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Support Camp Gravatt

Each year The Gravatt Camp and Conference Center serves not only youth summer campers, but also welcomes clergy, church groups, schools and civic groups for a time of retreat, education, fellowship and spiritual renewal 355 days a year. Since becoming an independent 501(c)(3) entity in 2000, Gravatt does not receive budgeted financial support from the Diocese, making our individual and parish support imperative.

On Friday, Sept. 30, Under the Tent (the 2011 Diocesan-wide party) will be held in Columbia to financially support the activities of our beloved Gravatt Camp and Conference Center. In the fall of 2010, the inaugural Under the Tent Diocesan-wide party raised nearly \$20,000 surpassing all expectations.

A big part of the Under the Tent event is our auction. As chair of the Acquisitions Committee, I am requesting that each parish in the Diocese donate at least one item for the auction. We do not want to burden already stretched budgets of your church, or group within the church, so what we're asking is for you to get a bit creative in coming up with items to donate.

Do you own a business that could contribute an item? Is there a favorite restaurant you frequent that might donate a lunch or dinner? Does your neighbor paint, teach piano or do handyman work? Might you, or a friend, have an artistic talent that you

could share? Is there a family-friendly park, museum or festival in your area that would be willing to donate some admission tickets? Does anyone have season tickets to football games that they could offer for a game they are unable to attend?

A free or inexpensive suggestion for a donation is for a group to put together a basket of items to auction. A collection of children's books, a basket of gardening items, church cookbooks or family games all are wonderful ideas for baskets.

So, please put on your imaginative thinking caps and create some unique items for the Under the Tent auction. I have also included a list of the sorts of things we would really like to have included in the auction, just to stimulate your creative juices.

Please circulate this letter and its message throughout your parish. Each church donating one auction item to the Under the Tent fundraiser will make for a most successful event for Gravatt.

Thank you very much for your assistance with this endeavor.

For His Sake,

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Senior Warden's Report: Diversity and Unity

One of the goals set by the Vestry earlier this year related to engaging the congregation in planning for the future of the church. While we have made passes at coming to a clear understanding at what we meant by that seemingly straightforward goal, our discussions have not led us to experience a common "AHA! That's it!" conclusion. Instead of nailing down what we think we ought to do and how to go about doing it, we've focused on other worthy and more readily achievable goals: encouraging time and talent stewardship by all, filling needed commission committee positions with motivated individuals, etc.

At this point, however, the planning elephant has found its way back into the room and can no longer be avoided. At its May meeting the Vestry considered three possible approaches for planning for the future of Redeemer: (1) do it internally without outside assistance, (2) retain an experienced professional to facilitate the process and (3) use the Healthy Churches Initiative (HCI) program available via the Diocese.

Since we didn't know much about the HCI, we invited the appropriate person from the Diocese, Reverend Tommy Tipton, to brief us on this program at our June Vestry meeting. He did an excellent job of describing the elements, process and expected outcome of this comprehensive—yet straightforward—program.

Now for the diversity aspect referred to in the heading: during our discussion following Reverend Tipton's departure, it became apparent that individual Vestry members have quite different opinions on what the purpose of planning for the future of the church should be based on. Should it be on how to hold on to exactly what characterizes us today? Should it be on how to increase the number of members of the church? Should it be on increasing the programs, staff and size of the church, i.e. moving from a Pastoral Church to a Transitional Church to a Program Church?

It's clear that the diversity of the Vestry no doubt mirrors that of the congregation. That's a good and healthy thing! One commonly held thought, however, seems to be that the church could probably use a boost in motivation right now to move us onward and upward, regardless of what those words mean to us individually. The possibility of undertaking something that would energize and further unify the con-

gregation prior to kicking off a sound planning effort was voiced.

One such tool suggested was a "Faith Alive" weekend. If you are conservative like me, you might have pre-conceived reservations about this. Do yourself (and us) a favor and log on to www.faithalive.org before jumping to conclusions. Keeping an open mind and reviewing the program online prior to our upcoming meeting is exactly what each Vestry member has been challenged to do. We'll discuss our thoughts then and decide what we think is appropriate. In the meantime, we're also contacting laypersons at one or more churches which have completed the Diocesan HCI program to gauge their opinion of the actual outcomes.

Please feel free to express your thoughts to me or any member of the Vestry about this subject or any other subject concerning Redeemer. Your interest and input is important to each of us. Also, be aware that the approved minutes of each Vestry meeting are posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the church office.

*~Bill Heizer
Senior Warden*

Daughters of the King Preparation Classes

Daughters of the King, a religious order of prayer and service, will hold preparation classes for 12 weeks starting in August. All women in the Church is welcome to attend to learn about the Daughters and to make a decision to take vows to join The Order of the Daughters of the King. If you are interested, please contact either Susan Kear (905-5988) or Margie Hankinson (845-1326).

