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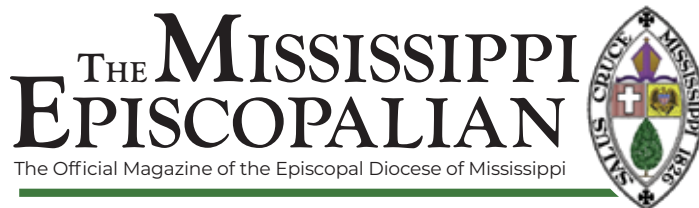
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On the cover: Adam Gwin of Trinity, Natchez, poses with a bishop's chair he built for St. Peter's-by-the-Lake, Brandon. Read the story of how Gwin found his passion for building and restoring church buildings and furniture on page 5.

Photo by Ben Hillyer.



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- 2** Travel to Vicksburg
- Visitation, St. Mary's Church, Vicksburg



Preached.

A wonderful Homecoming Sunday at St. Mary's Church, Vicksburg! Beautiful worship! Many thanks to everyone who helped make today so special - and special thanks to Marie Cunningham for rushing over to St. Mary's from Christ Church to serve as our organist today! So very grateful that the one-and-only Dr. Anita Parrott George and her daughter Lori were able to join us today, too (and so very grateful, too, for Lori's beautiful musical offerings)! A delicious homecoming luncheon and fellowship followed!

Travel to Jackson

- 2** Meeting with visiting clergypersons
- 3** Bishop's sabbath
- 4** Staff meeting
- 4** Meetings with staff members
- 4** Bishop-to-Bishop call
- 4** Smaller Churches Collaborative meeting
- 5** Ribbon-cutting for Allin House mural



Many thanks to artist Andrea Kostyal for her vision and to Downtown Jackson Partners for the

collaboration! This wonderful public art installation that tells part of the 200-year history of our diocese. Come on down to Allin House to see the mural!

- 5** Meeting with clergyperson
- 5** Meeting with clergyperson
- 5** Meeting with clergyperson
- 5** Meeting with seminarian
- 5** Conference call with National Fund for Sacred Places
- 6** Meeting with clergyperson
- 6** Meeting with clergyperson
- 6** Conversation with Chancellor
- 7** Pastoral conversations
- 7** Correspondence
- 9** Visitation at St. Columb's Church, Ridgeland



Preached 8:30 & 10:30, confirmed 5, reaffirmed 6, and received 1.

Beautiful worship at both services - and many thanks for the lovely music at 10:30! Welcome to the newly confirmed, received and reaffirming!! And thank you all for the tremendous hospitality!!

- 9** Meeting with vestry
- 10** Bishop's sabbath
- 11** Staff meeting
- 11** Meetings with staff members
- 11** Meeting with Dr. Blake Thompson, President of Mississippi Christian University and campus tour
- 12** Meeting with clergyperson
- 12** Meeting with clergyperson
- 12** Meeting with CPAs
- 12** Call with National Fund for Sacred Places

- 13** Meeting with clergyperson
- 13** Call with bishop
- 13** Meeting with aspirant
- 13** Follow-up call with National Fund for Sacred Places
- 14** Meeting with Mission Committee
- 14** Meeting with aspirant
- 14** Zoom with Ministry Architects
- 14** Habitat Drawdown at St. James' Church, Jackson



The Drawdown to Build Up a new home for Habitat for Humanity brought together folks from St. James, Chapel of the Cross/Madison, St. Columb's, St. Andrew's and St. Philip's. A well-attended and fun evening!!! We'll all look forward to the new home build beginning - and giving a fresh start to a family in need of our support!! Thanks so much to St. James for hosting, for all of the churches' participation and to everyone who joined us!!!

