



THE GREEN SHEET

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THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL DIOCESAN CONVENTION - The theme of the Diocesan Convention was "Rejoice in the power of the Spirit", and that attitude prevailed all over St. Paul's, Mobile! Showing off its new Youth Activities Building, along with its other state of the art facilities, St. Paul's graciously shared it's hospitality with delegates, alternates, visitors, and others from around the Diocese and beyond. A grateful Diocese thanks St. Paul's for a wonderful convention. In addition to many other activities, the Diocesan Convention:

- heard The Rt. Rev. Charles Jenkins, Bishop of Louisiana, deliver an inspiring sermon at the opening service Thursday evening, giving a report of activities in the Diocese since the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.
- were led in noonday prayers and meditations by The Rt. Rev. Herb Donovan, retired Bishop of Arkansas and The Rt. Rev. Bob Jones, retired Bishop of Wyoming, who served as co-chaplains. Bishop Jones preached the closing service Saturday noon.
- enjoyed hospitality of St. Paul's parishioners' homes at lovely "dine-arounds" Thursday evening and a spectacular Gala at the Mobile Museum of Art Friday evening.
- adopted a \$1,811,008 budget, which originally was deficit, and as a result of an appeal to congregations to increase their giving +5%, got pledges of \$67,873 to go towards balancing the budget.
- designated the Convention offerings to be given to the hurricane relief efforts in the Dioceses of Louisiana and Mississippi.
- adopted a resolution beginning the process for a companion Diocese relationship with the Diocese of the Dominican Republic.
- designated the Panama City area churches as the Convention hosts for the 39th annual Convention in 2010. The 38th annual Convention will be held at All Saints, Mobile, February 5 - 7, 2009.
- awarded the Diocesan Distinguished Service Award to Vincent Currie, Jr., long-time Diocesan Administrator.
- re-elected all the General officers of the Diocese: Kathy Miller, Esq., Diocesan Chancellor for Alabama; Scott Remington, Esq., Diocesan Chancellor for Florida; The Rev. S. Albert Kennington, Secretary; McGee Lorren, Treasurer; Kit Caffey, Registrar-Historiographer.
- elected Rebecca Byrne, Nettie Eaton, Lee Martin, The Rev. Betsy Powell and The Rev. Bill Ritcher to three-year terms on the Standing Committee. At an organizational meeting following the Convention, The Rev. Ken Cumbie, St. Luke's, Mobile was elected President and Melinda Henderson, St. Agatha's, DeFuniak Springs, was elected Secretary of the Standing Committee.
- elected as deputies to the 2009 General Convention in the lay order: Vince Currie, David Quittmeyer, Sally Greene, and Hugh Wheelless; in the clergy order: The Rev. Thack Dyson, The Rev. Canon Beverly Gibson, The Rev. Jim Flowers, and The Rev. Martha Kreamer; alternates in the lay order: Gary Moore, Lynn Ferren, Harwell Coale, and Melinda Henderson; alternates in the clergy order: The Rev. Messrs. Ken Cumbie, Chris Coats, Greg Hein, and George Riggall.

CLERGY NEWS - We are sad to report the death of **The Rev. Sid Ellis**, retired priest in the Diocese, on February 24th in Panama City. May the souls of the departed rest in peace!

STAFF NEWS - Congratulations to Mary and David Poss, on the birth of their first grandchild, a granddaughter, Rose Marie Wells, born to Courtney and Thomas Wells on February 15th. Please keep baby Rose Marie in your prayers as she has had some health issues that are improving daily. Of course, the grandparents are ecstatic!

ORDINATIONS - The following ordinations of Deacons to the Priesthood have been scheduled:

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| The Rev. Norman Bray | May 3 rd | 11:00 a.m. | St. Luke's, Marianna |
| The Rev. William Bell | May 10 th | 11:00 a.m. | Holy Nativity, Panama City |
| The Rev. Denson Freeman | May 17 th | 11:00 a.m. | Epiphany, Crestview |

SPRING CLERGY CONFERENCE - The Very Rev. William S. Stafford, Dean of the School of Theology of the University of the South, will be the leader for the Spring Clergy Conference **May 19th - 20th** at Beckwith. The conference will begin with lunch on Monday and conclude by lunch time on Tuesday. More information will be forthcoming.