Daughters of the King will meet on the fourth Wednesday in July for prayer and study in the Parlor at 6:00 p.m. All Daughters are invited to attend. For more information please contact Susan Kear (905-5988, rskear@bellsouth.net).

~Susan Kear

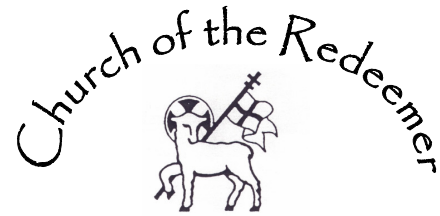
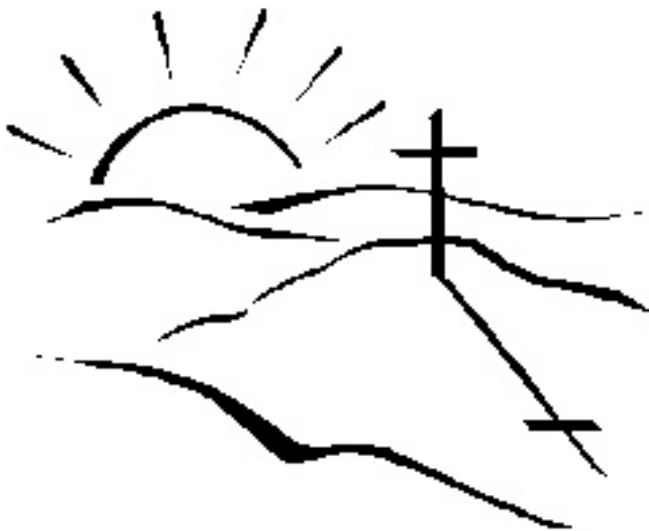
Prayers "for" the People

Intercessory prayer takes many forms in our church. We pray for others as a group during the "Prayers of the People." We call the church office and ask for prayers for a loved one or acquaintance and then the "networked" people receive the word to pray individually. We have a Wednesday morning Healing Service, and we also have a Thursday morning prayer group that prays for the thanksgivings and intercessions of our congregation and personal needs of the group.

It has been suggested that we make available another prayer forum...a chance for people to bring their petitions forward in a small group setting after both services on Sundays. We propose that several people meet in the Parlor after Sunday services to help people who have special needs to pray together in a more intimate setting. This would be totally confidential and available on a needs-only basis.

Perhaps you would be interested in helping to lead in this prayer ministry. We will be having training to help us lead and understand how to maintain privacy. Please pray about this new prayer group and if you think this would be a good addition to Redeemer's prayer life. If you would like to participate in the training, please contact Father Bob+ or Joe Lupo. We hope to have this prayer opportunity available by the end of next month.

~*Margie Hankinson*



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The Rev. Robert Horowitz, Rector

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Lori Hawkins, *Youth & Family Ministry*

Amos Irwin, *Treasurer*

Audrey Rose, *Organist/Music Director*

Gabriel Santamaria, *Sexton*

Cathleen Christie, *Director of Youth Ministry*

Vestry Members

Jack Blackburn, *Stewardship* (2013)

Diane Campbell, *Pastoral Care* (2011)

Wendy Caney, *Worship* (2012)

Margie Hankinson, *Youth* (2011)

Bill Heizer, *Senior Warden* (2013)

John Helm, *Junior Warden* (2013)

Susan Kear, *Outreach* (2012)

David Mill, *Building & Grounds* (2012)

Janice Peele, *Communications* (2011)

Doug Parrott, *Fellowship* (2013)

Keith Poe, *Finance* (2012)

David Poleski, *Special Projects* (2011)

The Vestry meets the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. Minutes are available in the church office.

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is the monthly newsletter of the Church of the Redeemer. Please submit articles by the 1st of each month for the following month's issue. Give written information to the church office or fax to the church at 277.6330; email to Janice Peele, jmpeelee@bellsouth.net.

July 2011 • Ministry Schedule

	3 July	10 July	17 July	24 July	31 July
	3 Pentecost	4 Pentecost	5 Pentecost	6 Pentecost	7 Pentecost
Acolyte 8:30 a.m.	John Helm	Daniel McCullough	Wendy Caney	Wallace Lightsey	Katie Broderick
10:30 a.m.	Katie Broderick	Susan McConnell	Marsha Lightsey	John Helm	Morgan Helm
Lector 8:30 a.m.	Lesley Moore	Margaret Lee	David Mill	John Weems	Amos Irwin
10:30 a.m.	Betty Herrin	Keith Poe	Venus Poe	Stephanie Horowitz	Cindy Wilson
Lector II 8:30 a.m.	Robin Mill	Bill Lee	Judy Planck	Marsha Lightsey	Bill Lee
10:30 a.m.	Ted Sanders	Judy Planck	Wallace Lightsey	Sara Beth Thompson	Robin Mill
Chalice Bearer	Wallace Lightsey	Marsha Lightsey	Ed Roberts	Judy Planck	John Helm
Counters	John Helm Jane Bouton	Bill Lee Meg Coffey	David Mill Cynthia Eason	John Warren Mona Ferguson	Steve Webb Carol Hallman