- 15** Burial Service for the Rev. Jerome Burns, St. Mark's Church, Jackson
- 16** Meeting with vestry
- 16** Meeting with clergyperson
- 16** Meeting with clergyperson
- 17** Meeting with wardens and clergyperson
- 18** Burial Service for William Revies, St. Columb's Church, Ridgeland
- 18** Meeting with clergyperson
- 18** Staff meeting
- 18** Meetings with staff members
- 19** Meeting with clergyperson
- 19** Meeting with clergyperson
- 19** Travel to Vicksburg
- 19** Meeting with Dr. Tracy Cook, President, Alcorn State University
- 19** Travel to Jackson
- 20** Meetings re: accounting issues
- 21** Chapel, St. Andrew's Lower School
- 21** Ribbon-Cutting, St. Andrew's Lower School



Preached.

What a wonderful day! It was ribbon-cutting day at the new St. Andrew's Episcopal School Lower School! What a humbling privilege to ask God's blessing and dedicate this space to God - where students will continue to wonder, worship, love and learn a profound sense of belonging! So thankful to everyone who helped bring this amazing day to pass! And so thankful for the continued opportunity to shape and form lives within and beyond these walls!!

- 21** Interfaith meeting
- 23** Visitation, Church of the Advent, Sumner



Preached.

- 23** Visitation, St. Thomas Church, Belzoni



Preached.

Started this day with a visitation to Episcopal Church of the Advent, Sumner, the church that clearly doesn't know it's small in numbers, as it's mighty in spirit! Doyle Tubbs and the choir offered such beautiful music - and our wonderful worship was followed by a delicious BBQ lunch! We didn't get everyone in the group pic, but we got a few lunch pix with more of us! From Sumner it was on to St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Belzoni! More beautiful worship, and a lovely reception and fellowship time following! A full and wonderful day!! #sothankful

24 Meeting with vestry

25 Staff meeting

25 Meetings with staff members

25 Zoom meeting with clergy person

25 Meeting with clergy person

25 Meeting re: accounting issues

26 Meeting with COM Chair

26 Meeting with aspirant

26 Meeting with clergy person

26 Zoom meeting with seminary dean

27 MS Chapter of National Museum of Women in the Arts



Invocation, Luncheon.

I was so deeply honored to offer the invocation at the Mississippi State Committee of the National Museum of Women in the Arts Honored Artist Luncheon! Andrea Kostyal, who painted the amazing mural on the side of the Diocesan offices of The Episcopal Diocese of Mississippi, was one of the honorees. So many thanks to these three women - and all women - who contribute so much to our world through the visual arts, as well as the performing

arts, and the written and spoken word.

27 Standing Committee

27 Meeting with Quiet Waters

27 Conversation with clergy person

28 Bishop coach

28 Pastoral conversation

28 Becoming Beloved Community Steering Committee

28 Commission on Ministry

28 Consultation with counsel

29 Travel to Coast

29 Worship at St. John's Church, Pascagoula

29 Meeting with clergy person

30 Visitation, St. Mark's Church, Gulfport



Preached, 5 confirmed, 1 reaffirmed, and 3 received.

This Sunday's visitation was at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Gulfport, with the Rev. Stephen Kidd, the Rev. Clelie Mccandless, the Rev. Deacon Vicki Miller and all of the St. Mark's parish family - as we commemorated the patronal feast of St. Mark. Welcome to the newly baptized, confirmed, received and reaffirming! (And many thanks to Shawn Leopard and the choir for allowing me to join in for the Offertory anthem...truly a gift for me!) A delicious lunch and gracious fellowship followed our worship! I'm truly grateful!

30 Meeting with clergy person

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30 Travel to Jackson

31 Meeting with vestry



LITURGICAL FURNITURE

Adam Gwin of Trinity, Natchez makes his passion his work and helps create worship spaces

this page photos by Ben Hillyer



When Adam Gwin walks into his workshop in downtown Natchez each morning for work, he can trace his passion for furniture and construction all the way back to when he was 13.

His father mentioned wanting to build a sideboard for his lake house but didn't have the proper tools. That evening, Gwin made a drawing detailing how he could build such a sideboard using stock lumber and a skill saw.

