

# The Joshua Juice



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION YOUTH • MONTGOMERY, AL

Biannual Youth Newsletter I

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## WHAT IS THIS NEWSLETTER?

One of the hardest jobs I have as Director of Youth Ministries is adequately communicating information to everyone. I am constantly trying new means of delivering information and will continue to use multiple different formats to do so. *The Joshua Juice* is one effort to update everyone biannually in a fun and full capacity.

The goal is to include as much information as I can upfront so that we can all plan ahead and be on the same page as the school year begins. My hope is that this will be an easy to use hardcopy of information that will also include fun articles, blurbs and pictures from the youth and our adventures.

Contained within this biannual newsletter will be a Calendar of Events with as much description as I can give at the time of publication. As you are all aware, things come up last minute and plans may change, but I will do my best to deliver accurate and in-depth information in each edition. Please continue to remain flexible with me as I do my best to communicate fully.

If the newsletter isn't your favorite way to receive information, no problem! Check out our website, [www.coascensionyouth.weebly.com](http://www.coascensionyouth.weebly.com), throughout the year where you will find the MOST up-to-date information, along with links to register for all upcoming events. You can also sign up for our weekly email updates by clicking the link on the home page.

Many Thanks, God Bless,  
Holly Bauer  
Church of the Ascension  
Director of Youth Ministries

## OUR SUMMER PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS

Montgomery, AL- Costa Rica- Atlanta, GA-  
Greensboro, AL- Africa- Camp McDowell- Hayneville, AL

**Our young people have been the hands, feet, hearts, and mouths of Jesus all over the world this summer. Take a look at a few pictures of everything our youth have been up to this summer.**



Top left: The Costa Rica Mission Team was made up of 12 adults and 6 youth: Jackson, Virginia Reed, Alice, Benton, Elizabeth, and Thomas.

Bottom left: Elizabeth Bear shows love to a little boy while in Africa.

Bottom middle: Philip had fun playing with the children at the refugee community in Atlanta.

Bottom right: Jackson gives a hug to one of the Tabb twins at Sawyerville Day Camp.



## YOUTH FORMATION

### Episcopal Youth Community [E.Y.C.]

The E.Y.C. will meet the third Sunday of every month beginning in October. E.Y.C. will start at 5 p.m. for worship in the Chancel and move to the Joshua House for dinner, program and games. Pick-up will be around 8 p.m. Kick-off will be Sept. 8th in the front lawn at Ascension. Please read the kick-off details on page 2.

### Sunday "School"- Unplugged.

With all the busy-ness and technology in our lives we rarely make time to relax and listen for the still small voice that is God. At Unplugged we will be intentionally listening for just that. Come relax in God's presence every Sunday morning at 9:15 a.m. in the Cubscout Room, 4th floor.

### Coffee House + Office Hours = [Coffice]

Coffice is a midweek gathering at Cafe Louisa for free coffee, snacks and fellowship with local Episcopal youth and youth ministers. No need to warn anyone, just show up and hang-out anytime between 3-5 p.m. every Wednesday!

### Confirmation

If youth are interested in being Confirmed next year, he or she must take part in a year long Confirmation Group. Parents and youth will need to attend the kick-off event on September 22nd in the Joshua House at 5 p.m. To learn more about this or reserve your spot, please call Holly. See page 2 for more details about the Confirmation Kick-off!

### Girls Only Bible Study

Tuesday evening Bible studies will be held at Holly Bauer's house, 1429 Gilmer Avenue, beginning September 3rd at 8 p.m. for any female youth in grades 7-12. We will start by studying a couple good girls of the Bible, Ruth and Esther. A Bible Study book will be for purchase through the Vineyard in late August. Each participant should also bring a sturdy Bible that they can mark in. Feel free to invite friends!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September Events



**E.Y.C. Kick-off Sunday!**  
**Ascension Front Lawn**  
**Sunday, September 8 at 5-7 p.m.**

Parents and Youth are invited to kick-off this year in a wet and wild way! There will be food provided by the Choir, water balloons, shaving cream and SO MUCH MORE! Plan on spending the first few minutes learning about what we will do differently this year, then get ready to rumble. Wear clothes you can get wet and dirty in, and don't forget a towel.



**2nd Annual Ascension & St. John's Rafting Trip**  
**Chattoga River, Long Creek, SC**  
**September 13-15, 2013**

Church of the Ascension and St. John's are teaming up again for our second annual youth rafting trip. You MUST register no later than September 8th to secure your spot! To learn more and register, follow the link provided on the front page of the youth website, [www.coascensionyouth.weebly.com](http://www.coascensionyouth.weebly.com).



**Confirmation Kick-off in the Joshua House**  
**Sunday, September 22, 5-7 p.m.**

Confirmation is a sacramental rite for persons who are ready to take ownership of and responsibility in their own faith journey. It is an affirmation of the promises made at baptism. Choosing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation is a mature decision that should only be made after sufficient instruction in the Christian Faith, repentance of sins, and when the person is ready to affirm their confession of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

To efficiently equip our young people to make a mature decision about Confirmation, we will spend a year completing a well-rounded Confirmation "Class." Because Confirmation is an intimate and personal decision, the young people seeking Confirmation will become a tight-knit group.

The year begins at this kick-off event for youth seeking Confirmation AND their parents. Youth will start with team-building activities, an orientation into what Confirmation is, and an opportunity to set expectations and norms. Simultaneously, parents will be meeting to learn about their role in supporting their child throughout this time of discernment.

