

ASCENSION TIDINGS

SEPTEMBER 2014

Back in Gear

First, I want to thank you for your many prayers and well wishes during my vacation. It was spectacular. The family had a great time fishing, hiking, horseback riding, golfing, and expeditioning in Wyoming. I was able to truly rest.



Summer Renovation update

Thank you for your generosity. The Parish Hall bathrooms are gorgeous, and we have put down new flooring in the high school room, elementary room, and the half of the upstairs hallway this month. You should take a look. We look forward to completing the second floor. It is because you care about our beautiful church that this is possible.

Feedback

I would like your feedback on two things as we move into Fall:

Directory

We want to redevelop a photo directory. But instead of hiring a photographer, we would like to have a booth setup for 4-6 weeks, under the church bell, where we can take your picture (with your consent) and compile a directory. This directory would be placed online (with secure, password-protected access).

I think this is an attractive option because we will be able to update this directory as new people become part of the community. If you don't want us to take your picture, you can just send us a digital photo of yourself/family that you like.

Morning Prayer

Before the mid 1970's, Morning Prayer was the primary service in the Episcopal Church on Sunday morning. Who would be interested in leading Morning Prayer twice a week? I am open about days of the week and time, except that it be relatively early: before 9am. You do not have to be licensed to lead morning prayer. The service lasts about 20-25mins. I am thinking Tuesday and Thursday or Monday and Wednesday, but what do you think?

Fill the Narthex Food Drive

For a list of most needed items, see page 11....

Church Family Day

Join us for a day of fun at our "Church Family Reunion"
Details on page 5....

Get to Know Ascension Weekend

Ready to Join Ascension?
Get to know us on Sept 26-27.
Read more on page 4....

LETTER FROM THE RECTOR...(CONT.)

Kick off Party

Come on the 14th For our Church Family Day. Show your love for Ascension and come to worship at either service and then come for hotdogs, bouncy, tug-o-war, bean bag toss, and merriment after the 10:30 service. In years past Ministry fair served two purposes: kick off for the fall season of church and a highlight of ministry. This year, our Church Family day is the kick off and we are highlighting our ministries, over several weeks instead of one day, as follows:

Sept 7th Fr. Todd will introduce the children's ministry leaders to you at the 10:30 service. There he will talk about their ministry goals and needs for the year.

Sept 14th He will give highlights on the Mission and Outreach ministries.

Sept 21st The food for the poor preacher is hear, and Fr. Todd will introduce newcomer ministries as well as highlighting bring a friend to church Sunday.

Sept 27th Worship is the ministry highlight.

Oct 5th Ministry highlight: Hospitality and food ministries

Oct 12th Ministry highlight: Music

The ministries that went into low gear are now back. Come enjoy a hot breakfast on Sunday and read on for our fall offerings.

Peace,



Fall Calendar

- Aug 24-Sept 21 - WHAM food drive beginning August 24th through September 21 s
- Aug 31 - No Sunday School
- Sept 6 - Financial Peace Preview
- Sept 7 - Sunday School Kickoff, Adults and children
 - Rector's New Class "It says THAT in the Bible?" Begins
 - New Sunday School Class for Parents of all ages (see details further on)
 - Return of hot breakfast
 - Ministry Highlight: All Children's ministry
- Sept 13 - Daughters of the King meet @ 9:30 am
- Sept 13 - Parents' Night Out Returns, 5pm -9pm, 2nd Saturday Each Month
- Sept 14 - "Church Family Day" with Bouncy, Hotdogs, Beanbag toss, Bocce Ball Tug-o-war & more
 - Ministry Highlight: Mission and Outreach.
- Sept 20 - Financial Peace University begins 2:30pm, 9 week course, ending Nov 9.