His mother was so impressed, she bought him a jigsaw for his next birthday. Gwin set up a workshop in the garage and has had one ever since. Cub scout carving projects gave way to resizing antique doors and repairing mantle pieces. He managed to find a couple of mentors who taught him even more, and his skill grew exponentially when he was still a young man.

It wasn't until 2007, however, that that avocation became a vocation—he spent years in the business world before then. While undergoing a course of spiritual direction, Gwin realized he wasn't using his gift to the fullest.

"I told a friend of mine who is a priest that I have a talent and he corrected me. He said, 'you are gifted.' He was right. We are all given gifts, and it saddens me how

many people are limited in how they are able to use those gifts. I have been fortunate enough to have had people guide me in how to use those gifts to serve God's people."

In addition to his work on general antiques and house restorations, he's had chances to contribute to worship spaces around the diocese. He provided furnishings for the new nave at Chapel of the Cross, Madison—including the altar, priest chairs, prayer desks, lectern, credence tables and five crosses for the rafters. After the destruction of another Chapel of the Cross in Rolling Fork, he was entrusted with restoration work there.

This work in liturgical spaces holds an extra special place for Gwin.

"I consider this to be a huge part of my spirituality because I honestly believe I am living into a call," he says, "and am immensely grateful that I am able to go to work every day and do something that brings people joy."

Following his work on the new nave in Madison (dubbed "The Chapel of the Resurrection"), Gwin was invited to the consecration of the building. The experience was a moving validation of his work.

"It was deeply emotional to know that the furniture I had built would be used by generations of Episcopalians to revere God," he says. "I can't help but think about through the years how many priests will celebrate at that altar and sit in those chairs, how many lay people will read scripture from that lectern and how many people's lives will be transformed in that space. It is a deeply spiritual thing to think about how my creations will play a tiny part in that."

Often called to people's homes to assess family heirlooms, Gwin finds himself spending just as much time listening to their stories as he does evaluating their objects. He finds that the listening enriches his work.

Most recently, Gwin built a new bishop's chair for St. Peter's-by-the-Lake in Brandon. As with all of his projects, whether sacred or secular, he started out by paying a visit to the church to get a feel for the space and absorb the story. The result? A beautiful, distinctive gothic oak chair. But for Gwin, it's more than just a piece of liturgical furniture. Sealed under its finish are the stories of a worshiping community's past, with plenty of room for the stories of its future. 🏰



photos courtesy of Adam Gwin



Dolly Parton: Proclaiming the Gospel

I had been in back-to-back meetings on August 25 when I happened to pick up my phone and see a text message from my older daughter: Dolly Parton had died.

The moment took my breath away. It certainly wasn't that I didn't know that Dolly had lived a long—and by anyone's standards—extraordinary life. Eighty years of defying odds speaks volumes.

But like many of us, my daughter included, I clearly wasn't ready for her to be gone from our earthly presence. Dolly Parton had been far more than an amazingly talented performing artist—singer, songwriter, actress. Dolly had been in so many ways a nation's conscience: It seemed that in the moments that we most needed a shot of hope, Dolly Parton just showed up.

She showed up, giving millions of dollars in direct aid to Tennesseans following wildfires and floods—no governmental strings attached, just money to help households get their footing again.

She showed up, giving millions of dollars to Tennessee hospitals, for research and care.

She showed up, boosting sagging high school graduation rates in her home county by encouraging students

to buddy together and make it through—and then helped them with funding to go on to higher education.

She showed up, ensuring that employees at her theme park had tuition and fees for college. Those employees not only had a job, but the opportunity for a future.

She showed up with an Imagination Library that brought books to millions of children, some of whom might otherwise have never had books in their homes, encouraging reading, learning and curiosity.

She showed up, encouraging all of God's people to be loving and accepting of all of the rest of God's people—just as we have been commanded.

