

4609 Martin Street South, Cropwell, AL 35054
Office: 205-525-5161 Fax: 205-525-5162
www.ollpellcity.com ollpellcity@coosahs.net

Rev. Michael F. Sexton, Pastor

Deacon Terrence Rumore

Deacon Serge Brazzolotto

Director of Religious Education
Music Director
Parish Secretary

Parma Boyle
Charmaine Welch
Kathy Bryant

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 9:00 a.m.

Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE HOURS: Monday—Thursday 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. or
by appointment.

MARRIAGES:

Must be scheduled with the Priest
at least 6 months in advance.

MORNING ROSARY:

8:30 a.m. before Mass.

MONDAYS:

Miraculous Medal Novena following Rosary.

EVERY FIRST FRIDAY:

Novena To The Sacred Heart
of Jesus - before 9 a.m. Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION:

Third Sunday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

August through May. Ages 3 yrs. through
High School.

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church

Saturday, March 14, 2015

Mass 5:00 pm

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2015

God did not send his Son into the world
to condemn the world,
but that the world might be saved
through him.

— John 3:17



Mass Intentions March 16– March 22



Monday: Pete Battaglia by Parma & Paul Boyle †

Tuesday: Dan Centilli by Mary Esther Krantz †

Wednesday: Robert Moore by KOC #12270 †

Thursday: Special Intentions

Friday: Andrew Centilli by Parma & Paul Boyle †

Saturday: Harry Scruggs by The Brazzolottos †

Sunday: Marjorie Frey by Marcia & Jim Mortek †

Please pray for the ill and shut-ins:

Dianna Markevich, Anne Forister, Alice Reid,
Lexie Smith, Gene & Walton Smith, Daniel Centilli,
Wilson Fletcher, Hildie Bowman, Matt Joiner,
Pat Roberts, Antoinette Bruno, Richard F. Mars-
ton

Please pray for all our loved ones who are ill
and our shut-ins. To add a name, call the
church office; or to add to the Prayer Hot Line
call Sharon Stice at 205-338-0207, or email:

cocoapuff@centurytel.net

Please note that names remain on the pray-
er list for 30 days and then are removed un-
less the Church Office is notified.

Weekly Readings March 16 – March 22

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rm 4:13:16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

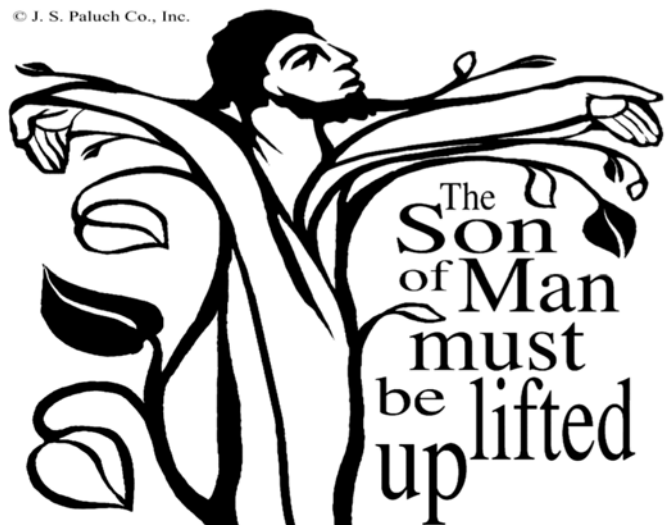
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

Alternate readings (Year A):

Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



Pastor's Message

The Way of the Cross—In Step with Jesus.

One of the traditional Lenten devotions is the way of the Cross (or Stations of the Cross). Here at Our Lady of the Lake we continue to have a large number of parishioners join us each Friday of Lent for this spiritual journey.

Fr. Timothy Radcliffe, a former Master of the Dominican Order and now living in England where he writes and gives retreats, has recently published a book entitled *Stations of the Cross*.