FALL CLERGY CONFERENCE - Clergy are requested to hold the date for the Fall Clergy Conference which is scheduled for Beckwith, **September 14th - 16th**. More information on the speakers and topics will be forthcoming.

PASSED MARCH 1ST DEADLINES! - The following reports or information were due in the Diocesan office on or before March 1st: **Parochial Reports, Coastline Mailing Lists, and Journal Directory Forms.**

The following congregations have not submitted a Parochial report:

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| Atmore, St. Anna's | Laguna Beach, St. Thomas' | Mobile, Trinity |
| Atmore, Trinity | Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's | Monroeville, St. John's |
| Bay Minette, Immanuel | Marianna, St. Luke's | Niceville, St. Jude's |
| Cantonment, St. Monica's | Milton, St. Mary's | Ozark, St. Michael's |
| Coden, St. Mary's | Mobile, Christ Cathedral | Panama City, Holy Nativity |
| DeFuniak Springs, St. Agatha's | Mobile, Good Shepherd | Panama City, St. Patrick's |
| Destin, St. Andrew's | Mobile, Redeemer | Panama City Beach, Grace |
| Dothan, Nativity | Mobile, St. Andrew's | Pensacola, Christ Church |
| Eufaula, St. James' | Mobile, St. John's | Pensacola, Holy Cross |
| Greenville, St. Thomas' | Mobile, St. Luke's | Pensacola, Holy Trinity |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis' | Mobile, St. Mark's | Pensacola, St. Christopher's |
| Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | Mobile, St. Matthew's | Pensacola, St. Cyprian's |
| | Mobile, St. Paul's | Sta Rosa Beach, Christ the King |

The following congregations have not submitted a Coastline mailing list:

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| Atmore, St. Anna's | Gulf Shores, Holy Spirit | Navarre, St. Augustine's |
| Atmore, Trinity | Laguna Beach, St. Thomas' | Niceville, St. Jude's |
| Bay Minette, Immanuel | Lillian, Advent | Panama City, Holy Nativity |
| Brewton, St. Stephen's | Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's | Panama City, St. Andrew's |
| Coden, St. Mary's | Milton, St. Mary's | Panama City, St. Patrick's |
| Daphne, St. Paul's | Mobile, Good Shepherd | Pensacola, Holy Cross |
| DeFuniak Springs, St. Agatha's | Mobile, Redeemer | Pensacola, Holy Trinity |
| Destin, St. Andrew's | Mobile, St. John's | Pensacola, St. Christopher's |
| Dothan, Nativity | Mobile, St. Mark's | Pensacola, St. Cyprian's |
| Eufaula, St. James' | Mobile, St. Matthew's | Sta Rosa Beach, Christ the King |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis' | Mobile, Trinity | Troy, St. Mark's |
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The following congregations have not submitted a Journal directory form:

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| Atmore, St. Anna's | Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's | Panama City Beach, Grace |
| Atmore, Trinity | Milton, St. Mary's | Pensacola, Christ Church |
| Bay Minette, Immanuel | Mobile, Christ Cathedral | Pensacola, Holy Cross |
| Destin, St. Andrew's | Mobile, Good Shepherd | Pensacola, St. Christopher's |
| Dothan, Nativity | Mobile, St. Luke's | Pensacola, St. Cyprian's |
| Gulf Breeze, St. Francis' | Mobile, Trinity | Sta Rosa Beach, Christ the King |
| Laguna Beach, St. Thomas' | Niceville, St. Jude's | Troy, St. Mark's |
| | Panama City, Holy Nativity | |

The Journal of the Diocesan Convention is being prepared to go to the printer the 1st of April. If Parochial report and Journal directory forms are not received by then, old information will be used in the new Journal! Therefore, if your congregation is on any of the lists above, please get the appropriate information to the Diocesan office immediately. If there is going to be an abnormal delay, please call Carmen Kimmons (850) 434-7337 and let her know when your information will be coming in.

