



THE GREEN SHEET

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CLERGY NEWS - Congratulations to **The Rev. Ken Cumbie** (and Joan Paine) who were married August 29, 2007. Best wishes to the newlyweds! We report with sadness the death of Marshall P. Craver, Jr., father of **The Rev. Marshall Craver**, in Brewton, Alabama on October 9th, after a lengthy illness. Please keep Marshall and his families in your prayers. May the souls of the departed rest in peace!

ASSISTING BISHOPS - **The Rt. Rev. Cal Schofield**, retired Bishop of Southeast Florida, is assisting Bishop Duncan with congregation visitations for the month of October. Bishop Schofield's schedule is in the calendar section. Welcome Bishop and Mrs. Schofield!...**The Rt. Rev. David Reed**, retired Bishop of Kentucky, will be assisting in November. Bishop Reed's schedule is also shown in the calendar section. Welcome Bishop and Mrs. Reed!

RETIRED CLERGY AND SPOUSES AND WIDOWS - Please hold the date **Friday, December 14th** for the annual luncheon with the Bishop at St. John's, Mobile. Look for more information to come.

2007 PLEDGE REPORTS - with a personal letter from Bishop Duncan, will be mailed in the next few days to all Rectors, Vicars, and Senior Wardens-in-charge of congregations, with a copy of the letter to each Church Treasurer. Pledge reports should be returned to Vince Currie at the Diocesan office by **December 14th**.

BUDGET TIME - Commission and Board Chairs are asked to get their budget requests for 2008 to Vince Currie at the Diocesan office by **November 30th**. The Commission on Finance is beginning to develop the 2008 Budget and will need all expense requests to complete this work. If you have any questions about any budget items, contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Godwin in the Diocesan office.

SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS - The Standing Committee has adopted its recommendations for minimum salary for clergy 0 - 4 years to be increased +4 ½%. The Standing Committee strongly encourages congregations and Diocesan institutions to reward meritorious service with additional merit pay increases where possible, in addition to the standard cost of living adjustments. **The supply clergy rate** is to remain the same at \$175 for one Sunday and \$200 for two services on the same Sunday. **The mileage reimbursement rate** for 2008 has not been set, but it will be the IRS allowable rate established for mileage reimbursement (48 ½¢ in 2007). This information is being mailed to all clergy, wardens and treasurers.

GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE - premiums for group medical insurance for 2008 will be \$1,080 per month for family coverage and \$470 per month for single coverage. The benefits will remain the same as they are currently.

DENTAL INSURANCE - rates for dental insurance will be as follows: Option I - Single \$56, Family \$135, Option II - Single \$45; Family \$106, and DPP - Single \$14; Family \$35.

LIFE INSURANCE - premiums remain the same for 2008, \$26.40 per month. Open enrollment is only available for congregations that are NOT now currently participating in the group life insurance program.

FRESH START - will meet **Thursday, October 18th** at 10:00 a.m. at the Diocesan office. The last meeting for 2007 will be **Thursday, November 15th**, at the Diocesan office in Pensacola. If you have any questions about this program, please call Salem Saloom (251) 867-6464, or e-mail him at sawbonz@saloom.net

EPISCOPAL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE FOR PARISHES AND INSTITUTIONS -

Sponsored by the Church Pension Group, this conference is scheduled for **November 1st - 2nd** in Orlando, Florida. The conference is a short course in "Everything you ever wanted to know about the Church Pension Group". Administrators, office managers, treasurers, and other persons charged with the financial and administrative functions of a parish or institution will find this conference beneficial. Conference information is available online at www.cpg.org/ebacparish. For additional information, contact Linda Puckett at the Church Pension Group at lpuckett@cpg.org or (800) 223-6602 ext. 6260.

BBQ 'N BLUES FESTIVAL - Church of the Advent, Lillian will host their 6th annual BBQ 'n Blues Festival **Saturday, October 20th** at their church, located at 12099 Baldwin Co Rd 99, just 1.5 blocks south of Hwy 98, just west of the Lillian bridge. For sale: craft items, antiques, plants, collectables, art! Kids activities: Jolly Jump and Clown! Silent and live auctions featuring a dinner cruise, catered party for 20, beautifully handcrafted desk of fine hardwood, vacation home for a week and lots more. Activities from 9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. Lunch served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. BBQ plates \$8.00. Call (251) 961-2505 to purchase reserved tables for eight people for \$100.

BAR-B-Q FEST - St. Andrew's, Mobile is celebrating the 17th Annual Bar-B-Q Fest, Giant Yard and Bake Sale **Saturday, October 20th** 7:00 a.m. until sold out! Food service begins at 10:00 a.m. and can be eaten on the grounds or taken out. Rib or chicken dinners are \$6.00 each. If you want to pre-order by October 17th, you can get a slab of ribs - \$15.00; whole chicken - \$10.00; hot apple pie - \$6.00 and sweet potato pie - \$5.00. St. Andrew's is located at 1854 Staples Road. For additional information call (251) 479-0336 or e-mail: stablessed2bless@bellsouth.net.