He writes: "Virtually every Catholic Church has the Stations of the Cross on its walls. Moving from one Station to the next, we accompany Jesus on his short journey from the palace of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem, where he was condemned to death, to the Cross and then to the tomb. His brief and tortuous journey happened in a hot and dusty city in the Middle East 2,000 years ago. What sense does it make to re-enact it in our Churches today. What is going on?"

He says that two ancient traditions are at work in the devotion to the way of the Cross. One tradition accepts that God became flesh and blood in this particular human being (Jesus) who lived in a remote outpost of the Roman Empire, which therefore remains for us still today "The Holy Land". From the beginning there was a universal religious desire to go on pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A second tradition insisted that God is everywhere and you do not need holy places to be in touch with God. St. Gregory of Nyssa in the fourth century claimed, "A change of place does not bring one closer to God, but there where you are, God will come toward you".

From the fourth century on, the Holy Land became the favorite place for pilgrimages. Constantine's Mother, Helena, claimed to have found the true Cross there and also the tomb of Jesus.

But most Christians from Western Europe could not make their way to Jerusalem. It was too far and too expensive and terribly dangerous. The Stations of the Cross evolved so that anyone anywhere could make that pilgrimage without leaving home. You just had to go to your local church. It was a brilliant fusion of two traditions. God is everywhere, and it is wonderful that he shared our lives at a particular time and place. Anywhere in the world, from Chicago to Tokyo, you can walk with Jesus, see him embrace his mother and meet the dangers of Jerusalem and be crucified and buried.

It all begins with his condemnation to death. This is when he enters his Passion. It is not just that he suffers; that he had begun long before. "Passion" literally means that things are done to him. He is treated as an object. He is condemned; he is made to carry a cross; he is overcome by exhaustion; he is nailed, pierced, killed and buried. He is with us every time that we feel that our lives are not in our own hands, when we feel pushed around, subjected to humiliation, victimized and used, drifting helplessly towards our death.

Jesus carries on, making his slow way to the Cross and Resurrection, and brings us with him in hope. Can you be at the Stations next Friday?

This Week: Special Mass in honor of St. Joseph— Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm. Reception afterwards in the Hall.

Peace and Blessings,
Fr. Sexton

Calendar of Events March 15 - March 22

Sunday—March 15

Mass 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * RE/Lenten Penny Bong
- * 2nd Scrutiny 11:15 am
- * Reconciliation Gr. 6,7& 8
- * Holy Hour 7:00 pm

Monday—March 16

Mass 9 am

- * Bridge
- * Legion of Mary
- * Parent Meeting 7 pm
- 1st Communion Prep

Tuesday—March 17

Mass 9 am

- * RCIA 7 pm

Wednesday—March 18

Mass 7 pm

- * Surfsiders 10 am
- * St. Joseph's Table after Mass
- * No SR Youth Mtg.* Meet 3/21 *

Thursday—March 19

Mass 9 am

Reconciliation 5 - 9 pm - Fr. Alex

Friday—March 20

Mass 9 am

- * KOC Fish Fry 5:00-6:45pm
- * Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm

Saturday—March 21

Mass 5 pm

- * Third Scrutiny 5:00 pm
- * Confessions 3:30-5:00 pm
- * Viewing of The Passion presented by SR Youth after Mass

Sunday—March 22

Masses 8:30 am & 11:15 am

- * KOC Mass 8:30 am
- * RE/Lenten Penny Bong
- * Reconciliation High School

FINANCE NEWS
July 2014-June 2015
Last week

	Actual	Budget
*Offertory:	\$ 5312.26	\$ 5481.00

Year-to-date

*Offertory:	\$ 244,469.26	\$ 208,278.00
--------------------	----------------------	----------------------



The Love Pantry

The Love Pantry has requested that we bring cans of soup each week to help meet the needs of our Community.

Total cans last week - 138 cans.

Help Needed!
Church Cleaning
Saturday March 28th
10:00 AM

Please join your fellow parishioners
as we ready our sanctuary to
celebrate Easter.