And she showed up without fanfare, without drawing undue attention to herself.



*Photo illustration includes
photo by Eva Rinaldi*

As a woman who came from enormous poverty into a world where her talents could have easily been consumed by others, she stood up for herself—and for the unseen, voiceless folks around her without arrogance, without judgment, without unkindness. She was unafraid of being authentically Dolly; she never distanced herself from the life she had known, and her music bore testimony not only to the poverty but also to the love she had experienced. For some of us—certainly, including me—she was a role model.

Dolly Parton showed up—and without ever claiming to do so, proclaimed so much Good News of a loving and living God to the world around her.

And, about now, we may be wondering who will show up to fill the Dolly-sized hole that's left as her earthly presence among us has ended.

Her departure from our earthly midst may be one of the best reminders to us all that we are all called to show up—and in all of the ways that we can, to proclaim the Good News of God's abundant love in a love-starved world.

To be certain, God gives us all our own unique gifts for proclaiming the Good News: Some of us will indeed use words, as orators, teachers or writers. Some of us may have gifts of visual arts or performing arts—gifts that allow us to see God in new or unexpected ways,

or experience God in profound and deeply moving ways. Some of us may have gifts in design, building and craftsmanship. Still others of us may proclaim the Good News through the act of presence, the gift of healing arts, or through random acts of kindness. No gift we have received from our loving God is insignificant or unimportant. All of our gifts are needed in the building up of God's Kingdom. The world needs to see the love of God emanating from us through our sharing the gifts we have been given.

We promise in our baptismal covenant that with God's help we will seek and serve Christ in all persons, love our neighbors as ourselves, respect the dignity of every human being. When we emulate these attributes of Christ in the best ways that we can, we proclaim the Good News: we speak and bear witness for the unseen and voiceless, and we advocate for neighbors who have been forgotten.

How we fill the Dolly-sized hole is to unleash the power of love in the world around us each and every day.

What could happen if we committed on September 25 (9-2-5) and every day thereafter to live and love like Dolly—to be committed to education, to health care, to offering support to our most vulnerable neighbors, to living out-loud our acceptance of all of God's people?

Perhaps, we should just give that a try... 



Parton sings on stage during a Grand Ole Opry live broadcast in Nashville as U.S. soldiers watch the show via a video feed in Iraq.

Generations of saints

A ribbon cutting on a new building for St. Andrew's Lower School marks a new chapter for the school and the City of Jackson



On August 21, St. Andrew's Episcopal School celebrated a meaningful milestone with the ribbon cutting and blessing of its new Lower School. More than a beautiful new building, it is a place where young Saints will grow, discover, build lasting friendships, and develop a lifelong love of learning. The project is a result of many people whose vision, generosity, and hard work made this extraordinary addition to its campus possible.

Built around engaged teaching and learning, the new building has modern classrooms and separate wings for each grade with shared spaces for collaboration outside the traditional classroom structure. Green spaces and natural light are emphasized in the design.

For a school approaching its 80th year, the milestone comes as a step toward a future worthy of its illustrious past. Speaking at the ribbon cutting ceremony, Stephanie Garriga, Associate Head of

School for Advancement and Community Relations, underscored the forward-facing philosophy that has been a hallmark of St. Andrew's throughout its history.

"This ribbon cutting isn't about finishing something," she said. "It is about beginning something. The building is finished. But the learning is just beginning. The wondering is just beginning. The dreaming is just beginning. And the lives that will be shaped in these spaces are just beginning."

The impacts of the project go further than the walls of the new building. The presence of St. Andrew's in the larger Jackson community has long been a positive for the city. Reflecting that reality at the ribbon cutting was the presence of Jackson Mayor John Horhn. Mayor Horhn highlighted what a point of pride it is to have the school and what an impact it has on quality of life for Jacksonians.

