



# Holy Comforter Newsletter

October 16-29, 2011

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## SERVICE HOURS

**Sunday Holy Eucharist : 10:00 AM**  
**Tuesday Holy Eucharist & Unction: 10:00 AM**  
**Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 6:00 PM**

## OFFICE HOURS

**M-Th 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM**  
**F 8:30 AM—1:00 PM**

## FOOD PANTRY HOURS

**M & W 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**  
**Th 9:00 AM-Noon**

## STAFF

**Interim Rector:**  
The Rev. Dr. David Perkins ext. 302  
**Administrative Assistant:**  
Diane Harbin ext. 300  
**Secretary/Receptionist:**  
Eleshia Lusane ext. 301  
**Choir Master/ Organist:**  
Joel Gregory  
**Sexton:**  
Samuel Bates  
**Housekeeper:**  
Mary Jane Flowers  
**Nursery Worker:**  
Pat Lewis

## VESTRY

**Senior Warden:**  
Terri Via  
**Junior Warden:**  
Elva Goldman  
**Treasurer:**  
Rose Lollar  
**Clerk:**  
Jeri Tippit  
**Members:**  
Leanne Barber  
Dennis Gibson  
Bil Hitchcock  
Nelya McKenzie  
Ann Montgomery  
Rand Neeley  
Zola Powers



## Thinking Outside the Box (While Loving the Box), October 15th By: The Rev. Dr. David W. Perkins

The box refers to traditional and habitual ways of thinking and reasoning about the church. We can and must be grateful for those ways of reasoning, because they form the foundation on which we think creatively, they serve as the springboard for nontraditional and counterintuitive ways of thinking.

Jesus said, “Those who would save their lives shall lose them. Those who lose their lives for my sake and the Gospel shall save them.” That wisdom applies to our personal lives. We must detach from and release all to which we cling--people, ambitions, possessions, our very lives--in order to live fully into the presence and love of God that brims in our souls. Jesus let go of his life in his prayer in Gethsemane, “not my will but yours be done.” That detaching empowered him to face the agonies of abandonment, humiliation, and crucifixion.

We also must let go of and detach from our hopes and dreams for our church. When a congregation endures the difficult days you’ve walked through, it is easy to slip into “survivor” mode, to fear for the future of the church and begin acting in ways that we believe will save Holy Comforter.

However, that gets things exactly backwards. It is not Holy Comforter that needs saving. Rather, it is the world around us, the community in which we live. We ex-

perience God’s saving, transforming love each Sunday in Holy Eucharist. Those around us hunger and thirst for the connection, love, and hope in which we luxuriate.

If we refuse to focus on what we lack and on how we must add people to survive, we will have energy to put the focus in a totally different place—what does Holy Comforter have to give and how can we join in what God’s already doing in this community and give those treasures away. That would be a missionary mind set that persists in giving ourselves away in radical witness and service in the community and does not fret over the survival of Holy Comforter, a future beyond our control.

Oddly, enough—if that freeing, risk taking, serving spirit permeates us more fully, the tone of our worship will be enhanced with that energy and people visiting will experience us as a more peace-filled, love-filled place. That will draw them toward us to join in giving ourselves away for the sake of others and for the sake of Christ’s mission in the world and not for the sake of saving Holy Comforter.

Peace,

*David W. Perkins*

## Lectionary Readings: Year A, 18 Pentecost

**Sunday, October 16:**  
Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

.....**Daily Office**.....  
**Year One, Proper 24**

**Tuesday, October 18:**  
Lamentations 1:1-5, 10-12  
Psalm 26, 28  
1 Corinthians 15:41-50  
Matthew 11:25-30

**Wednesday, October 19:**  
Lamentations 2:8-15  
Psalm 119:25-48  
1 Corinthians 15:51-58  
Matthew 12:1-14

## Lectionary Readings: Year A, 19 Pentecost

**Sunday, October 23:**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

.....**Daily Office**.....  
**Year One, Proper 25**

**Tuesday, October 25:**  
Ezra 5:1-17  
Psalm 45  
Revelation 4:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9

**Wednesday, October 26:**  
Ezra 6:1-22  
Psalm 49  
Revelation 5:1-10  
Matthew 13:10-17

**Crisis Information**

For Pastoral Care, call the following in the order listed until you make contact:

