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CHURCH of the HOLY CROSS NEWSLETTER

Holy Cross is dedicated to raising up faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, committed to genuine Worship, loving Fellowship, and passionate Mission.

a message from our

senior **WARDEN**

The past few weeks have been very busy as we conducted interviews to replace our church administrator. I want to thank my fellow Vestry member, Cissy, for her help in the process which, believe me, turned out not to be that easy! As many of you may know by now we have hired Janice Ridgeway as our new Church Administrator. Please make her feel welcome as she begins her new journey with the Holy Cross Family.

Our Jr. Warden is busy as always and hard at work. David has just about finished a new cabinet in the Children's Classroom/Vestry room. You can now see new carpet laid to finish off the new paint job recently completed. Also, our conference room is getting a makeover and is NOW sporting new wood floors to go with its fresh new paint job. David is working hard but will be taking some time off before getting started on our next project, which is the renovation of the kitchen.

I am pleased to report our congregation is on the rise with several new members joining the Holy Cross family. Our finances are also still on track and in the black with plate and pledge contributions ahead of last year. So far 2018 is looking good and getting better!

Roy Wood / Sr. Warden

Change for Good

With summer charging at us head on, change is a reality. Teachers and children have a change of schedule that, in my house, consists of staying up a little later at night and sleeping in a little longer in the morning. For others, summer also signifies a change of pace. The business world will begin to slow down a bit in the summer to plan and ramp up for the fall. Churches will welcome visitors who are sometimes looking to make a change or maybe just visiting relatives. Change is happening all around us; sometimes that's good and sometimes it's a bit unnerving. The reality of change is that it takes some adjustment and some getting used to.

In the book of Acts, the disciples experienced some major changes. Jesus, their Bible study leader, pastor, and friend for the past three years, had now been resurrected from the dead and ascended to heaven to be at the right hand of the Father. He had taught them what to do but they didn't quite understand the magnitude of the call He had given them. They were to make disciples like He had done, but how? That was the change that would surprise them all...The Holy Spirit! The day of Pentecost would literally set the disciples and the church on a trajectory of change like they had never seen before. Jews would come to faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Gentiles would be accepted as part of the chosen people of God as they too came to faith in Christ. Not to mention, in one afternoon more than 5000 new members joined the church; talk about a change of epic proportion!

As we embrace the season of Pentecost and the summer months ahead, what changes might God be calling you to make in your own heart, thinking, and actions? What changes in our life today do we need to embrace allowing God to teach us and refine us into the person he wants us to be? Sure, change can be difficult, but change can also be the most rewarding and transformative thing we can experience. The church experienced a change over 2000 years ago that sparked a reformation and a revival. Could God be calling you to experience the same today? Something worth thinking about. May we experience the Holy Spirit in fresh new ways during this season and in every season.

Grace and Peace,

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what's **HAPPENING?**

ECW

will meet **June 27th**, time TBA. Beverages and dessert will be served, so bring your favorite sandwich. In July, ECW will take a “vacation” break. The first fall meeting will be August 22nd. Also, this is an early mention of the **ECW Rummage Sale** to be held on October 12th and 13th, Friday and Saturday. Further information, such as items to donate, and when they may be delivered to the church will come soon.

Sunday, June 3 from 3-5pm – EYC Pool Party at Emma Percy’s home. Bring your swimsuit, towel, and snacks or drinks for the group. Ice cream will be provided. Contact Susan Caraway at 205-999-1346 with any questions.

Attention Ladies of Holy Cross - On June 28th at 6:30pm, we will meet at Frontera’s Mexican restaurant in Trussville. We will not meet in July. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Bain at (205) 612-9833 or (205) 655-9283.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We need volunteers to host the Fellowship & Coffee hour following the 10:30am service each Sunday. Hosts are responsible for bringing baked goods (homemade or store-bought), making the coffee and lemonade (provided), and clean-up afterwards. Please help us continue to offer this time of fellowship by signing up (sign-up sheets are in the Genesis Room). For further information, contact Alyce Daniel at (205) 854-1522 or Cindy Wester at (205) 706-7187.

vacation **BIBLE SCHOOL**



Join us Friday, July 27th through Sunday, July 29th for Vacation Bible School. Children, ages 5 through 12, will enjoy Bible stories, crafts, and games. At Polar Blast, kids chill with new friends and warm up to Jesus—the coolest friend of all. VBS is free and all are welcome! Please come and bring friends.

Friday, July 27th 6:00pm - 8:30pm

**Dinner provided to participants and volunteers.*

Saturday, July 28th 9:00am - 1:30pm

**Lunch provided to participants and volunteers. Wear clothes that may get wet/dirty—we will be playing water games outside.*

Sunday, July 29th 10:30am - 2:00pm

**We will have a musical celebration during the 10:30 church service, followed by a cookout and pool party.*

Registration available online at holycrosstrussville.org

For additional information or to sign-up to become a VBS volunteer, please contact heather@holycrosstrussville.org.

HAPPY **Birthday** TO YOU!

June

Henry Amberson	5	Jordan McQueen	20
Jacob Brannan	10	Michelle Hall	20
Stuart Turner	11	Derrick Willis	22
Tom Scarborough	11	Noah Johnson	25
Janet Prewett	17	Nick Bramblette	28
Jean Barron	17	Jane Kerr	29
Joseph Adamson	17	Jason Brannan	30
Sharon Morse	19		

July

Ella Finch	8	Dorys Gentry	29
Richard Turner	11	Kate Proctor	29
Gwen Proctor	12	Conrad Crews	31
Karen Bain	12		
Greg Wynn	17		
Harold Jones	18		
Dianne Adams	19		
Becky Wester	20		
Donica Creasy	21		
Matthew Pate	21		
Christina Patterson	22		
Keith Bain	26		
Justin Finch	27		