"Quality schools help attract families, businesses, and opportunity," he said. "By choosing to grow



Recent EfM Grads at St. Peter's-by-the-Lake

Ken and Vicki Gilliam graduated from EfM in 2026. Molly Chew graduated in 2025 but was the first EfM participant to complete the Wide Angle for EfM graduates. This program enables graduates to continue in their groups after finishing the normal 4-year program.



here, in the heart of Jackson, St. Andrew's affirms its confidence in our people, our neighborhoods, and the strength of our capital city. Congratulations to the St. Andrew's community on this exciting milestone."

By the time Garriga and Head of School Kevin Lewis took the oversized scissors to the ceremonial ribbon, the mood was one of excitement and optimism. Lewis, who has served as Head of School since 2021 and been with the school since 2004, beamed with pride during his remarks.

"We have become an educational leader in our state and a school that stands alongside the finest independent schools in the country," he said. "What we're opening today is much more than a building. We are opening doors to new possibilities for our students, our teachers, and our community. We are honoring the vision of those who came before us, and we are making a promise to the generations of Saints who will come after us." 🏡

Splendor of God's Glory Bright



51st Annual Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy is a success in Greenwood

by Debbie Tillman

It's a wrap! The 51st Annual Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy, aptly themed Splendor of God's Glory Bright, ended with a glorious Saturday 10:30am Eucharist at Church of the Nativity in Greenwood in August. The Conference is grateful to Reverend Don Chancellor, and Organist/Choirmaster David Williamson for their hospitality. The Eucharist was the culmination of a week of intense rehearsals, excellent lectures, and Morning and Evening Prayer. The respect and camaraderie among singers, music staff and clinicians was obvious!

The Greenwood setting for the weeklong Conference was very convenient for the participants. Lodging was at The Alluvian, which is next to the Episcopal Church

of the Nativity where Morning and Evening Prayer, lectures and choir rehearsals, were held. The ladies from Nativity prepared delicious lunch and evening meals most of the week, with the St. Lawrence Guild from St. John's Laurel providing the evening meal on Tuesday. The food was absolutely wonderful! And the coffee was fresh, hot and delicious every morning!

The choir spent several hours a day sight reading and rehearsing a beautiful selection of sacred music. The directing skills of clinicians Marjorie Johnston, Director of Music at First Presbyterian, Tuscaloosa, Alabama; and Brad Hughley, AAGO, ARSCM, Organist and Director of Music at St. Paul's Episcopal in Indianapolis, Indiana complemented each other beautifully. Dr. Jeff McLelland, Director of Music and Fine Arts at Independent Presbyterian in Birmingham and Kipp Gill, Organist

and Associate Director of Music at Shandon United Methodist in Columbia, South Carolina accompanied rehearsals, played for the daily services, and treated the attendees to an elegant selection of organ preludes and postludes. The choristers this year worked very well together; most were excellent sight readers and made wonderful progress developing a beautiful sound, even as early as the first Evening Prayer.

Thursday, the choir made a day trip to St. James Episcopal Church in Greenville where Father Brandt Dick and Dr. Matt Butler, Choirmaster/Organist,

Many of the participants have a long history with the conference, some attending 10, 20 or even 30 years! A host of young organists, choristers and choirmasters were in attendance for the first time and quickly become advocates for the conference based on their excellent experience. All were blessed by the camaraderie, excellent direction and music selection. Opportunities to meet, interact with and network with fellow church musicians, and to learn new ways to recall and live into and honor the Baptismal Covenant were abundant. Several enjoyed

the chance to present their compositions for performance and critique.

Choristers, clinicians, and musicians came from Texas, Indiana, Virginia, Maine, Massachusetts, Tennessee, Florida, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina and Louisiana, and of course

Mississippi!

graciously welcomed the choir, and their delightful hospitality team provided an excellent lunch for the choir. The choir celebrated a lovely Festival Choral Evensong at 5:30pm, which was well attended by the church members and community. The Reverend Joe Robinson, now of Wareham, Mass. returned to his Mississippi roots for the conference, and his lectures and homilies provided wonderful food for thought, discussion and spiritual growth.