Reserve your spot by calling Holly in the office.



**Montgomery District Day**  
**Place YTD**  
**Sunday, September 22, 2-4 p.m.**

This is a great opportunity to fellowship with young Episcopalians from all over our district reaching from Selma to Auburn and beyond. There will be games, refreshments and announcements regarding upcoming diocesan youth events. Please let Holly know you would like to attend so that she can make car-pool arrangements.

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**Church of the Ascension's Pet Blessing**  
**Ascension Front Lawn**  
**Sunday, September 29 at 4 p.m.**

Bring your pets out for a fun afternoon with other parish pets. The youth will be sponsoring the Pet Portraits taken by Libby Weatherly and Emily Thomas. All proceeds from the pet portraits will go toward the youth scholarship fund.

October Events



**Church of the Ascension Parish Retreat**  
**at Camp McDowell**  
**October 4-6, 2013**

Ascension is hosting their annual parish retreat at Camp McDowell the first weekend in October. There is no agenda, just relaxation, fellowship and fun. The youth are strongly encouraged to attend as we will be able to take advantage of the fun camp activities and atmosphere. Between ropes course, canoeing and hikes, there are endless possibilities for fun.

Single Room- (1 double bed, bath)- \$150  
 Double Room- (2 double beds, bath)- \$190  
 Additional lodgers- \$32/person

To register, you must call Holly at the church office, 263-9839, so that she can send you a registration form with pricing.



**E.Y.C.- Episcopal Youth Community**  
**Beginning in the Chancel, ending in the Joshua House**  
**Sunday, October 20, 5-8 p.m.**

Beginning with contemporary worship in the Chancel where Holly will be giving the homily, we will kick-start our new monthly E.Y.C. format. A parish ministry will be hosting our meal and our program for the evening is titled, "Choices." Plan on wearing something you can move around and get messy in.



**Confirmation Class in the Joshua House**  
**Sunday, October 27, 5-7 p.m.**

This is our first meeting with just the youth Confirmants. At this meeting we will begin covering the Confirmation curriculum through discussion and games. Dinner will be provided. Confirmation classes are mandatory for all youth Confirmants.



Girls Only Bible Study!

Open to all girls in grades 7-12 every Tuesday night beginning September 3rd at Holly's house, 1429 Gilmer Avenue, from 8-9 p.m.!

We will begin by studying two good girls of the Bible, Ruth and Esther. A Bible study book will be available in the Vineyard toward the end of August. Please bring a Bible, your Bible study book, and friends are always welcome!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November Events



**Happening #63**  
**Church of the Resurrection, Gadsden**  
**November 1-3, 2013**

Happening takes place in the fall and spring. During the three-day weekend (Friday evening through Sunday afternoon), the participants spend time seriously considering the person and teaching of Jesus Christ in a relaxed, fun, informal and loving atmosphere. They are provided with opportunities to share, discuss, learn and live with fellow Christians in an environment of acceptance and understanding. To register follow the link provided on the youth website: [www.coascensionyouth.weebly.com](http://www.coascensionyouth.weebly.com).



**E.Y.C.- Episcopal Youth Community**  
**Beginning in the Chancel, ending in Joshua House**  
**Sunday, November 17, 5-8 p.m.**

We will begin as usual in the Chancel for contemporary worship, followed by dinner in the Joshua Hosue. We will have a unique service opportunity during this E.Y.C. provided to us by the host ministry.

December Events



**Confirmation Class in the Joshua House**  
**Sunday, December 1, 5-7 p.m.**

This is our second and last meeting in 2013. Again, this is for youth Confirmants only. We will cover another section of the Confirmation curriculum through discussion and games. Dinner will be provided. Confirmation classes are mandatory for all youth Confirmants.



**Christmas Pageant Rehearsal**  
**in Ascension Hall**  
**Sunday, December 15 after services**

In order to participate in the Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 22, you MUST attend the Christmas Pageant Rehearsal. We understand that you are in the middle of exam season, but you are being given very advance notice so that you can make arrangements to attend. It will end at 1 p.m. and lunch will be provided. If you have a particular role you would like to fill, please email Holly.



**E.Y.C.- Episcopal Youth Community**  
**Beginning in Chancel, ending in Joshua House**  
**Sunday, December 15, 5-8 p.m.**

We will begin as usual in the Chancel for contemporary worship followed by dinner, program and games in the Joshua House. Pick-up will be at 8 p.m.



**Ascension's Christmas Pageant**  
**in Ascension Hall**  
**Sunday, December 22 at 9:00 a.m.**

During the Sunday School hour we will share the Good News through our annual youth and children's Christmas Pageant. All are encouraged to attend.



**Christmas Conference**  
**at Camp McDowell**  
**December 27-29, 2013**

This event is open to all 9th-12th grade young people interested in spending time at camp with new and familiar faces. Christmas Conference is the biggest event of the year, so early registration is a must. Lookout for the online registration form on the youth website closer to the event.

SUMMER PHOTO HIGHLIGHTS



Top left: Alice, Jackson and Virginia Reed take a break from busting concrete in Costa Rica to model for the camera.



Middle left: Elizabeth and Fr. Chip hang the tye-dye shirts out to dry at the Diocesan house in Costa Rica.



Bottom left: Taylor and Jackson enjoy evening canteen with friends at Senior Camp session at Camp McDowell.



Bottom middle: Elizabeth McGowin poses with her fellow small group leader and kids at Sawyerville Day Camp.



Bottom right: Elizabeth Bear stops for a picture with her friends during her trip in Africa.

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