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ANNUAL DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE

February 20-22

Bishop Lawrence
Keynote Speaker

The Christian Men's Conference is designed to address issues facing all men in today's fast-paced world and to provide insights and ideas for dealing victoriously with the constant stress we all experience. Bishop Mark Lawrence will be the keynote speaker; The Very Reverend Craig Borrett will serve as Chaplain and David Sadd will lead praise and worship. "This is an unique opportunity for men to take some time off and go to a beautiful Lowcountry Island to experience great fellowship and life-transforming time with the Lord," says Winn Tutterow, chairman of the Men's Conference Board. This annual Diocesan event, held at St. Christopher's has had a profound effect on many of the men who have attended.

Undeniable Strength Comes from Men's Gathering

"When I first got invited to attend the Christian Men's Conference several

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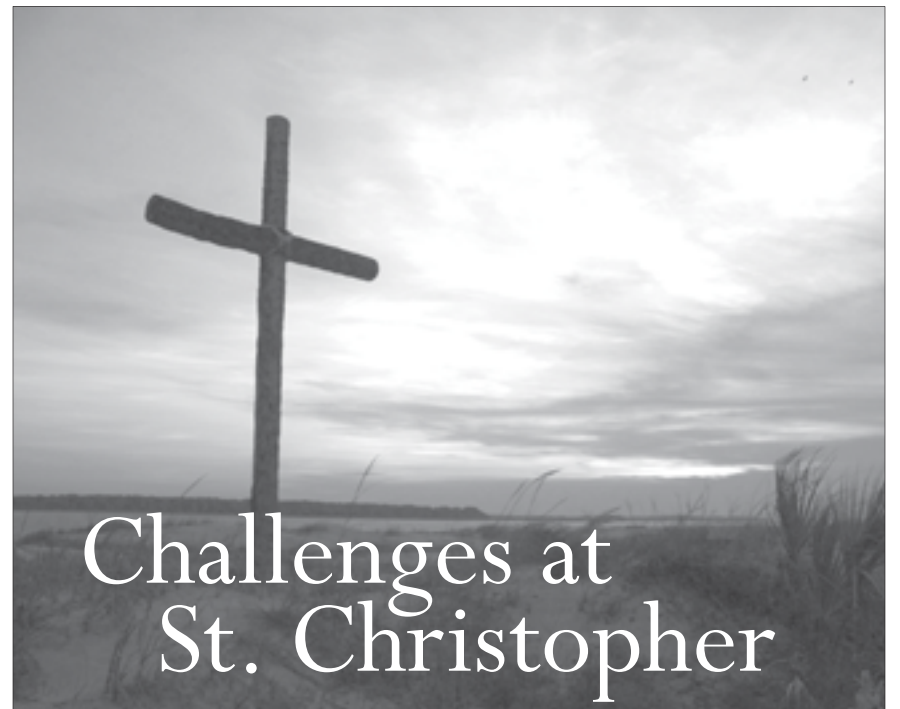
Standing Committee Passes Unanimous Resolutions

The following two resolutions were unanimously passed by the Standing Committee of South Carolina at our November 2008 meeting:

1. Be it resolved that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina does hereby subscribe to as a standard of faith the Jerusalem Declaration as set forth at the GAFCON conference and affirmed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and further affirms the reforming voice of the GAFCON movement within the Anglican Communion.

2. Be it resolved that the Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina does not recognize the non-canonical deposition of the Right Reverend Robert Duncan and continues to recognize him as a bishop in Christ's one holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

*The Very Reverend John Burwell
President, Standing Committee
of South Carolina*



DAVID SADD

A Difficult Decision

A Personal Letter from Bishop Mark Lawrence

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is an anointed place. It has been an engine of preparation for more than a few of the priests who are serving in the parishes and deaneries of this diocese. Many of the lay leaders of our parishes and diocese have met the living Christ there. Others have had their relationship with the Lord strengthened, deepened or renewed there—whether in parish retreats, Cursillo, youth conferences, summer camp, or by walking along the shoreline at sunset. It has been a place where visions

have been realized and shaped. In recent months it has increasingly become a place of very focused and fervent prayer. In the short time I've been associated with this incredible diocese, dating back to my first meeting with the search committee at St. Christopher in June 2006, I have sensed it is a unique place. In fact, I spent the night at the Clergy Cottage at St. Christopher before the deadline for the consents during the first election and experienced it as an extraordinary place for prayer and godly peace. At the recent Clergy Prayer Summit and in the repeated Cursillo Clausuras I've had the privilege to attend as your bishop, I have been reminded of what an extraordinary resource it is for our diocesan life.

Even as I have enjoyed St. Christopher, I have been acutely aware of the need for necessary repairs and development. Over the years St. Christopher has operated with little diocesan support. The diocese has allocated \$500 or less per year to St. Christopher out of its budget. The diocese initiated a capital campaign for St. Christopher in 1999, which resulted in three new buildings but left a debt of \$700,000 unpaid. St. Christopher does not ask for donations annually. Revenue produced from its operations has not

been at a level to allow for the kind of maintenance required of buildings in a coastal environment. Over the past year and a half there has been talk of another capital campaign and a variety of other ways to address the maintenance and capital improvement challenges that

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lie before us. But just recently this need for repair has come down upon on us in new way—quite literally. A month ago a portion of the ceiling in one of the rooms in Palmetto (an adult lodging facility) fell in while a guest was present. Fortunately, no one was hurt. It has, however, become

necessary to close Palmetto to conference center guests. We are aware that Sea Oats (a second adult lodging facility) dates from the same era and is the same design. It may have the same problems. The Rec Hall, the Chapel of the Palms and the Bishop's Cottage also have repair issues which must be addressed immediately. And this is just the beginning of a long list of facilities that in the not too distant future will need restorative work.