Knights of Columbus
Council 12270

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal service organization open to Catholic men, 18 and older, in good standing with the faith. Being a Knight is more than camaraderie: it is being involved with your community; it is supporting your church, while enhancing your family life. Come see what we are all about.
Contact: James Raynor 205-884-1777 or J.P. Willi (205-338-3131).

Our website is : www.ollkofc.com.
Next meeting March 23, 7:00 pm.

Scholarship
Awards



The Knights of Columbus Council #12270 are now accepting applications for their annual scholarship(s) to be given on Senior Sunday, May 17th. **The application forms may be requested by sending an email to: jwilli@coosahs.net.**

The scholarship is available to all high school seniors that are OLL members.

Ministry Spotlight



All ministries need volunteers to help in many ways. Are you involved in the life of our Parish?

**Extraordinary Ministers of
Holy Communion**

This is an appointed ministry to help Father distribute Holy Communion. Applicants must have Pastoral approval. Training sessions are held periodically throughout the year. Servers are scheduled quarterly.

**For more information please contact:
Teri Brown @ 205-903-4572**



Pro Life Corner

YARD SALE
Saturday, April 11, 2015
Benefitting Ann's New Life Center

Donations are now being accepted during normal business hours: Tue./Thur. 9:00-4:00, or **call ANLC 205-338-4580 to schedule your drop off.**

Thank you for all you do for Ann's New Life Center! Our recent Baby Bottle drive was the largest drive ever from any of the Churches raising over \$1600.00 with more bottles coming in every week. Also, a big thank you to the Knight's of Columbus #12270 for their generous donation of \$2500.00.

Announcements



EASTER BASKET PROJECT

A PROJECT OF THE
HISPANIC COMMITTEE

COLLECTION OF ITEMS & ASSEMBLY OF EASTER BASKETS

WHERE: Parish Hall, or give Candy/Toys to Mari Culver.

WHEN: After the 8:30 Mass on Palm Sunday, March 29.

DETAILS: Easter Baskets, BIBLE Coloring Books only, Crayons, Chocolate Rabbits, Assorted Easter Candy, small toys, ribbon, and Cellophane Wrap. Rosaries and church information will be added to the baskets. We will be knocking on doors in Hispanic neighborhoods, and inviting them to our church.

DISTRIBUTION OF EASTER BASKETS:

WHERE: Carpooling of cars after 11:15 mass on Easter Sunday, April 5 to Hispanic trailer parks.

CONTACTS: Mari Culver: 205-525-0071, 205-405-8130; Gloria Rodgers 256-487-1966

CANASTAS DE EASTER

UN PROYECTO DEL COMMITTEE HISPANO

RECOLLECCIÓN Y ARMADA DE CANASTAS DE RESURRECCIÓN

QUÉ? en recolectar dulces y juguetes para niños y armar canastas para ser distribuidas a la comunidad hispana de nuestra área.

DONDE? Las donaciones se pueden dejar en el salón comunal (Parish Hall) despues Marzo 29 o entregar a Mari Culver (205-525-0071).

DETALLES: El comité hispano está recolectando dulces de Easter, juguetes pequeños, y cosas para decorar las canastas de Easter. El comité armará las canastas en el salón comunal de la iglesia (Parish Hall) el domingo Marzo 29 después de la misa de 8:30 am. Si tienes una canasta extra que quieres donar la puedes traer y dejar el salón comunal.

Si tu hijo/hija necesita una canasta de Easter por favor comunicarse con Gloria Rodgers o Mari Culver.

Thank You

Special thanks to Father Sexton for his guidance and compassion. We are truly blessed to have you in our lives during the good and difficult times. The prayers, cards and support from our parish family have given us comfort. We find strength in our faith and trust God's plan.