The Rev. Dr. David Perkins  
334-300-7589

Church Office  
334-281-1337

Nelya McKenzie  
334-284-5078 (H)  
334-315-1261 (C)  
334-244-3558 (W)



Diocese of  
Alabama  
Cycle  
of Prayer

**Sunday, October 16**

- St. Luke's, Birmingham
- St. Luke's, Jacksonville
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché
- Trustees of the Diocese Trust Funds Board and staff of the Church Pension Fund
- All persons who serve on parish vestries

**Sunday, October 23**

- St. James, Livingston
- Our companion diocese of Haiti and its bishop, Zaché
- Diocesan Department of Recovery Ministries
- For all who suffer from addiction or the effects of addiction

**PRAYER FOR  
HOLY COMFORTER**

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel for the renewal and mission of Holy Comforter Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Please Pray For:****Parishioners:**

Mason Butler  
Melissa Carlton  
Fred Earle  
Douglas Hester  
Betty Read  
Marietta Sexton  
Ami Simpson

**Friends/ Others:**

Christina Brown  
Steve Endicott  
Gina Robinson Johnson  
Rob McClendon  
Trip Rowley  
Ray Shirley  
Bobby Skelton  
Delores Smith  
Francis Trigg  
Hank Williford



*The altar flowers on Sunday, October 16th are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Stan Montgomery.*



*The altar flowers on Sunday, October 23rd are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alex Carr Granger and Clyde McIntyre Granger.*

**Weekly Schedule: October 16-22, 2011****Sunday, October 16**

9:00 AM Choir  
Sunday School  
9:30 AM Bookstore Open  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Rite I  
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (McQ)  
Bookstore Open  
11:30 AM Sign Language Service (Chp)

\*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

**Monday, October 17**

6:00 PM Vestry Meeting

**Tuesday, October 18**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Chp)  
11:00 AM Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 19—No Newsletter**

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing (Chp)  
6:45 PM Choir

**Saturday, October 22**

10:00 AM Blessing of the Animals

**Weekly Schedule: October 23-29, 2011****Sunday, October 23**

9:00 AM Choir  
Sunday School  
9:30 AM Bookstore Open  
10:00 AM Holy Eucharist—Rite II  
UTO Sunday  
11:15 AM Coffee Hour (McQ)  
Bookstore Open  
11:30 AM Sign Language Service (Chp)

\*Nursery available at 8:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, October 25**

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist (Chp)  
11:00 AM Bible Study

**Wednesday, October 26—Newsletter**

6:00 PM Holy Eucharist & Healing (Chp)  
6:45 PM Choir



**Humane Society Pet Adoption and Blessing of Animals  
Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter  
Saturday, October 22, 10 AM-Noon.**

*You are invited to bring your pets from home to be blessed and/or to have a pet you adopt blessed.*

Do contact Fr. David if you can volunteer to help on that day. Also, this would be a great event to which you can invite your friends and family not actively worshipping somewhere in the Montgomery area.

Photos of your pet being blessed will be available free of charge.



**UTO FALL INGATHERING—OCTOBER 23RD**

UTO Sunday for Holy Comforter is a ministry of the Episcopal Church that provided a way for men, women and children to give daily thanks to God with a sense of gratitude.

Monies collected are used towards grants awarded to deserving programs that address compelling human needs and/or expand mission and ministry.

We have much to be thankful for; please remember others that are not as fortunate as us on Sunday, October 23rd. Please make checks payable to Holy Comforter Church.



