



Confirmation is for everyone at any age

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Some people are confirmed at the age of 12 or 13. If this was the path you traveled, what can you recall from that experience? In the 60's many were handed a book and told to read it. In the 30's the bishop would show up with questions for those seeking confirmation. In fact there was a group of young boys who had been prepared in the 30's here at St. Mary's that were so rowdy in the meeting with the bishop that he refused to move forward with the act of Confirmation in the service. He is reported to have said "I am sorry, but your attitude does not reflect the commitment Confirmation is asking of you". He made the entire class wait for another date when he returned to a class that was more respectful and less rowdy. (From the memory of Mildred Peake, details in parish records reflect this delay).

Confirmation is about confirming the vows made a baptism and it is for people of all ages and all degrees of experience with the Episcopal Church. Those seeking formal membership and those who have forgotten the details of their preparation are invited to join Huey Gardner and members of the vestry to explore the traditions and theology of the Episcopal Church. These conversations will take place on Tuesday evenings beginning on Tuesday, April 2nd. They will begin at 5:30 and end each week by 6:45. The conversations will be relaxed, questions are encouraged and nametags will be offered to every one! Here is the list of topics and dates. You can come to all or just a few. If you are seeking formal membership, the Bishop of Alabama will be present on Sunday, May 19th to Confirm, Receive and Reaffirm those who are prepared to honor their Baptismal vows.

Confirmation Classes at St. Mary's

All classes are on Tuesday in the Library of Drennen House 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

- April 2 Holy Scripture – A Book of Faith
- April 9 History: 4,000 years in 45 minutes
- April 16 Holy Week and Easter – with a tour of the church
- April 23 The Book of Common Prayer is really a library
- April 30 What is Baptism?
- May 7 Why is the Lord's Supper so central to worship (back to the altar)
- May 14 The Anglican Communion and how decision are made

Sunday, May 19th – Bishop Sloan's Visit to St. Mary's on the Highlands.



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