Marianne Landman & Family

ASSIGNMENT LIST FOR March 18 – March 22

WEDNESDAY MASS 3/18/2015 5:00 PM

Lectors Terri Brown
Ministers

SATURDAY MASS 3/21/2015 5:00 PM

Altar Servers Bernie Funderburg, Corey Funderburg
Greeters Gloria/Red Albright, Julie Paulitzky
Lectors Larry Reese, Sara Reese
Ministers Deacon, Marty Poteracki, Sue Poteracki
Ushers Cecil Rodgers, Bob Hand, Karen Hand, Jerry Noto

SUNDAY MASS 3/22/2015 8:30 AM Knight's Mass

Altar Servers Matthew Reese, Amelia Reese, Danielle McKinney
Greeters Mike/Kitty Gordon, Jennifer Euler
Lectors David Springer, Robert Lewis
Ministers Deacon, Michael Gagliano, Tom Graffo, Stephen Reese, Joe Stanley
Ushers Michael Gagliano, Rosemary Mateer, Mike Gordon, Isabel Loera

11:15 AM

Altar Servers Sawyer Stice, Ryan Murphree, Will Pittman, Brennan Cardenas
Greeters Frank Troncalli, Jay/Enid Willi
Lectors Jim Morteck, Marcia Morteck
Ministers Deacon, Lee Walsler, Maria Jimenez, Brenda Rochford, Tiffany Rochford
Ushers Don Frederick, Johnny Armstrong, James Pittman, Layne Monistere

**If you cannot keep your assignment
PLEASE find a substitute.**

THE 3 R'S OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION * REVERENCE, RESPECT, RECONCILIATION

BY: PARMA BOYLE, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Visit our Webpage at ollpellcity.com



Take time for a Holy Pause

Family Questions of the Week

Questions are based on Sunday Readings.

Fourth Sunday of Lent * March 15, 2015

Theme: We believe.

Question for Youth: The Gospel speaks of following God as coming toward the light. How can you move towards the light in your own life? What is the darkness that needs Jesus' healing in your life?

Question for Adults: When is it difficult for you to believe? What particular line in this reading helps your faith?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: El Evangelio habla de seguir a Dios como un ir hacia la luz. ¿Cómo puedes acercarte a la luz en tu propia vida? ¿Qué zonas oscuras necesitan la sanación de Jesús en tu vida?

Pregunta para los adultos: ¿Cuándo le resulta difícil creer? ¿Qué frase de esta lectura en particular le ayuda en la fe?

Religious Education 2014-2015

Every Sunday at 9:45 am.

Grs PreK4 thru 12



COMING UP * MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Mar 15 4th Sun of Lent*2nd Scrutiny RCIA 11:15 Mass RE/Penny Bong continues

RE class Reconciliation Grs 6,7,8

Mar 16 PARENT MEETING for all parents of Students Preparing for First Holy Communion 7pm

Mar 17 Tues RCIA 7pm

Mar 18 Wed St Joseph's Altar beginning with 7pm Mass. Blessing and Sharing in the Altar following Mass in the hall.

Mar 20 Fri Fish Fry 5-6:45pm followed by Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 21 Sat 5pm Mass 3rd Scrutiny RCIA Viewing of the Movie THE PASSION After 5pm Mass with POT LUCK SOUP & BREAD LENTEN DINNER.

Mar 22 5th Sun of Lent * RE 9:45am Reconciliation Grs 9-12 Adult Ed 9:45 with Deacon Terry
TOPIC:



Mar 24 Tues RCIA 7pm

Mar 27 Fri LAST FISH FRY 5-6:45pm followed by Stations of the Cross 7pm

Mar 29 Palm Sunday * RE 9:45am * Penny Bong Ends

**February is dedicated to
The Passion of Our Lord**



JOIN US AT OUR YOUTH GROUPS

LITTLE ONES IN CHRIST Grs PreK-Gr 2

Next Mtg: APRIL 12 12:30-2:30pm

Contact Joanna Murphree 473-1444

JR YOUTH Grs 3-6 **LAST MTG: APRIL 12* 5-7pm**

WE CAN USE YOUR HELP... If you would like to help prepare next years Youth Meetings please Contact Sonya Lewis 863-7305.