LARC BISHOPS' CONFERENCE ON SHARED MINISTRIES - The annual Lutheran-Anglican-Roman Catholic Bishops' Conference on Shared Ministries will be held at St. Bede Catholic Church, Mobile, **Tuesday, October 23rd** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., including lunch. The featured keynote speaker is Archbishop Edwin O'Brien, head of the Catholic military ordinariate for the United States. Registration is \$20.00 in advance and \$25.00 at the door. Make checks payable to Our Savior Catholic Church, mail to The Rev. David Tokarz, Our Savior Catholic Church, 1801 Cody Road South, Mobile, AL 36695.

ST. MARY'S, MILTON FALL FESTIVAL - is set for **Friday, October 26th** (10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) and **Saturday, October 27th** (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.). Activities include a huge rummage sale, homemade baked good, homemade jams and jellies, and other delicious refreshments. The event will take place at the church site, 6849 Oak Street in downtown Milton. For more information, contact St. Mary's (850) 623-2905.

ST. JOHN'S, MOBILE RUMMAGE SALE - is scheduled for **October 26th - 27th** 7:00 a.m. to 12 noon. There is tons of stuff, and some really good stuff! St. John's, Mobile is located at 1707 Government St. For more information, contact St. John's (251) 479-5474.

ST. SIMON'S ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR - St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach is holding its annual arts and crafts fair **Friday, November 2nd** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and **Saturday, November 3rd** from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Additional information, call St. Simon's at (850) 244-8621.

ST. PAUL'S, MAGNOLIA SPRINGS "MARKET DAY" - is scheduled for all day **Saturday, November 3rd**. The market will include delectable delights of St. Paul's All Day Bakery, the Garden Luncheon, baked goods and frozen casseroles, the fantastic Church Boutique, children's activities, several dozen vendors offering unique goods including the finest in decorative items, antiques, wearing apparel, pottery, jewelry, fine arts, etc. New this year is the "Farmer's Market" with fall fruits and vegetables and delicious home baked products. Premiering this year is the 2007 St. Paul's Christmas Card - a beautiful gilded depiction of the icons of Archangels Michael and Gabriel by the hand of St. Paul's own iconographer Maybelle Godwin. For further information, contact Donna Esslinger at (251) 965-7400 or call St. Paul's at (251) 965-7452.

HOLY SPIRIT, GULF SHORES RETREAT - Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores is planning two retreats for the fall season: **November 3rd** will be "Healing Presence with the Saints" led by The Rev. Dr. Joanna Seibert, Deacon, Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, AK. Dr. Seibert is the author of "Healing Presence, the Intersection of Medicine and Religion". She is Professor of Radiology and Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas Medical School and on the staff of the Arkansas Children's Hospital. The retreat is from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., with a \$5.00 charge for lunch and an open offering accepted at the closing Healing Service and Eucharist. Reservations are required for lunch. Call (251) 968-5988. . . . **THE SECOND RETREAT is December 7th - 9th**, offering labyrinth, iconography and prayer beads as aids to spirituality. Friday night is a planned pot luck supper with members of the congregation leading a study of these visual aids to worship. The labyrinth will be open to worship for the entire weekend. For additional information, contact Church of the Holy Spirit (251) 968-5988.

TRINITY, APALACHICOLA SEAFOOD FESTIVAL - is scheduled for **Saturday, November 3rd** at Trinity, Apalachicola. The event will be a Saturday luncheon featuring famous Apalachicola Seafood! The luncheon is sponsored by Trinity's Episcopal Church Women. For more information, call (850) 653-9550.

CATHEDRAL FLOWER ARRANGING SEMINAR - Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile is hosting a flower arranging seminar **Wednesday, November 7th**, 9:30 a.m through lunch. Sybil Sylvester of Wildflower Designs in Birmingham will demonstrate arranging flowers and greenery for your home. Lunch is included in the \$50 admission price. For more information or to purchase a ticket call (251) 438-1822 or e-mail office@christchurchcathedralsmobile.com

ARCHIVIST/HISTORIOGRAPHER WORKSHOP - will be **Tuesday, November 13th** at Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile. All archivists and historiographers in congregations in the Diocese or anyone interested in archives, are welcome at this workshop. The basics of historic preservation and opportunity to share information will be the theme of the day. The workshop begins at 10:00 a.m., will include lunch and will conclude about 2:00 p.m., with a tour of the Cathedral archives. Cost, including lunch and materials, is \$10.00. Send registration to Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, PO Box 13330, Pensacola, FL 32591-3330. Note on the check "Archives Workshop". For more information, contact Kit Caffey (251) 626-0053.

CHRIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA LADIES' NIGHT OUT - is scheduled for **Tuesday, November 13th** at Christ Church, Pensacola. The evening will include wine, hors d'oeuvres and a holiday fashion show. For more information, contact Christ Church at (850) 432-5115.

PRAYER OF SPIRIT AND BODY RETREAT - is scheduled for **November 16th - 18th** at Beckwith. Facilitated by Jan and The Rev. Marshall Craver, this retreat is an introduction to yoga and other forms of body prayer as Christian spiritual practice. Jan Craver is a member of Yoga Alliance, and Kripalu Teachers Association. The Rev. Marshall Craver is a graduate of Shalem Institute's Certificate Program for Leading Meditation Groups and Retreats. Brochures, including registration forms are available at Beckwith, local parishes, and the Diocesan office. Space is limited! Register early. Contact Marshall Craver (251) 342-8521 for more information.

AREA-WIDE CONFIRMATION - Christ Church Cathedral will host a Diocesan Area-wide Confirmation service on **Saturday, December 8th**, from 11:00 a.m to 1:00 p.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 Christ Church Cathedral, (251) 438-1822, with the number of confirmands to be presented. The deadline for submitting confirmand numbers is **November 8th**.

SMALL CHURCH CONFERENCE - "Growing God's Kingdom Through Small Churches" is the theme of a one-day conference set for **December 8th**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at St. Anna's, Poarch (exit 54 on I-65, at Atmore, AL). The keynote speaker will be The Rev. Suzanne Watson, Staff Officer for Congregational Development at the Episcopal Church Center in New York. Included with registration are handbooks and Percept studies about each congregation. Flyers, including registration information have been mailed to each church. Register early to receive demographic studies for your congregation and area! Deadline for registration is November 26th.

2008 MEN'S CONFERENCE - Men of the Diocese are encouraged to mark their calendars for **February 29th - March 2nd, 2008** for the Diocesan Men's Conference at Beckwith Camp & Conference Center. The 2008 conference leader will be The Rev. Canon John L. Peterson, former Secretary General of the Worldwide Anglican Communion and personal representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury, and now Canon for Global Justice and Reconciliation at Washington National Cathedral.

CURSILLO 2008 - Cursillo weekends for 2008 have been announced. All being held at Beckwith Camp & Conference Center, the dates are: April 24th - 27th; June 5th - 8th; and October 23rd - 26th.

CHURCH AUDITS - were due in the Bishop's office on or before September 1st. The following churches **HAVE NOT** submitted their annual audit. These churches should get their audits in as soon as possible. If you have any questions about audit requirements, or need an audit form approved by the Commission on Finance, please contact Vince Currie or Jennifer Godwin at the Diocesan office:

Andalusia, St. Mary's
Atmore, Trinity
Bay Minette, Immanuel
Cantonment, St. Monica's
Crestview, Epiphany
Dothan, Nativity
Enterprise, Epiphany
Eufaula, St. James'
Foley, St. Paul's
Ft Walton Beach, St. Simon's
Greenville, St. Thomas'

Gulf Breeze, St. Francis'
Lillian, Advent
Magnolia Springs, St. Paul's
Milton, St. Mary's
Mobile, St. John's
Mobile, St. Mark's
Mobile, St. Matthew's
Monroeville, St. John's
Ozark, St. Michael's
Panama City, Holy Nativity
Panama City, St. Patrick's

Panama City Beach, Grace
Pensacola, Holy Cross
Pensacola, Holy Trinity
Pensacola, St. Cyprian's
Pensacola, St. John's
Port St. Joe, St. James'
Robertsdale, St. John
Santa Rosa Beach, Christ the King
Troy, St. Mark's
Beckwith Camp
Wilmer Hall

PLANNED GIVING QUOTE - "Leaving a legacy to enrich the lives of future generations is a noble act"

MONTHLY HEALTH TIP - Remember, that the person who has the greatest impact on your health is YOU!

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!