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- Sept 21 - Welcome Food for The Poor Preacher, Father Libby
 - Invitation Sunday
 - Bethel Classes Begin
 - Seafarer's Kick-Off
 - Ministry Highlight: Newcomer Ministries
- Sept 26-27 Get-to-Know Ascension weekend
- Sept 28 - Welcome new members
 - Ministry Highlight: Worship
 - Rector's Open House
- Oct 4 - Game Night
- Oct 5 - Ministry Highlight: Hospitality
 - Blessing of the Animals
- Oct 12 - Ministry Highlight: Music
- Oct 13 - Ascension School hosted Spaghetti Dinner & Book Fair Night (details to follow)
- Oct 18 - Food Bank Mission: Join Ascension outreach and receive a t-shirt for coming
- Oct 19 - Stewardship Kickoff: Stewardship Team Member: joy of giving;
 - Seafarers' ingathering
- Oct 26 - Stewardship Team Member: why I give
- Nov 2 - All Saint's Sunday with Baptisms
 - Stewardship Team Member: giving for the future.& international day
- Nov 16 - Stewardship In gathering
- Nov 23 - Begin vestry nominations
- Nov 30 - Forgotten Seniors Kick-Off
- Dec 7 - Forgotten Seniors Ingathering
- Dec 21 - Caroling (you may volunteer to host)
- Dec 24 - Christmas Eve, Wed 24th, 5pm, wassail and snacks afterward.
 - 9pm carols and 9:30pm brass service
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day, service at 10:30, come in your pajamas
- Jan 18 - 2015 Annual Meeting

Check future editions of the Tidings, and bulletins to keep up to date on any additions and changes.

Upcoming Sermons:

- 8/24 series pt.1, Son of man: Messiah, Matthew 16
- 8/31 series pt. 2, Son of man: Coming, Matthew 16
- 9/7 series pt. 3, Jesus: how to be church, Matthew 18
- 9/14 series pt. 4, Kingdom of heaven: Forgiveness, Matthew 18
- 9/21 Welcome Fr Libby and Food for the Poor

NEWCOMER CORNER

Get-to-Know-Ascension Weekend, Sept 26th & 27th

This is an exciting time to be a newcomer at Ascension. We are starting the upcoming fall season with a flurry of activity church-wide, including our Get-to-Know-Ascension Weekend (GTKAW) on September 26th & 27th. We will meet around great food and conversation for an informal time that will help you get to know the church better and learn how you can get more connected. This weekend also serves as our adult membership class. The Sunday directly following on the 28th we will hold a special liturgy of belonging if you should choose to join the church. We will provide dinner on Friday and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Childcare will be available the entire time. Please RSVP to Newcomer Minister Paul Belk at newcomers@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org so we have an idea how much food to prepare. Be on the lookout for more detailed information in the coming weeks.



Photo Shoot for Online Directory

Starting September 7th, the Sunday after Labor Day, and running through the end of September, we will begin taking photos for the online directory. A volunteer will be on hand directly before and after both the 8am and 10:30am services near the fish pond (depending on weather) to snap your beautiful smile and update your contact information. No appointment is needed.

The online photo directory will be a great way to put names to faces and help us stay better connected as a church family. For your privacy, the directory will also be password protected.

Newcomer's Class

Join us on Sunday, September 13th, Paul, the Newcomer Minister, will be hosting a drop-in class during the 9:30 am Sunday School in the Church Library for any visitor (or longtime member) who would like to learn more about Ascension. Think of this time as a snapshot of the larger Get-to-Know-Ascension Weekends.

"Invitation Sunday"

September 21st is Invitation Sunday. Ask your friends, neighbors, or a complete stranger to Ascension this Sunday. Sometimes all it takes is being asked. Postcards like the one seen on the right can be found in the narthex every Sunday through September 14th. Please take a few and pass them out to anyone and everyone.



Come explore faith with us.

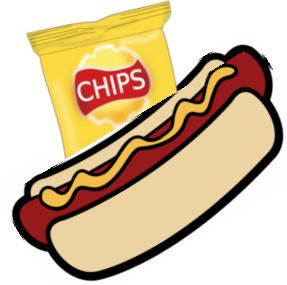
ASCENSION
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

2525 Seagler Rd
Houston, TX 77042
713-781-1330

Invitation Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 21st

Service times
8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.



CHURCH FAMILY DAY

Join us September 14th, right after the 10:30 service.