FRESH START - The February Fresh Start was cancelled because of The Rev. Sid Ellis funeral! The next Fresh Start date is **Thursday, March 27th** at the Diocesan office in Pensacola. The remaining Fresh Start dates for 2008 are as follows: April 17th, May 15th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th, and November 20th (the third Thursday of each month). If you have any questions about this program, please call Salem Saloom, (251) 867-6464, or e-mail him at sawbonz@saloom.net.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES - The final presentation in the Christ Church Cathedral Lenten Speaker Series is **Wednesday, March 12th**, Concert of Sacred Music. This program begins with Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at 11:30 a.m., and luncheon follows in the Chapter House. For further information, contact The Rev. Canon Beverly F. Gibson or Carolyn Jeffers at (251) 438-1822.

MISSION TRIPS TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Please keep the mission teams that are currently, or soon will be working in the Dominican Republic, in your prayers. A construction team was in country from **February 23rd - March 2nd**; a medical/dental team will be in country, **March 1st - March 9th**. The third trip will be a smaller medical team and a youth team, **June 14th - 22nd**. Each congregation in the Diocese is asked to consider participating in the "Mile of Dimes" campaign by putting out a collection container for folks to drop in their "spare change" each Sunday. This will help underwrite the cost of these mission trips. Anyone interested in participating should contact Geary Gaston at (251) 649-7327, for the construction mission; or Borden Morrow at (251) 626-6606 or Jane Shoultz at (251) 689-0301, for medical/dental mission.

GOOD FRIDAY OFFERING - The 2008 Good Friday Offering (GFO) is designed for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East, symbolizing unity with and passionate concern for those who witness to Christ throughout that region. Good Friday Offerings are collected and transmitted through the Diocese to the Episcopal Church who transmits all funds to the designated recipient. Good Friday Offering materials are available through Episcopal Books & Resources in New York City. The GFO home page is www.episcopalchurch.org/agr/friday.

CURSILLO 2008 - The first Cursillo weekend for 2008 is **March 27th - 30th** at **Blue Springs Conference Center** just east of Marianna, Florida and ten minutes off I-10. The other Cursillo weekends for 2008 are at Beckwith Camp & Conference Center: **April 24th - 27th**; **September 11th - 14th**; and **October 23rd - 26th**.

CURSILLO 2009 - There are four Cursillo weekends scheduled for 2009: **February 12th - 15th**; **April 23rd - 26th**; **September 17th - 20th**; and **October 22nd - 25th**, all at Beckwith Camp and Conference Center.

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL GROWTH EASTER SILENT RETREAT - The Commission on Personal Spiritual Growth will hold the Annual Silent Retreat at Visitation Monastery in Mobile, **March 27th - 29th**. The Rev. Martha Harris, Vicar at Trinity, Apalachicola will lead the retreat. Brochures will be available at the Diocesan Convention and will be mailed to all congregations. For further information, please contact The Rev. Donna Lockett, retreat coordinator, at (334) 566-3403 or dalockett@bellsouth.net.

ST. PAUL'S, DAPHNE PARISH HEALTH FAIRS - St. Paul's, Daphne is planning two health fairs this Spring. The first, **Saturday, March 29th** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. will be a Health Fair for Children. There will be a series of 45-minute mini-workshops on topics like: autism, childhood obesity and substance abuse in teens, as well as educational exhibits, crafts, snacks, prizes, a puppet show and lots for other important information fun activities. This event is open to the community and free of charge. The second health fair is **Saturday, May 3rd** from 9:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m., titled a Health Fair for Seniors. This event is also open to the community and free of charge and will feature educational exhibits on various resources for seniors. Participants will get information about how to install safety equipment in the home setting, various senior living options in the area, private sitter services, transportation, alert devices, home health, etc. There will also be 45-minute mini-workshops on topics such as: tips for preventing falls, healthy eating, preventing and treating osteoporosis, advance directives. For more information contact Scotti Dixon, Parish Nurse at (251) 626-2421.

BECKWITH SUNDAY - A celebration to dedicate the new buildings at Beckwith, is set for **Sunday, April 6th**. Beginning with a barbeque lunch at 1:00 p.m., the afternoon includes a processional tour of Beckwith, music, and social time. More complete information has been sent to all congregations.

