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!

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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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