**Christmas Shoebox Ministry**

Time passes so fast—We again are collecting shoeboxes for worldwide distribution to those who may never have received Christmas gifts, or more importantly, manifestation of God's love and caring. Please grab a box. We must cover the cardboard shoeboxes this year, but a \$1 plastic shoebox from Dollar Tree will do. Include a \$7 check for each box. You can fix a box for a boy or girl, or different age groups. Include small toiletries, school supplies, toys (yo-yos, action figures, small dolls, etc.) Please no liquids or chocolate—it melts. See the table by McMaster Hall for boxes, further information, and labels. Collection is here by the first week of November. Thank you, Jean Murray



**FAMILY PROMISE**

Our next hosting week for Family Promise is October 27-30, 2011. There is a sign-up poster on the wall near the kitchen. We need volunteers to shop, cook, host evenings and stay overnight. Please consider volunteering for this ministry. Call Rosine Hall (273-9318) or Nelya McKenzie (284-5078) for more information.



**Donate to the Food Pantry**

The Food Pantry, now located in Henderson Hall, is desperately in need of monetary donations. Did you know for every \$25 spent at the Montgomery Area Food Bank we can buy as much as 160 pounds of food and for every \$1 we can purchase up to 6 ½ pounds of food? When you purchase food from the grocery store \$1 may only be able to buy a can of tuna, but we are able to make that \$1 go so much further through your monetary donations. Also, memorials can be done specifically for the Food Pantry. What better way to honor the memory of your loved one than to donate to such a worthy cause?

*We would like to thank the Deaf Ministry for raising \$175 for the Food Pantry since October 2nd.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!—OKTOBERFEST  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2011**

**4:00 PM**

**@ ALDEN AND MARY LOIS MONROE'S HOME**

*Let's eat, drink  
and have good cheer.  
Because guess what?  
It's that time of year!*



### Daily Devotional Group

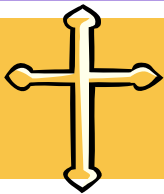
Fr. David writes a devotional each weekday based on the Daily Office Readings in The Book of Common Prayer. You can visit that web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/episcopaloffice> and sample the devotionals. You also will find instructions about joining the group.

### Tuesday Morning Eucharist and Bible Study, 10 AM

Each Tuesday morning at 10 AM, we celebrate Holy Eucharist in the chapel and engage in Bible study afterwards. On Tuesday, October 18, we will begin an overview of the New Testament using Celia Sinclair's *A Guide Through the New Testament*, as a supplement to our reading of the New Testament. You are invited to participate.

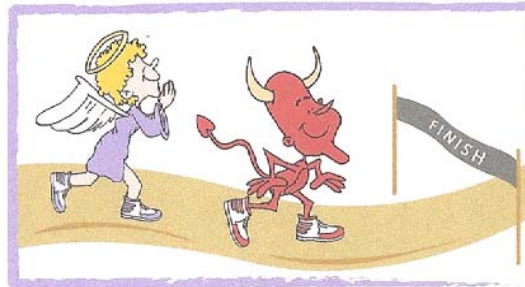
### Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Service, 6 PM

Each Wednesday evening we gather in the chapel to celebrate Holy Eucharist and a service of healing. Healing can be in any of a number of areas—physical healing, emotional healing, healing of memories, deliverance from evil, or spiritual healing in the form of deliverance from shame and guilt. We follow a healing liturgy from the Episcopal liturgical supplement, *Enriching Our Worship*. Even if you do not have a concern related to yourself, you can pray for friends and relatives and join in prayers for those who come for anointing.



### **Save the Date!!! Ascension Annual ECW Luncheon Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Mark your calendar and call your friends! The Chicken Curry Luncheon is fast approaching. Please join us from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Ascension Hall for our ever popular menu of hot chicken curry over rice, marinated green beans, tomato aspic, rolls and our scrumptious Ascension rum cake. You may dine in or carry out. Tickets are \$12 per person. Reservations required, there is limited seating space. Call the Ascension to reserve yours today, 263-5529.



### **TEAM HOLY COMFORTER!!**

We have reached 30% of our Fun Run goal. There is plenty of time left to register, donate, and participate in any way you are able. Everyone is a part of TEAM HOLY COMFORTER.