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT RETREAT - is schedule for Beckwith Camp and Conference Center, **April 11th - 13th**. This retreat assists couples in celebrating and nurturing their marriage. Sessions include celebrating what's right, listening as an act of love, exploring patterns of communication, handling conflict constructively, striking a balance between individuality and togetherness, honoring and supporting your partner's spiritual journey. Facilitators are Jan and The Rev. Marshall Craver of St. Paul's, Mobile and Dr. Jackie Halstead, chair of the Department of Marriage and Family Therapy at Abilene Christian University, Abilene, Texas. The retreat is limited to twenty couples, so sign up early! Brochures have been mailed to church offices. For additional information, please call The Rev. Marshall Craver at (251) 342-8521.

CURSILLO STAFF TRAINING - All Cursillistas wishing to be on an upcoming Cursillo weekend Team are urged to attend a training weekend **Saturday, April 26th** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on **Sunday, April 27th** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at Beckwith, in the Bayfront Center. New Cursillistas are especially encouraged, but those who have already served on staff are also invited. Saturday, trainees and trainers will be expected to remain to set up and clean up for the Saturday night Agape. Chason Hall is available for overnight guests at a small charge (get a group to sign up together for a group rate). Sunday, the group will attend a local church together and go out for a brunch before the 1:00 p.m. meeting. This session will also be a Special Music session, led by Jill Byerly, Miles Doolittle & Mary Varner from Advent, Lillian. Everyone who can play an instrument is encouraged to attend this session for new song learning, old song practice, and timely readiness for playing at the 4:00 p.m. closing. Register by e-mail at rslockard@earthlink.net or by phone at (850) 874-0140.

BRITISH FESTIVAL - Holy Trinity, Pensacola is sponsoring a British Festival **Saturday, May 10th** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This event will feature children's games, face painting, moon walk, entertainment, collectibles, books, fish and chips, Scotch eggs, funnel cakes, tea booth, baked goods, vendors (\$25 fee) and more! Holy Trinity is located at 850 N. Blue Angel Parkway in Pensacola; phone (850) 456-5474. For more information, contact Sally Crenshaw (850) 572-7640.

AREA-WIDE CONFIRMATION - Church of the Nativity, Dothan will host a Diocesan Area-wide Confirmation service on **Saturday, June 21st**, at 11:00 a.m. This confirmation service is being offered as "make-up" or "catch-up" time, in addition to the Bishop's annual visitations. All clergy having congregants to be confirmed at the area-wide service, need to contact Nativity, Dothan (334)793-7616, with the number of confirmands to be presented.

2008 BECKWITH SUMMER CAMP - There is still time to register for camp! Registration brochures have been mailed to all clergy. Applicants are encouraged to register as soon as possible, as camps fill up quickly. The following is the 2008 Camp schedule:

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| <i>9th - 12th Grade</i> | Friday, June 6 th - Thursday, June 12 th |
| <i>8th & 9th Grade</i> | Saturday, June 14 th - Friday, June 20 th |
| <i>6th & 7th Grade</i> | Sunday, June 22 nd - Saturday, June 28 th |
| <i>3rd & 4th Grade</i> | Monday, June 30 th - Thursday, July 3 rd |
| <i>4th & 5th Grade</i> | Wednesday, July 9 th - Tuesday, July 15 th |
| <i>7th & 8th Grade</i> | Thursday, July 17 th - Wednesday, July 23 rd |
| <i>5th & 6th Grade</i> | Friday, July 25 th - Thursday, July 31 st |
| <i>2nd & 3rd Grade</i> | Friday, August 1 st - Sunday, August 3 rd |

APPLICATIONS FOR THE BECKWITH 2008 SUMMER CAMP STAFF - Applications have been mailed to all clergy. Positions to be filled are Senior Counselors, Associate Counselors, Work Crew, Kitchen Crew, Music and Photography Coordinator, Health Care Manger, and volunteer Assistant Counselors. **College students are particularly encouraged to apply.** Clergy, please encourage those in your parish, whom you believe to have the maturity and responsible qualifications sought, to apply.

CHOIR ROBES AVAILABLE - St. Monica's, Cantonment has 23 lovely goldenrod colored choir robes that need a home. They are heavily gathered at the shoulders/sleeves much like a judges robe. There are various sizes. If you need some choir robes contact Kathy Vail at (850) 494-3083.

RETIREMENT WITH GRACE - A conference sponsored by the Center for Lifetime Theological Education at Virginia Theological Seminary is scheduled for **April 14th - 16th** at Virginia Theological Seminary. The Rev. Dr. J. Barney Hawkins IV is the conference leader. For further information, telephone (703) 461-1752 or e-mail LTE@vts.edu.