Mark Your Calendar for the "Church Family Day". Join us for lunch, which will be hotdogs, chips and treats, and let the kids run and play on the bouncy house. They will have plenty to do with tug-o-war, bean bag games, and Bingo! Oh and don't forget the watermelon seed spitting contest.

Adults are included, too. We will have Bocce Ball and Twisted Bingo is for everyone! For those of you unfamiliar with Twisted Bingo, it is a cross between Bingo and White Elephant. We are asking you to bring a white elephant type gift with you (unwrapped) to put on the prize table. When some gets a bingo they may choose any prize from the table, or steal a prize that has already been won. Prizes may only be stolen once since it will be too hard to keep track of. We will play until all the prizes are gone or time runs out, depending on how many of you bring gifts.

We want to kick the year off with a bang,
so come to the Church Family Reunion.

Welcome Father Libby

On September 21st, we will be welcoming guest preacher Father Libby to speak to us on Food for the Poor, an organization that focuses on the hunger all over the world and right now in the Caribbean. Following on the heels of our local food drive, here is an opportunity to learn how we can make a global difference.



DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September! The official start of Fall is right around the corner...but unfortunately the cooler weather is still quite a ways off. That's OK – we still have all of the “fall” activities beginning, including our new Sunday School year. Our children's Sunday School continued uninterrupted throughout the summer, and I was really happy with the number of children attending each week. I can't wait to see how many more happy and eager children will join us this year! We've got a couple of new teachers along with our returning favorites, a new curriculum, new floors, and LOTS of enthusiasm for this new year. For our returning students – welcome back! We can't wait to hear about your summer adventures. For those who don't usually venture upstairs during the Sunday School hour.....I challenge you to come and give us a try. I promise that you'll have a great time!



As pleased as I am with our growing numbers, I can't help but notice so many children in the worship service each week that I haven't gotten the opportunity to know well yet. For all parents of children ages 3 years through High School, we'd love to become a part of your child's life and spiritual development. Just by bringing your family to church each week shows that you value your relationship with God and are fostering those same beliefs and values in your children. Did you know that by simply sending your child to Sunday School each week, you will add over 800 additional hours of Christian teaching before your child graduates from High School? Pretty incredible, huh? If that's not reason enough to convince you, let me give you a few more!

Top 5 Reasons To Bring Your Child to Sunday School:

- **Age Appropriate Teaching.** Bible lessons are aimed toward children's developmental level (and.....our teachers make learning fun!).
- **Friends!** While in class, your child will build positive friendships with their peers while exploring God's Word together. Sunday School provides a place to belong where you are known and valued. It is a place for children to experience Christian fellowship.
- **Spiritual Mentors** In addition to teaching stories from the Bible, your child's teacher also serves as a Christian role model who helps inspire the faith of your child.
- **Children Learn to Respect, Appreciate and Utilize the Bible.** Understanding God's Word doesn't come naturally. Sunday School allows children to explore the Bible using stories, games and fun activities. Learning biblical truths will help elevate the importance of the Bible in a child's life.
- **Sunday School Has a Place For Everyone in the Family!** There are Sunday School classes for everyone in your family from ages 3 through adult. Attending class each week assures you that every member of your family is involved in weekly, small group Bible study, increasing their knowledge of God's Word and growing spiritually.

Reviewing what a child learned in Sunday School also can serve as a springboard for discussions in which parents can stress important family values and beliefs. All in all, sending your child to Sunday School (and attending one of our Adult classes, as well) has a HUGE payoff for a simple 45 minute weekly investment! We hope to see all of our Ascension families this year!

MORE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

EYSeedlings

On Sunday, September 28th following the 10:30 service, we will hold the first meeting of our "EYSeedlings" group for children in grades 2 through 5. This group will be a "junior" youth group for our older Elementary-aged kids to give them an opportunity to form friendships, have fun and fellowship with others their age, and experience Christian service. Some months we will have fellowship activities (such as a bowling trip later this Fall), and some months we will team up with our senior youth group to do a service project. Either way, we plan to have FUN!! Children should bring a sack lunch that they can eat in the Parish Hall following the service, and be ready to begin activities around noon. We are planning to meet on the 4th Sunday of every month.