- **Register to participate. Give your registration form and fee to Diane.**
- **Can't walk a mile? Donate any amount as a sponsor of the Team. No amount is too small. Cash and checks accepted. Give checks payable to either Holy Comforter or Catholic Social Services to Diane. Mark "For Fun Run."**
- **Bring a dish to the potluck brunch at LeAnne Barber's home at 10:00 and celebrate with the walkers. (6560 Eastwood Glen Dr.; 279-6193)**
- **Can't do any of the above? Just show up at LeAnne's and be part of the celebration. You're still part of the team.**

To guarantee a tee shirt, register by Thursday, October 20. Give your registration form and check(s) (payable to Catholic Social Services or Holy Comforter marked For Fun Run) to Diane.

The Saints & Sinners Run/Walk to benefit Catholic Social Services begins at 8:00 AM, Saturday October 29, at Chappy's Deli on Vaughn Rd. A flyer is included with this newsletter. You may register on the morning of the event.

***A form is attached to the newsletter for all parishioners to update their information. Please fill it out and return it to the church office, whether you think your information is update-to-date or not. This would be a great help to the church office in ensuring we have the most accurate information, especially phone numbers and email addresses.***

## **Vestry Elections—Sunday, November 13, 2011 Nomination deadline—Friday, November 4, 2011**

### Vestry Elections Nomination Form

#### **GUIDELINES FOR VESTRY ELECTIONS:**

1. The Vestry of the Church of the Holy Comforter shall consist of nine members, three of whom will be elected at the annual meeting. The new Vestry members will serve a term of three years beginning in January after the election.
2. No member may be elected to the Vestry for consecutive three-year terms.
3. One of the three newly elected members must never have served on the Vestry of The Church of the Holy Comforter, Montgomery.
4. To be accepted for nomination a member must be an **adult confirmed communicant in good standing** who is known to the Rector and treasurer. **Known to the treasurer:** means that you are a pledging member. **Confirmed:** Any baptized person who received the laying on of hands at Confirmation (by any Bishop in apostolic succession) or is received into the Episcopal Church by a Bishop of this Church is to be considered, for the purpose of this and all other Canons, as both baptized and confirmed. I.17.1 (d)

#### **Communicant:**

(a) All members of this Church who have received Holy Communion in this Church at least three times during the preceding year are to be considered communicants of this Church. I.17.2 (a)

(b) Adult: For the purposes of statistical consistency throughout the Church, communicants sixteen years of age and over are to be considered adult communicants. I.17.2 (b)

**Communicant in good standing:** All communicants of this Church who for the previous year have been faithful in corporate worship, unless for good cause prevented, have been faithful in working, praying, and giving for the spread of the Kingdom of God, are to be considered communicants in good standing. I.17.3

5. A majority vote of a quorum of communicants in good standing is required for election to the Vestry.
6. In the event of an unplanned vacancy on the Vestry, the remaining members may elect a successor by majority vote to fill the term until the next Vestry election.
7. Outgoing members of the Vestry shall comprise the nominating committee for new Vestry members. ***This year's outgoing members are: Leanne Barber, Dennis Gibson, Rose Lollar, Nelya McKenzie.***
8. Nominations **MUST** be made on **this** nomination form to any member of the nominating committee or the Rector.

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I am qualified to serve according to the above guidelines

\_\_\_\_\_  
(NAME OF NOMINEE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF NOMINEE)

I affirm that I have asked this person to be nominated and serve on the Vestry. They have consented and confirmed that they are qualified to serve.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR)



### Clothing Donations

Thanks so much to those who have donated clothes for the Food Pantry—we had a great welcome. We don't have the resources for a clothes closet, but if you all will clear out your closets, I'll store the clothes and distribute them on the day I volunteer at the Food Pantry. Please call and I'll come get your unwanted clothes or you can bring them to me. I'll store them in my garage, if there is extra. Also, winter is coming, please look for jackets and blankets, especially.

Thanks,  
Jean Murray (834-6222)



The Kyker Family wishes to thank our church family and all those who made Jim's memorial service and interment so special. The church staff was so cooperative, and the altar and flower guilds and choir were wonderful.



### DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Daughters of the King regularly meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month. The next meeting is on October 15th. Jean Murray will share information about our "little missionaries," the Operation Christmas Child boxes. In November, we have Corporate Worship and the Endowment Fund Ingathering. At our September meeting we were praying, sharing and learning: about the urgent need for Family Promise volunteers and how everyone can have a "Rule of Life," and that we have many resources to help us. We renewed our vows in the Rededication Ceremony. "The Rule of Life" brochures are available on the Outreach bulletin board and in the tract rack placed in the Narthex.

### Reading Tutors are Needed

The Central Alabama Laubach Literacy Council needs volunteers to tutor adults one to one in basic reading skills. Prepare for tutoring by attending a ten-hour workshop at Adult Literacy Center at St. Jude, 2048 W. Fairview Avenue in Montgomery, AL. Saturdays, October 15 and 22, 2011. 9:00 AM-3:00 PM both days. For more information, please call the Adult Literacy Center at 264-1239 or email [director@callmgm.org](mailto:director@callmgm.org). Pre-registration is required.

### Foyer Group D

Foyer Group D will meet at Kabuki Japanese Steak House (7834 Vaughn Road, Cornerstone Shopping Center—between Publix and Steinmart), Friday October 21 at 6:00 p.m.

### All Saints' Service

Our annual All Saints' Service will be held Sunday, November 6th during the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Please submit the names of those whom you would like to be remembered to the office either by email ([office@holyc Comforter.org](mailto:office@holyc Comforter.org)) or put names, typed or printed clearly, in Eleshia's mailbox. The names of those who have passed within the past year will be read during the service and the others will be inserted in the bulletin.

*(Please Print)*

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Your Name

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Phone Number

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Name Submitted & Year of Death

*(Make sure the name is written the same way you would like it read.)*

# Holy Comforter Church Directory Information Form

*We're updating the directory. Please complete this form and turn it into the church office.*

Last Name	First Name	Spouse/Partner's Name
Address	City	State/Zip
Primary Phone	Business Phone	Spouse/Partner's Bus. Phone
Cell Phone	Spouse/Partner's Cell Phone	
Home Email	Business Email	Spouse/Partner's Email
Date of Birth	Spouse/Partner's Date of Birth	Anniversary Date
Child's Name	Child's Date of Birth	
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## Saints & Sinners 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

**Registration** - Please send your completed registration form along with payment to Catholic Social Services, 4455 Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery, AL 36116. **You can also register on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).**

Registration and packet pickup available on Friday, October 28 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Chappy's Deli at Peppertree. Raceday registration available on Saturday, October 29 at 6:30 a.m.

**Course** - The 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk races start and end at Chappy's Deli at Peppertree. Both courses take you through the beautiful Wynridge neighborhood. Water stations will be located at the 5K halfway and finish points. Catholic Social Services is pleased to have the River Region Runners (R3) managing the race portion of the event. R3 will use electronic chip timing to insure accurate tabulations for the 5K race.

**Features** - Refreshments (water, sports drinks, bagels, fresh fruit) will be available to all participants after the race. Family entertainment will be provided before and after the race. All race participants are eligible to win door prizes during the awards ceremony. You must be present to win!

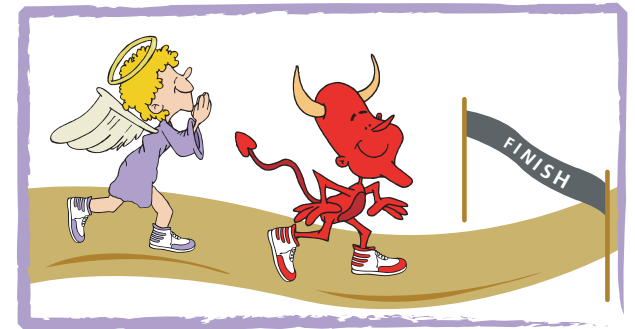
**Dress up** as your favorite saint or sinner and also be eligible to win our Saints & Sinners Costume Contest. Awards will be given for best *Saint* costume and *Sinner* costume for both children and adults.

Catholic Social Services  
4455 Narrow Lane Road  
Montgomery, AL 36116

# Inaugural Saints & Sinners

## 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

### To Benefit Montgomery Area Catholic Social Services



## Saints & Sinners 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

**Saturday, October 29, 2011  
8:00 a.m.**

**Chappy's Deli at Peppertree  
8141 Vaughn Road  
Montgomery AL**

Celebrate fall with family, friends and fun by joining us at Catholic Social Services Inaugural Saints & Sinners 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, October 29, 2011.