JOURNAL CHANGES

- Page 17 **CODEN, ST. MARY'S** - change e-mail address for The Rev. John W. Hicks to breezykeyz@aol.com
- Page 23 **FAIRHOPE, ST. JAMES'** - remove CURATE
- Page 29 **MAGNOLIA SPRINGS, ST. PAUL'S** - change last name for JUNIOR WARDEN to Houser, and add Wednesday services, 10:00 a.m.
- Page 30 **MAGNOLIA SPRINGS, ST. PAUL'S** - change phone number for CHURCH SECRETARY to 251-965-7400
- MARIANNA, ST. LUKE'S** - remove JUNIOR WARDEN - Elizabeth Simpson and add JUNIOR WARDEN - Nancy Connolly (Sean) 4679 Sheffield Dr., Marianna, FL 32446, 850-482-4935
- Page 31 **MOBILE, ALL SAINTS** - add e-mail address to The Rev. Mary Robert, asstrector@allsaintsmobile.org
- Page 34 **MOBILE, ST. ANDREW'S** - change e-mail address for The Rev. John W. Hicks to breezykeyz@aol.com
- Page 38 **MOBILE, TRINITY** - remove RECTOR - The Rev. Albert Kennington and add INTERIM RECTOR - The Rev. David Powers (Celeste), 959 Charleston St., Mobile, AL 36604, 251-432-7293, e-mail dapowers@trinitymobile.org
- Page 53 **PAROCHIAL CLERGY** - move KENNINGTON, S. Albert to RETIRED CLERGY on page 56; and remove SHELBY, F. Stuart
- Page 56 **RETIRED CLERGY** - add KENNINGTON, S. Albert, 216 Grand Ave., Fairhope, AL 36532, 251-928-4413
- Page 60 **SURVIVING SPOUSES...** - change address for HANNUM, Elizabeth to 26218 Via Del San Francisco, Daphne, AL 36526-5108

COMING EVENTS

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| Fresh Start | Oct 18 | Diocesan office |
| BBQ 'N Blues Festival | Oct 20 | Advent, Lillian |
| Bar-B-Q Fest | Oct 20 | St. Andrew's, Mobile |
| LARC Bishops' Conf on Shared Ministries | Oct 23 | St. Bede Catholic Church, Mobile |
| St. Mary's, Milton Fall Festival | Oct 26 - 27 | St. Mary's, Milton |
| St. John's, Mobile Rummage Sale | Oct 26 - 27 | St. John's, Mobile |
| EBAC for Parishes & Institutions | Nov 1 - 2 | Orlando, FL |
| St. Simon's Arts & Crafts Fair | Nov 2 - 3 | St. Simon's, Fort Walton Beach |
| St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs "Market Day" | Nov 3 | St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs |
| Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores Retreat | Nov 3 | Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores |
| Trinity, Apalachicola Seafood Festival | Nov 3 | Trinity, Apalachicola |
| Cathedral Flower Arranging Seminar | Nov 7 | Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile |
| Archivist/Historiographer Workshop | Nov 13 | Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile |
| Christ Church Pensacola Ladies Night Out | Nov 13 | Christ Church, Pensacola |
| Fresh Start | Nov 15 | Diocesan office |
| Prayer of Spirit & Body Retreat | Nov 16 - 18 | Beckwith |
| Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores Retreat | Dec 7 - 9 | Holy Spirit, Gulf Shores |
| Area-Wide Confirmation | Dec 8 | Christ Church Cathedral, Mobile |
| Small Church Conference | Dec 8 | St. Anna's, Atmore |

BISHOP DUNCAN'S CALENDAR

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| Episcopal/Methodist Conference | Oct 9 - 17 | London, England |
| GTS Board meeting | Oct 18 - 21 | New York, NY |
| Bishops' Systems Group meeting | Oct 22 - 26 | Boston, MA |
| Visitation | Oct 28 | Holy Trinity, Pensacola |
| Commission on Ministry meeting | Oct 29 | Diocesan office |
| Visitation | Nov 4 | St. Patrick's, Panama City |
| Visitation | Nov 11 | St. Jude's, Niceville |
| Visitation | Nov 18 | St. James', Eufaula |

BISHOP SCHOFIELD'S CALENDAR

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| Visitation | Oct 14 | St. John's, Monroeville |
| Visitation | Oct 21 | St. Paul's, Magnolia Springs |
| Visitation | Oct 28 | St. James', Port St. Joe |

BISHOP REED'S CALENDAR

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| Visitation | Nov 4 | All Saints', Mobile |
| Visitation | Nov 11 | St. Luke's, Marianna |
| Visitation | Nov 18 | St. Michael's, Ozark |

CANON DUNNAM'S CALENDAR

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| Visitation | Oct 14 | St. Cyprian's, Pensacola |
| Visitation | Oct 21 | Holy Nativity, Panama City |
| Visitation | Nov 4 | St. John's, Pensacola |
| Visitation | Nov 11 | Epiphany, Crestview |
| Visitation | Nov 18 | Redeemer, Mobile |

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH:

(An ad in The Great Barrington Massachusetts advertisement paper, September 29, 2007) "My name is Chris, and I am a seven year old boy with four sisters. I am building a tree house and I have run out of wood. If you have any from a leftover project, or from a tear down, my dad will bring me to you to get it. Please help, I need a place to hide out! Call my dad's cell 123-4567"

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