There will be an informational meeting for parents on September 21st in the Church library following the 10:30 service. If you have children in grades 2 through 5, please meet with us and learn about this special opportunity for them.

Sunday School Kick-Off September 7th!

Come join the festivities on September 7th as we kick-off the beginning of our new school year! Classes begin at 9:30 in the Parish Hall (upstairs for children ages 3 through High School, and downstairs for adults). We will have the Commissioning of Teachers at the 10:30 service. Following the service, there will be refreshments and an "intergenerational" craft activity in the Parish Hall. Tour the classrooms, meet the teachers, learn all about the wonderful Christian education opportunities we have for all ages, and register for a class!

Adult Offerings:

The Rector's new class "**It says THAT in the Bible?**" will begin on September 7th. This class is for all those scriptures that make you wish they weren't in the Bible and why you should know how to interpret them. He will discuss such topics as Power, Purity, Foreigners, Fighting, Sacrifice, and Worship.



The Bethel Adult Bible Study - Old Testament

Sundays, Sept. 21, 2014 – April 19, 2015

9:25 AM – 10:20AM, Ascension School Library,

To Register: Everett Baker, 281-497-4222, cbaker@hal-pc.org

(New Testament offered next year)

Parents of Ascension Sunday School

Whether you're trying to have children, expecting your first child, or are raising children right now, join us for fellowship, support, and encouragement. Beginning September 7th, We will pray together, discuss the week's readings, and get to know each other so that we may grow spiritually and personally together. We will meet during the Sunday School hour, starting after Labor Day. Contact Sarah Berrie (berriesj@gmail.com) or Liz Goodman (ebgoodman@gmail.com) for more information or if you want to help start this exciting ministry!

Teaching Assistants needed for Children's Sunday School!!!

Have you ever wanted to work with Children's Sunday School, but felt you didn't have the time to plan lessons and activities? Here's the perfect opportunity for you.....Teaching Assistant! Teaching assistants are an invaluable part of our Sunday School team. They help make sure children are engaged in lessons and games, distribute materials, assist children with crafts, and support the teacher in whatever they need. It's a great way to be able to get to know and enjoy the great children of Ascension. Assistants are needed in all three classrooms: ages 3 through grade 1, grades 2 through 5, and Youth grades 6 through 12. They are scheduled on a rotating basis, so would not be required to volunteer every Sunday. If you would be willing to share your time with our children, please contact Robi Lasiter at robilasiter@gmail.com

Sunday School

Every Sunday we have Sunday School opportunities for all ages as well as Bible Study throughout the week for men and women. Keep current with these additional formation opportunities through the parish calendar.

Infants and Toddlers

The Church Nursery is available from 9am to 12pm on Sunday mornings for children ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor of the Parish Life Building. The Program for these children is guided by two Christian adults who have taken the Safe Guarding God's Children course.

PNO ANNOUNCEMENTS

Parents' Night Out Returns September 13th New Volunteers Are Needed! Come Get in on the Fun!!

Our monthly Parents' Night Out resumes on September 13. PNO has been a vital ministry to the parents of the church, school and surrounding community. It is primarily run by volunteers. We have been fortunate to have a loyal group of volunteers who help out regularly, but as families move or their children graduate from AES and move on to middle school, our numbers have decreased. In order to continue to offer PNO on a regular basis, we need more volunteers to join us. We have a wonderful activities director who takes care of all of the planning and activities – all you would need to do is show up ready to spend an evening with some fantastic children. I promise you – you'll find yourself having as much fun as the kids! Please consider becoming a PNO volunteer so that we can continue to offer this event. If interested or for more information, contact Robi Lasiter at robilasiter@gmail.com



ASCENSION SCHOOL

Dear Parishioners,

We have been in school for the last two weeks of August and each day has been a blessing to have our students and their families return.

Our parents will get together on Friday, September, 5th for Parents only Back to School reception at Truluck's. The school provides childcare so our parents can enjoy the food and fellowship.