WELCOME! WELCOME Acolytes! And many thanks to those members who responded to our request for additional acolytes. Here is a list of the newcomers who will be joining the acolyte line-up in the coming months: Bryan Christie, Riley Hawkins, Holli Henderson, Kaitlyn Massengill, Carolyn McCullough and Venus Poe. Also, we welcome back Morgan Helm who will return in July.

To all: We appreciate your willingness to serve. The acolytes are an important part of Redeemer's worship service and we believe you will find the experience spiritually enriching and rewarding. If there are other adults or children around age 8 and older who would like to join us please contact Marsha Lightsey at 232-3207 or see me at the church. We welcome all who would like to serve.



July Birthdays & Anniversaries



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|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 Daniel McCullough | 9 Lois Stoller | 22 Meg Coffey |
| 2 Lauren McConnell | 10 Sandy Oliver | 24 Hooper & Sue Skardon |
| 3 Bill Heizer | 11 Jim Blakely | 26 Cathleen Christie |
| 4 Bobby Brock | Gretchen & Craig Grounsell | Tom Oliver |
| 5 Bobby & Cookie Brock | 15 John Lee | 27 Joe & Lauren McCullough |
| Connie Howard | 16 Tom Ethridge | 28 Fred Stoller |
| 6 Candace Wilson | Al & Connie Hopf | Terri Graves |
| Doug Parrott | 18 Betty Lupu | 30 Larry Shugart |
| 7 Amy Broderick | 19 Lawrence Broderick | Sue Capece |

Note: We apologize if your birthday or anniversary does not appear on the list. Please notify the Church office by phone (277-4562) or email (parishadmin@churchoftheredeemer.com) so we can update our records. *Thank you!*

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3 8:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	4 5:45 p.m. Yoga Class 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting	5 10:00 a.m. St. Cecilia's Guild, Transept	6 10:30 a.m. Healing Service 5:45 p.m. Yoga Class	7 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 10:00 a.m. Needle Ministry	8	9
10 8:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	11 5:45 p.m. Yoga Class 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting	12	13 10:30 a.m. Healing Service 5:45 p.m. Yoga Class	14 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 10:00 a.m. Needle Ministry	15	16
17 8:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	18 5:45 p.m. Yoga Class 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting	19	20 10:30 a.m. Healing Service 5:45 p.m. Yoga Class 6:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting	21 9:00 a.m. Prayer Time 10:00 a.m. Needle Ministry	22	23
24 8:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i> 10:30 a.m. <i>Holy Eucharist</i>	25	26	27 6:00 p.m. Daughters of the King	28	29	30
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Introducing...Redeemer's New Youth Minister!

When I sat down to plan my *Echoes* article this month, I thought: Where should I start? I have had a million ideas run through my head for my very first article; but then it occurred to me that while I know all of you, none of you really know me. So I am going to take this time and space to introduce myself to all of you.

So here goes...

I received my Bachelor of Arts from the University of South Carolina and my Bachelor of Science from the University of Central Florida. I have worked for several different companies, including Walt Disney World, Covenant House Florida and several different advertising agencies. Out of all of my work experiences, I have found that I prefer to work for non-profit agencies, preferably religious organizations. I am thankful that God is with me all the time whether it is at home, out on the town or at work. I don't have all of the answers and know that God is the only one who does.

I have been a member of the Episcopal Church my entire life. As a youth, I attended church and Sunday school, took my first communion and attended Vacation Bible School. My development of faith was looked over by my parents. When I was 12, I began confirmation classes, and although I did not think of it this way at the time, I was cultivating my faith and relationship with God. I struggled with class assignments as I tried to find the right answer, and now, many years later I look back and know there is not always one single right answer. Sometimes, especially with faith, there are many right answers. I began attending EYC when I was in eighth grade, went to many events at Camp Gravatt and was a candidate at Happening #26.

Other "fun facts" about me:

- Bryan and I were married in 2007 in Lucaya on Grand Bahama Island
- I'm a rock star, but only in my car
- I have three kids all together: Sophie (my mostly hairless) and Anna and Bert (my very 'hairy-ies')
- When I was a teenager, I went on several mission trips to South Dakota where we set up and held Vacation Bible School on an Indian reservation
- I talk to God all day long, sometimes quietly but often out loud

- The Doxology is my favorite hymn
- I was an acolyte for many years
- Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday, but Christmas is a really close second
- Dr. Seuss is my all-time favorite author
- I have lived in the Upstate, Midlands and Low Country of South Carolina, as well as Florida and North Carolina

Finally, I cannot begin to tell all of you how blessed I am to be your Youth Minister. I am open to all of your suggestions and ideas. The only thing I ask of you is that when you come to participate, be a part of the group and show respect to others in the same way you expect them to respect you.