SR YOUTH Grs 7-12 Meets every 1st & 3rd Wed++

Next Mtg: SAT MAR 21 the viewing of the Mel Gibson Movie **THE PASSION.**

The whole Parish is invited, however, **parental discretion is advised.**

Join us after the 5pm Mass for **POT LUCK SOUP, BREAD & BLESSINGS
A NIGHT OF REFLECTION**

PLEASE RSVP TO Peter Boyle 613-5435
Or Parma 405-0948



ATTN PARENT OF STUDENTS

preparing for

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

PARENT MEETING

Monday, March 16th * 7pm

Communion Banners are due!

Another Lenten Prayer Opportunity!

**Religious Ed will MAKE A
DIFFERENCE this LENT!**

**Penny Bong Began February 22
and continues thru March 29**

All classes will be filling

milk jugs with ¢\$\$\$ to help the hungry around the world. Classes will compete for the money collected. We ask you do your part and pray for those who struggle with poverty and hunger. **If you would like donate your loose change, please visit our RE Bldg during Sunday School btwn the Masses.**



**DATES AND INFORMATION FOR THE
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

Mar 22 Reconciliation during RE. A PRIORITY!

April 26 Service Hours Due

May 6 & 7 Personal Interviews with Fr Sexton.

4-6:30pm

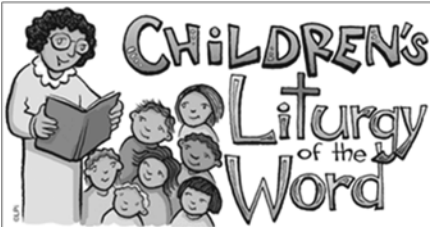
May 11 Dinner with Bishop Baker

4:45pm Candidates only.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Mass 7pm





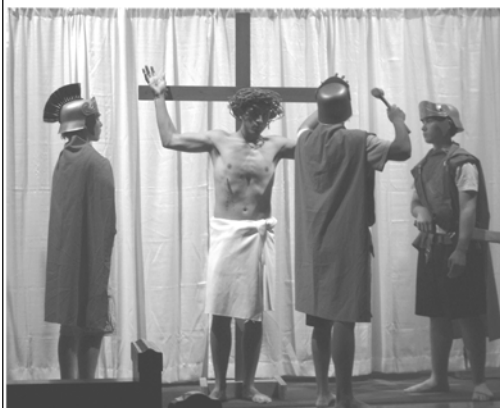
We have **THREE WEEKS LEFT** of our **Lenten Children's Liturgy**. At the 8:30am Mass we have been calling

forward children from grades K thru Gr 3, taking them to the hall to hear the Scriptures and do an activity all on children's level. **It has been well received, however,** if our **Pilot Program** is to continue (Aug thru May) **WE NEED YOU!** In order for the program to continue thru the school year, we will need at least 5 leaders to step up to the plate. Calling ages 18 thru Grandmas!! You would have to make a 5 week commitment and your duty will only be twice a year. If we get more volunteers that duty will lessen. If you are interested in helping out please contact Parma 405 0948. Peace and Prayers ☺

COMING SOON * MARCH 29 * 7:30pm

ALL ARE INVITED TO begin your Holy Week with the LIVING STATIONS 7:30 pm

Contemporary Music begins at 7 pm



Join our Youth as they perform **THE PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD. BRING THE FAMILY, BRING A FRIEND**

And share the faith!

WONDERING WHAT TO DO FOR LENT? FAMILY CHALLENGES:

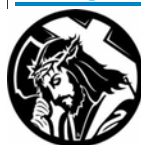
PRAY for our RCIA members.

Armando Arellano, Renee Bentel, Meleah Boyle, Jody & Tiffany Harkins, Jatoya Pattom, Jerome & Anna Schell, Toni Smith, & Jennifer White Pictures are in both foyers. Please introduce yourself, pray and encourage these candidates as they continue their RCIA Journey through Holy Saturday. A wonderful way to share your faith, build new friendships & build the Kingdom of God.