Our annual Back to School Bash will be on Friday, September 19th from 6 to 7:30. This is a time for the entire family to join us for dinner and play.

On Monday, September 29th, our parents come to Parent/Teacher Conferences. We have a playdate arranged for our students so parents can still work and come to conference.

We have established a Donnie Hollowell Scholarship Fund. This fund will be awarded to an elementary student to help fund tuition. It will be annual award. A student may receive it one year but not necessarily the next. We will have more details on this fund in the next Tidings.

Recently I wrote a one page insert for our admission brochure, entitled "Ascension School is". I wanted prospective parents to understand the importance of the foundation our school provides for their student. We strive each day to help our students grow not just academically but socially, emotionally, physically, and spiritually. It is important to educate the whole child, not just the academic. We need to remember that children go through developmental stages and each is important for the child to experience. We help our parents understand we need their involvement and support for together we can ensure a child's potential.

We have been entrusted with over 170 students this school year, that is a great privilege. We strive each day to be sure our students receive the best in every area of our school.

Each month I hope to share with you some of the exceptional moments in our school life.

Faithfully

Nancy Clausey

Head of School



ACTIVITIES AND OFFERINGS



Preview: We will be hosting a Financial Peace preview at 2:30 on Saturday, September 6. This free session will answer questions about the class and give people a preview of what to expect. This is the same time the class will be hosted, so those attending the preview have a reasonable expectation of travel and time.

Class: Financial Peace is a class by Dave Ramsey about finding peace with your finances. This is not a "get rich quick" scheme, but rather building wealth with what you have. It is a 9 week class starting on September 20, 2014 at 2:30PM, and each class is about 2 hours long. Register for the class by going to the church website and following the link or going to www.daveramsey.com/fpu, click Find A Class, and search for the Ascension class (it's pretty simple to find). Cost for a membership kit is \$100, and only one kit is needed per family. Membership kits include all necessary materials, Dave's book, additional tools, and access to online resources. If you have already taken FPU before, you can use your previous kit; no need to buy a new one. Kits may be purchased when registering for the class, or from me before the first class. For more information contact James Berrie (berriejw@gmail.com). If the cost is stopping you from attending, please speak with Fr. Todd or James Berrie, for possible scholarship opportunity.

Upcoming Senior Bus Trips: Mark Your Calendars

October—Monday, October 6 depart Ascension Church at 9a.m. for Maas Plant Nursery in Seabrook with a lecture on local plants, drought resistant plants, and herbs. Afternoon tour of the Kegg's Chocolate Factory tour, with tour guide.

November—Wednesday, November 5 depart Ascension Church at 8a.m. for a tour of The History Center in Diboll, Texas. Afternoon tour of the Texas Forestry Museum in Lufkin - with tour guides at both locations.

December—Friday, December 12 depart Ascension Church at 2:30p.m. for an early dinner and then from 5-7p.m. attend the Christmas Yuletide at Bayou Bend with carolers and holiday decorations. This trip is still in the planning stage and may also include an evening bus ride tour of Christmas lights in the Houston area.

Game Night at Ascension

Our first game night, on July 12, went well. We had about 25 people come and had a great time. We are looking forward the next one to

be a smash on **October 4, 5:30pm-9pm.**

Can't wait to see you there!



ACTIVITIES AND OFFERINGS



West Houston Assistance Ministries

WHAM has a special request

Ascension is very generous with their food donations, however with children back to school, their pantry is being depleted of specific items. We will, of course, accept all non-expired food donations, but are asking parishioners to pull out all the stops and donate the following five most needed items (in no particular order):

1. Peanut Butter and Jelly
2. Ramen Noodles
3. Canned Soup
4. Canned Meats (Tuna, Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc.)
5. 50 lb. bags of Pinto Beans

We will be collecting in earnest until the Sept 14th, at which time Todd will say a special blessing over the donations. Let's Fill the Narthex!!

September 7th—A Busy Day at Church!

Sunday School Kick-Off - we begin our newest Sunday School year, for both adults and children. With two new adult offerings, a couples class taught by Sarah Berrie, and Fr. Todd's new lectionary series, and the children's classes starting up, this year promises to be exciting.