As is customary, the Thursday Festival Choral Evensong was recorded. The recording will be posted on the Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy website, as will a recording of the Saturday morning Eucharist.

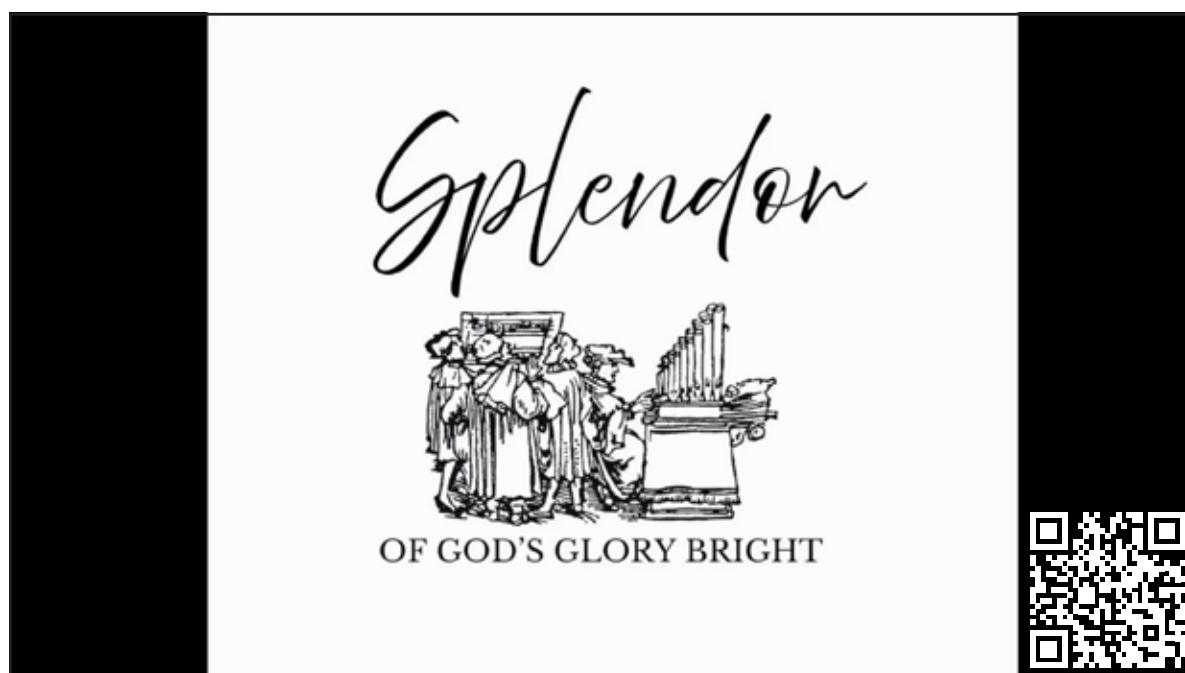
A talent-rich evening at the Friday Night Cabaret brought the house down, and was a fitting and fun finale to an amazing week of creativity.

Co-directors David O'Steen, Organist and Choirmaster at St. Philip's, Jackson, and Dr. Jeff McLelland deserve a huge shout-out for putting together a beautifully coordinated conference.

The Mississippi Conference on Church Music and Liturgy also welcomed new Board members: Dr. Matt Butler of St. James, Greenville, and Dr. Josh Nichols, Organist at Chapel of the Cross, Madison.

It's not too early to sign your folks up for next year!

Follow us on Facebook for updates and information! 



To learn more about the conference, follow the QR code in the graphic above to watch a video.

Faithful Departed

Please submit Faithful Departed notices to your church for submission.

Betty VanDeren Meek, 84, communicant of Nativity, Greenwood, died on July 4, 2026.

Charlotte Ann Beaird Charles, 95, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died on July 25, 2026.