FISH FRYs 5-6:45pm Every Fri in Lent Gather the Family and keep the Fast! Dine with the K of C



Following the Fish Fry *PRAY with us THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7 pm



Pick up your cross and follow me. Pray the Passion of our Lord as a family. "Won't you spend 1 hour with me?"



JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY * MARCH 22 * 9:45am

FOR ADULT EDUCATION

With Deacon Terry **TOPIC: DOES YOUR MIND WANDER WHEN YOU PRAY? Come and get ADVICE FROM ST. THOMAS AQUINAS.** See you at the coffee pot!

WANT TO HELP? Great opportunity for Stewardship or Confirmation Service Hrs. CLEANING THE CHURCH for Easter Sat * March 28 at 10am.



Here I am Lord, I come to do your will!

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE

PUSH

TALK

24/7 HELP



- > No Long-Term Contracts
- > Price Guarantee
- > A+ Rating with BBB

\$19.95*/Mo. + 1 FREE MONTH

TOLL FREE: 1-877-801-8608

*First Three Months

SPRING SPECIAL



Saint Margaret Sunday Missal

An ideal companion for personal prayer.

In Stock & Ready to Order Today. **CALL OR ORDER ONLINE. \$39.95**



800-566-6150 • www.wlpmusic.com



CatholicMatch® Alabama

CatholicMatch.com/myAL

Knights of Columbus Council 12270



Pell City, AL



Paluch PARTNERS

A way for you to partner with service providers who support your parish through their sponsorship of the parish bulletin.

www.PALUCHPARTNERS.com



Catholic Cruises and Tours

Come Sail Away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Cruise.

Prices begin at \$1045 per couple which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. We have a Priest onboard almost every weekly departure with Holland America Cruise Line. Deposit of only \$100 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited.

Thanks and God Bless,
Brian or Sally, coordinators 860.399.1785



www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com

--	--	--	--

--	--

TOWN & COUNTRY

 "Experience Our Award Winning Attitude"
 mark.mcrae@alabamaford.com
 205-427-9051
 www.pellcityford.com



@TCFordPellCity
 /TCFordPellCity



Mark McRae

--	--

What if you are Alone and have an Emergency?

Just One Push of a Button can Protect You from **Emergencies at Home and Away!**

- ✓ Medical
- ✓ Falls
- ✓ Fire
- ✓ Burglary

AS LOW AS \$1 A DAY!

LIFEWATCH USA
 PERSONAL CARING SERVICE SINCE 1980

888.290.8871
 www.lifewatch-usa.com

AARP DISCOUNTS

"I'm never alone with LIFEWatch."
 -Dick Van Patten




An App for Catholics.
 An App for your Parish.
ALL IN ONE!
 Download TODAY



Download on the **App Store** GET IT ON **Google play**

 **OneParish.com**
 Daily Faith • Donations • Calendar • Parish Directory


--	--


--	--

Following Jesus Every Day:

GOSPEL MEDITATIONS FOR DAILY LIVING

Ninety days' worth of Gospel verses and reflections including a meditation, a prayer, a simple activity for the day and a related verse from the Old Testament. Ideal for Lent and Eastertide, or for any time of year!



 **WORLD LIBRARY PUBLICATIONS**
 The most and longest running of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.

800-566-6150 • www.wlp.jspaluch.com/13182.htm

Please Cut Out This "Thank You Ad" and Present It The Next Time You Patronize One of Our Advertisers

Thank You

Thank you for advertising in our church bulletin. I am patronizing your business because of it!

EDWARD C. BALDWIN, SR.
 Managing Director

RAYMOND JAMES

Cell: 205-753-5415
 Toll Free: 800-669-3469
 Edward.Baldwin@RaymondJames.com
 www.RaymondJames.com/EdwardBaldwin
 Specializing in IRA & 401(k) Rollovers and Financial & Retirement Planning

Raymond James & Associates Inc.,
 Member New York Stock Exchange/SIPC