Hat Day! The ladies of the Ascension wear many "hats" during their life of Christian Ministry. They serve the Lord in a wide variety of ways from Prayer Teams to Altar Guild. So on Sunday, September 7th, they are invited to wear a hat. Please wear your lovely hat, a baseball hat, a gardening hat, or any other hat you may choose to celebrate all you do for the life of the church and in the service of Christ.

Come back to breakfast!! Hot breakfast returns in the regular Sunday morning rotation. Each breakfast team does something a little different, but all of them serve eggs and yummy bacon. Please remember to support this ministry with a recommended \$3 donation for adults and \$2 for children. If there is anything you would like to see us serve, please place a suggestion in the church's suggestion box. We are always open to new ideas!



Hurricane Season is Upon us!!! Did you know Ascension has an:



Ascension Emergency Response

The Disaster Response Committee (formed to react to the temporary needs of our church community in times of emergency) wishes to remind all parishioners of the forms available on the church website (click on Members, and go to Disaster Ministry; the forms are highlighted in blue in the text). They are (1) an Equipment/Service sign-up sheet - these volunteers only to be called upon during a disaster situation and (2) a Member Assistance form for those who may have special needs - due to physical handicaps, living alone, or lack of proximity to friends and/or family. If you do not have computer access, please contact the church office and these forms will be provided. Remember, this effort is for the benefit of all.....

Lee Nirider, Committee Chairman

Prayers for Africa

Please join Ngozi Adimora and Angela Morales in the church following the 10:30 service on Sundays to pray for the peoples of Nigeria and Liberia, that the situations get resolved without the further loss of life or suffering. Feel free to grab some refreshments at the post service coffee, but please be sure not to take the food or drink back into the church. These ladies look forward to having your support.



Daughters of the King

The Daughters of the King will not hold their regular meeting in the parish hall on Saturday, September 13th. Instead, they will attend the Diocesan Fall Assembly held on September 12-13th at Camp Allen. For more information and registration forms, go to the website at www.dokdot.org.

Attention: Men of Ascension

All Men of Ascension are invited to meet at **La Madeleine on Westheimer** monthly, on the second Saturday at 8:15am for breakfast and fellowship.

The purpose of these meetings is to focus on building biblical men by engaging in study, accountability, and prayer. We have men speak from within the group or invite outside speakers.

Please RSVP with Ray Valenti at 281.568.8129, so he can let La Madeleine know how many are coming.

You may also contact him with questions or for more information.



Altar Flowers

Please check the flower chart posted in the narthex and consider making a dedication and donation. The cost is \$82.00, but any amount is acceptable and goes toward the cost of the flowers. There can be more than one dedication per Sunday. Flowers will be on the Altar every Sunday except during Lent. If you have any questions call Ann Burton. 713-782-6572

SEAFARER'S MINISTRY

Seafarers' Ministry Christmas Gift Box Program Starts Sunday September 21st thru Saturday October 18th

Ascension Episcopal Church and Ascension Episcopal School are sponsoring the Seafarers' Ministry Christmas Box Program starting October 1st and running the full month. The church participated in this program last year and with the help of our school we will continue to build this wonderful outreach effort. There will be a collection area in the Narthex of the Sanctuary for the church or items may be taken to the school office.

Crew sizes vary between 8 and 30, with an average number of 22 seafarers to gift per ship. In 2013, we placed 10,378 gifts on board 432 ships which had seafarers from 69 different countries! These gifts had been donated to the seafarers by 228 churches and organizations! The Christmas boxes are personally carried to each ship by your staff of Port Chaplains. We begin shortly after Thanksgiving and continue gifting seafarers until all the gifts have been distributed!