Marietta Sue Horton, 68, communicant of St. James', Jackson, died on July 25, 2026.

Lynn Walker, communicant of St. Timothy's, Southaven, died on September 1, 2026.

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Diocesan Calendar

September

- 22-29** Fall House of Bishops, Camp Allen, Navasota, TX
- 23** *TME-News* published

October

- 2-3** Ministry Exploration Gathering (MEG), Eagle Ridge Conference Center & Resort, Raymond
- 2** Deadline for submissions, *TME-News*
- 4** Bishop Wells visits Resurrection, Starkville
- 6** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00pm
- 9-10** A. C. Marble School Convocation, Online
- 9** Deadline for submissions, *TME-News*, 12:00pm
- 11** Bishop Wells visits St. Paul's, Meridian
- 14** *TME-News* published
- 15** 1% seminary support due
- 15** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* November deadline
- 17** Capitol City Pride Day, Episcopal Booth, Downtown Jackson
- 17** Commission on Ministry (COM), Allin House, 11:30am – 3:30pm
- 18** Bishop Wells visits Calvary, Cleveland
- 18** Bishop Wells visits Grace, Rosedale
- 19-21** Clergy Conference, St. Philip's, Jackson
- 22** Trustees, Allin House, 1:00 – 4:00pm
- 22** Lay Worship Leaders Workshop, Zoom, 6:00 – 7:30pm
- 23** Deadline for submissions, *TME-News*, 12:00pm
- 24** Cemetery Dedication and Homecoming, Christ Church, Church Hill, 11:00am – 12:00pm
- 25** Bishop Wells visits Christ Church, Church Hill
- 25** Bishop Wells visits Trinity, Natchez
- 28** *TME-News* published
- 29** Standing Committee, Allin House, 1:30 – 5:00pm

November

- 1** Bishop Wells visits All Saints, Jackson
- 3** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00 - 3:00pm
- 4-6** CPG Diocesan Leadership Summit, Church Pension Group headquarters, New York City
- 6** Deadline for submissions, *TME-News*, 12:00pm
- 8** Bishop Wells visits All Saints, Tupelo
- 11** *TME-News* published
- 13-14** A. C. Marble School convocation, Solomon Center
- 15** Bishop Wells visits St. James', Greenville
- 16** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* December deadline
- 18** Finance Committee, Allin House, 10:00am – 12:00pm

- 20** Deadline for Lay Leadership Relicensing
- 22** Bishop Wells visits St. Stephen's, Columbia, 11:00 am
- 24** *TME-News* published
- 25-27** Allin House closed for Thanksgiving
- 29** Advent begins

December

- 1** Deadline for Submission of 2027 Budget Requests
- 1** Deadline for Submission of Reports to Annual Council
- 1** Voluntary Proportionate Giving percentage due
- 1** Small Churches Collaborative, Zoom, 2:00 - 3:00pm
- 6** Bishop Wells visits Trinity, Hattiesburg
- 9** *TME-News* published
- 10** Finance Committee, Allin House, 11:30am – 2:30pm
- 11-12** A. C. Marble School Convocation, Solomon Center
- 13** Bishop Wells visits St. John's, Laurel
- 15** Deadline for pre-filed nominations for Annual Council
- 15** Deadline for submission of resolutions for Annual Council
- 15** *The Mississippi Episcopalian* January deadline
- 17** Executive Committee, Allin House, 12:00 – 3:00pm
- 17** Standing Committee, Zoom, 1:30 – 5:00pm
- 20** Bishop Wells visits Grace, Canton
- 23** *TME-News* published
- 24-26** Allin House closed for Christmas
- 25** Christmas Day
- 27-1** Winter Solstice, Camp Bratton-Green

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Bishop Dorothy Sanders Wells addresses the attendees, looked on by Rev. Hailey Allin, Stephanie Garriga, Kevin Lewis, and Jackson Mayor John Horhn. To read more about the ceremony, see page 9.