The net proceeds from this race will benefit the various services offered by Catholic Social Services. Catholic Social Services (CSS) is a nonprofit organization committed to mirroring the loving care and concern of Christ for those in need. CSS does this through a variety of services such as adoption and pregnancy services, direct aid for individuals and families enduring hardship, counseling for those experiencing difficulties and elderly care services through our St. Margaret's program for those who have no one else to care for them.

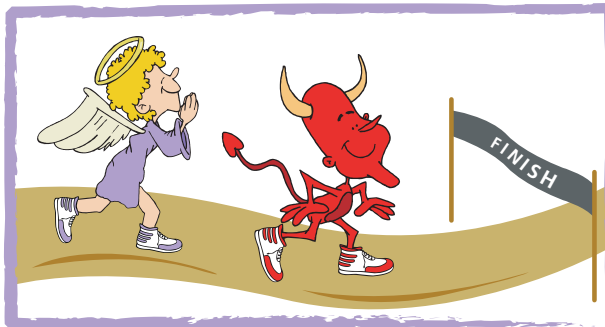
You can come out and have a good time, while at the same time running (or walking) for a good cause. Bring the whole family and let everyone participate in the run/walk. Wear your favorite Saint or Sinner costume, and be eligible to win our costume contest!

Entrants will receive a specially-designed long sleeve technical shirt (guaranteed only to the first 250 registrants.) To guarantee your shirt size you MUST pre-register by October 20. 5K Race will use electronic chip timing to insure accurate tabulations. Awards for the 5K run will go 3 deep in 5-year age groups. There will also be an award for the Overall Male/Female and Overall Masters Male/Female. All finishers of the 1 Mile race will receive a finishers ribbon, with awards going to the top three 3 male and female finishers and additional awards for children finishers.

We look forward to seeing you on October 29!

# Inaugural Saints & Sinners 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

## To Benefit Montgomery Area Catholic Social Services



## Saints & Sinners 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk

**Date:** Saturday, October 29, 2011  
**Place:** Chappy's Deli at Peppertree, Montgomery, AL  
**Times:** Registration 6:30 a.m.  
 5K Run/Walk 8:00 a.m.  
 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk 8:45 a.m.  
 Awards Ceremony 9:30 a.m.

**Entry Fees:**  
**\$25** - 5K Chip Timed Race (received by 10/20/11)  
**\$15** - 1 Mile Fun Run Walk (received by 10/20/11)  
**\$50** - Family of Four 1 Mile (received by 10/20/11)  
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**\$30** - Race Day 5K  
**\$20** - Race Day 1 Mile  
**\$60** - Race Day Family of Four  
**\$25** - Ghost Runner - Sleep in and we'll save you a t-shirt!

**Long-sleeve Technical Shirts guaranteed only to  
the first 250 pre-registered participants!!**

## Official Entry Form

Make checks payable to CSS. Mail form to CSS,  
4455 Narrow Lane Road, Montgomery, AL 36116

You may also register on-line at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: M F Age on race day \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Event (circle one): 5K 1 Mile Ghost Runner

T-Shirt Size (circle one):

Adult - S M L XL XXL

Youth Small Youth Medium

(1 person/1 event per application)

Release/Hold Harmless Agreement:

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that injuries or loss can result from participation in this run/walk. I therefore assume all risk of injury, loss of life or property arising out of participation in this event. I release Catholic Social Services, River Region Runners, the event sponsors, and any agents or employees of the aforesaid organizations, and any other group of persons involved in this event from all liability as to any right of action that may accrue to me, my heirs or representatives, for any such injuries or loss, that I may suffer while participating in this run/walk. I consider myself physically fit to participate in this run/walk. I agree to abide by all instructions from race officials. I grant permission to use any photographs or other record of me. I understand that all entries are final with no refund. The race will be held, weather not withstanding.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent if under 18 years old)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_