Please bring items such as:

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| BAND-AIDS | COMB | DENTAL FLOSS |
| DEODORANT | DISPOSABLE RAZORS | FLASHLIGHT |
| KLEENEX & Q-TIPS | LOTION & LIP BALM | NAIL CLIPPERS |
| NEEDLE & THREAD | SHAVING CREAM | SOAP & SHAMPOO |
| TOOTHBRUSH TOOTHPASTE | ADDRESS BOOK | CALENDAR |
| DISPOSABLE CAMERA | GUM & HARD CANDY | KEY CHAINS |
| PAPER & ENVELOPES | PENCILS & PENS | PLAYING CARDS |
| PUZZLES & GAMES | POSTCARDS | SOCKS |
| STAMPS | TEXAS SOUVENIRS | T-SHIRTS |
| BASEBALL CAPS | | |

The seafarers appreciate these items tremendously. As there are very few women and children onboard the ships these days, we would request that the gift be primarily for male seafarers. Year around donations of magazines (especially National Geographic, Reader's Digest, news, entertainment, sports, and science and nature magazines), paperback books, jigsaw puzzles and other games, PlayStation 2 games, videos and DVD's are appreciated.

Look for the "drop off" boxes in the Narthex and Parish Hall

Your gifts will be collected, packed students from Ascension Episcopal School and delivered to the Episcopal Ministry at the Port of Houston.

We need Shoe boxes!!

In addition to the items collected in the Seafarer's Christmas Box Program, please give shoeboxes. It is these boxes that the children use to package the items. They may be dropped off in the narthex with your donated goods.

Remember Ascension Episcopal Church and School in your will.



Contact: Leslie Nirider at
membership@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Lifeline is a nondenominational social and support group for widows and widowers. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month in the Parish Hall at 7:30 PM.

For more information please contact

Jackie Clift

281.497.2663 or email jackieclift5@hotmail.com

Hurricane Season Is Here

The Disaster Response Committee wishes to remind all parishioners of the forms now available on the church website:

www.ascensionepiscopalchurch.org/disaster-ministry.html

On that page are two downloadable forms:

1. An Equipment/Service sign-up sheet – these volunteers only to be called upon during a disaster response situation.
2. A Member Assistance form for those who may have special needs – due to physical handicaps, living alone, or lack of proximity to friends and/or family. If you do not have computer access, please contact the church office and these forms will be provided.

Ascension Disaster Response Committee

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| Lee Nirider | 713-464-8544 |
| Jim Jackson | 713-785-6909 |
| Faye Armstrong | 281-558-6817 |
| Suzanne McMath | 832-687-0864 |

WHAM Food Drive...

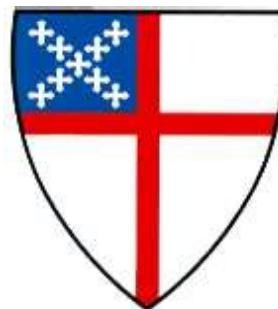
We receive nonperishable food items for distribution to those in need in our community every Sunday. These donated items are moved to the West Houston Assistance Ministry facility for distribution by volunteers. Look for the wooden box in the Narthex! Contact: office@ascensionepiscopalchurch.org

Staff

The Rev. Todd Bryant, Rector; Rolethial McKelvey, Organist; Leslie Nirider, Membership; Samantha King, Secretary; Reginald Johnson, Sexton; Ann Sietz, Bookkeeper; Paul Belk, Newcomer Minister; Robi Lasiter, Dir. of Religious Education

The Vestry

John Searle (Sr. Warden), Jim Anderson (Jr. Warden), Jeri Platt (Clerk), Thom Fenner, John Edel, Patrick Schwabrow, Laurie Taylor, James Berrie, Matt Murphy, Carol Goulet, Michael Fox, Mike Black, and The Rector.



The School Board

The Rector, Amy Criswell (President), Terry Kahn (Vice President), Ann Seitz (Secretary), Gemma Williams (Treasurer), Dana Murphy, Cindy Cadle, Todd Breton, Nancy Searle, Marike Owen, Beatrice Menendez, Patrick Gallagher, and Ex-officio members: The Sr. Warden, The Jr. Warden, and The Head of School

The Mission of Ascension Episcopal Church

Our Mission as faithful followers of **Jesus Christ** is to love the **Lord** and one another unconditionally. We proclaim **God's** truth found in Holy Scripture and make disciples through Evangelism and Christian Education, while ministering joyfully to all **God's** people.