So, that's all about me and now it becomes all about you. Please don't ever hold your ideas, questions, comments, concerns or frustrations back. My door is always open and I always have time to listen. I am here for all of you and cannot begin to tell you how excited I am to assist you on your journey through faith as you continue to develop your relationship with God.

~ Cathleen Christie
Director, Youth Ministry

You Oughta Be in Pictures!

Have you had your photo made for the Parish Directory?

Contact David Poleski now to make an appointment for you and your family:

Phone: 864 DIGITAL (344-4825)
E-mail: dp11@mindspring.com

Copies of individual and package photos also available.

Piedmont Convocation Ministers to Tornado-ravaged Alabama

In response to the recent outbreak of devastating tornadoes in the South and Midwest, the Piedmont Convocation has planned three mission trips. Follow their journey online, www.tornadoteam1.blogspot.com.

Inquiries were first made to the Diocese of Eastern North Carolina to make sure communities heavily damaged there were not forgotten. After assuring us that they had plenty of help, our energy moved to the South and we began conversations with the Diocese of Alabama. The disaster coordinators for their diocese advised us to go to Dekalb County, Ala., in the far northeast corner of the state.

Below are some general statistics about Dekalb County and the scope of the destruction our group will encounter:

- Population: ~ 70,000
- Area damaged: Entire county
- Tornado: Two, F4 Category tornadoes touched down traveling from one end of the county to the other, never leaving the ground.
- Structures: 1,842 structures damaged

- Single-family homes: 1,000 damaged; 309 destroyed
- Churches: 39 damaged; 11 destroyed
- Deaths: 35 known

Our primary work area will be the town of Rainsville, Alabama, where 25 people were killed. We will be housed by St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Ft. Payne, Ala., Judith Comer, Rector. Her parish is very excited to have an Episcopal team stay with them. We are thrilled they are willing to have us.

The first mission trip was in June; two more mission trips are planned for July 24-30 and Sept. 25 - Oct. 1.

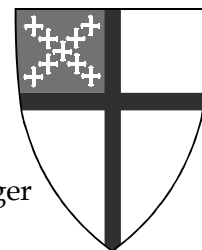
Look for additional articles and pictures of our mission experience in the e-DUSC newsletter. Please keep our mission teams in your daily prayers, as we become the hands and feet of Christ to our neighbors in Alabama.

For more information, please contact The Rev. Fergie Horvath, sisterfergie@att.net.

(From the EDUSC website.)

Did You Know? Facts About the Episcopal Church...

- It is a member province of the Worldwide Anglican Communion. The Anglican Communion is made up of about 77 million members in 44 regional and national churches around the globe in 164 countries. Its spiritual leader is the Most Reverend Rowan Williams, 104th Archbishop of Canterbury.
- The correct name is "The Episcopal Church." The correct acronym is "TEC." It is no longer called The Episcopal Church USA, as it is in several other countries outside the United States.
- In 16 nations – the United States and Puerto Rico, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Honduras, Micronesia, Taiwan, Venezuela and the Virgin Islands – and the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe (Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Switzerland and Austria).
- It includes nine geographical provinces; visit <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/directory.htm> for the names of the provinces
- It contains more than 7,400 congregations in 109 dioceses and three regional areas with 2.2 million members
- Approximately 18,000 deacons, priests, and bishops who are alive, in good standing (i.e., not deposed, renounced, or otherwise removed), and are canonically resident in a diocese of The Episcopal Church



(From the EDUSC website.)

Readings for July

July 3

1st Reading : Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 or Zechariah 9:9-12

Psalm : 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 or Psalm 145:8-14

2nd Reading : Romans 7:15-25e

Gospel : Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 17

1st Reading: Genesis 28:10-19a or Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-18 or Isaiah 44:6-8

Psalm : 139:1-12, 23-24 or 86: 11-17

2nd Reading: Romans 8:12-25

Gospel : Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 10

1st Reading : Genesis 25:19-24 or Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm : 119:105-112 or 65:(1-8), 9-13

2nd Reading : Romans 8:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 24

1st Reading : Genesis 29:15-28 or I Kings 3:5-12

Psalm : 105:1-11, 45b or 119:129-136

2nd Reading : Romans 8:26-39

Gospel : Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

July 31

1st Reading : Genesis 32:22-31 or Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm : 17:1-7 or 145:8-9, 14-21

2nd Reading : Romans 9:1-5

Gospel : Matthew 14:13-21



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