PLANNED GIVING QUOTE - "You can tell what people care about by seeing their cancelled checks ... and reading their wills!"

HEALTH TIP - “A calorie is a calorie, no matter how it is consumed!”

DIOCESAN OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED - Friday afternoon, March 21st (Good Friday) and **Monday, March 24th** (Easter Monday).

ANNOUNCEMENTS TO BE PUBLICIZED IN THE *GREEN SHEET* SHOULD BE SENT TO CARMEN KIMMONS BY THE FIRST OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO THE *GREEN SHEET* MAILING!

COMING EVENTS

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| Cathedral Lenten Speaker Series | Mar 12 | Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile |
| Fresh Start | Mar 27 | Diocesan office |
| Cursillo | Mar 27 - 30 | Blue Springs Conf Ctr, FL |
| PSG Easter Silent Retreat | Mar 27 - 29 | Visitation Monastery, Mobile |
| Health Fair for Children | Mar 29 | St. Paul's, Daphne |
| Beckwith Sunday | Apr 6 | Beckwith |
| Marriage Enrichment Retreat | Apr 11 - 13 | Beckwith |
| Fresh Start | Apr 17 | Diocesan office |
| Cursillo | Apr 24 - 27 | Beckwith |
| Cursillo Staff Training | Apr 26 - 27 | Beckwith |
| Ordination - The Rev. Norman Bray | May 3 | St. Luke's, Marianna |
| Health Fair for Seniors | May 3 | St. Paul's, Daphne |
| British Festival | May 10 | Holy Trinity, Pensacola |
| Ordination - The Rev. William Bell | May 10 | Holy Nativity, Panama City |
| Fresh Start | May 15 | Diocesan office |
| Ordination - The Rev. Denson Freeman | May 17 | Epiphany, Crestview |
| Spring Clergy Conference | May 19 - 20 | Beckwith |
| Mission Trip - Medical & Youth Teams | Jun 14 - 22 | Dominican Republic |
| Area-wide Confirmation | Jun 21 | Nativity, Dothan |

BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR

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| Spring House of Bishops meeting | Mar 7 - 14 | Camp Allen, TX |
| Commission on Ministry | Mar 15 | Duvall Center |
| Visitation | Mar 16 | St. Francis', Gulf Breeze |
| Good Friday service | Mar 21 | Christ Church, Pensacola |
| Visitation | Mar 23 | St. Cyprian's, Pensacola |
| Celebration of New Ministry (B. Powell) | Mar 26 | St. Augustine, Navarre |
| Chelsea Study Group | Mar 28 - Apr 2 | Phoenix, AZ |
| Visitation | Apr 6 | Christ Church, Pensacola |
| Beckwith Sunday | Apr 6 | Beckwith |
| Day with Deacons | Apr 7 | Duvall Center |
| Visitation | Apr 13 | St. Paul's, Daphne |
| Visitation | Apr 20 | St. Paul's, Mobile |
| Bishops' Systems Group Retreat | Apr 22 - 25 | Bishop's Ranch, CA |
| Visitation | Apr 27 | St. James', Fairhope |
| Cursillo | Apr 27 | Beckwith |

BISHOP MILLER'S CALENDAR

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| Visitation | Mar 9 - 8:30 am | St. Mary's, Coden |
| Visitation | Mar 9 - 10:30 am | St. Andrew's, Mobile |
| Visitation | Mar 16 | St. Michael's, Chickasaw |
| Visitation | Mar 23 | Nativity, Dothan |
| Visitation | Mar 31 | St. Mary's, Andalusia |

CANON DUNNAM'S CALENDAR

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| Visitation | Mar 9 | St. Matthew's, Chipley |
| Visitation | Mar 16 | St. Francis, Dauphin Island |
| Visitation | Mar 30 | St. Matthew's, Chipley |
| Visitation | Apr 6 | St. James', Fairhope |
| Visitation | Apr 13 | Trinity, Atmore |
| Visitation | Apr 20 | St. Francis, Gulf Breeze |
| Visitation | Apr 27 | Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores |

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH: "Neurotics build castles in the air; psychotics live in them; psychologists collect the rent!"