The repair issues were brought before Diocesan Council and Council grappled with the best course of action to take. After much prayer and discussion, Council made an important decision—we chose to live within our means. Confident that God could and would supply our need for funds, Diocesan Council decided to allow Palmetto and, in the near future, Sea Oats to be closed until such time as God provides the funds to make the required repairs without going into debt to pay for the repairs needed on those two buildings. Because of the immediate need to stabilize the much beloved Rec Hall, Chapel of the Palms and Bishop's Cottage and because the Rec Hall and Chapel of the Palms are essential for

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With These Hands

Members of Christ-St. Paul's, Yonges Island Share in the Building of Their New Sanctuary

By Debbie Kollar

The tower bell rang. The crowds gathered. The Bishop's staff knocked. The doors were opened. The consecration of the magnificent new sanctuary of Christ-St. Paul's Episcopal Parish on Yonges Island began Saturday, November 1, 2008, appropriately on All Saints Day. It has only been a week since that day, and I still remember every moment of that joyous occasion: the organ's thunderous power, the sweet mixture of violins, bass, cello, and guitars, the trumpets' triumphant blasts, the choir's angelic voices, the glorious sound of a large collection of worshippers praising the Lord in song, the awe on the faces of those as they entered, the sometimes audible gasps of wonder as eyes searched and soaked in the completed beauty, the obvious joy, the expectant hearts, the precious tears of this long-awaited and

anticipated moment. Yes, I remember it all well, but even more vivid and alive are the memories of the many days prior to the consecration, memories that will remain in my heart for years to come, that are the focus of this article. For you



Gerry (Senior Warden) and Martha Graves lay part of the foundation with their children, Jack and Anna.

see, the sanctuary of Christ-St. Paul's was built from the ground up by the hands of its very own parishioners - the people of Christ-St. Paul's, the people of God.

It started with a vision and much prayer. I remember standing on the

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Our Diocesan Purpose Statement: To respond to the Great Commission by so presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that all may come to know Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord in the fellowship of His Church.

Challenges at St. Christopher

our Summer Camp Program, Council decided to borrow \$300,000 to begin work on these facilities so that they will be ready for summer 2009.

This decision was very difficult. The closing of Palmetto and Sea Oats will mean that St. Christopher will not be able to accommodate some of the groups who already have plans in place to use adult lodging. Taking those buildings out of service will limit our ability to serve groups in the future. These are very troubling consequences of

such a decision. Nevertheless, we are also concerned about further encumbering the resources of the diocese. Most importantly, we realized that by not borrowing the money we give God the chance to provide and lead us along the path of his will for St. Christopher. Because God pays for what he orders, we have decided to trust that he will in fact honor our decision. We are trusting that he will provide money needed for St. Christopher to fully restore its current facilities and continue the "conference

side" of its mission. To say that God on many occasions inspires his people to give generously to fulfill his purposes is to state the obvious; to place that squarely dependent on his timetable and not on ours is I believe in this circumstance the call to trust him explicitly, especially in this time of apparent scarcity.

We are initiating an annual giving program for St. Christopher. This annual fund will be used to supplement the revenue generated from St. Christopher's operations, allowing for

better maintenance, paying for repairs, or otherwise furthering St. Christopher's ministry. Giving to St. Christopher will bring all of us into partnership with St. Christopher as its ministry continues to grow and flourish.

Faithfully Yours,

The Right Reverend Mark J. Lawrence
Bishop of South Carolina XIV

After much prayer, Diocesan Council decided to allow Palmetto and, in the near future, Sea Oats to be closed until such a time as God provides the funds to make required repairs.

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St. Christopher Launches Annual Giving Program

St. Christopher has been influential in the lives of many clergy, youth and adults. For some it is the place where they met Christ for the first time. For many it is the place where God meets them face to face and walks with them as they spend time in prayer and contemplation. Every week God uses St. Christopher for training and teaching His children.

Today St. Christopher is a center for renewal. Tomorrow what will St. Christopher look like? Without your support, tomorrow St. Christopher, as we know it, may no longer exist.

St. Christopher now faces the reality that a few of its buildings have become uninhabitable and must be taken out of service. This problem will multiply over time since other facilities are showing their age. Without a change, we may face a time when St. Christopher may be forced to close.

Until now St. Christopher has operated without any substantial support outside of the revenue generated from its operations. At times this required deferring maintenance of its facilities and finding short-term, cheap solutions to the inevitable maintenance issues presented by some of our older buildings.

Frankly, we need your participation in our ministry. We have seen God use St. Christopher in miraculous ways. However, we believe we have just begun to see what God has in store for us at St. Christopher!

Now is the time for all of us to step forward and join in St. Christopher's ministry, enabling St. Christopher not only to continue its ministry as we experience it today, but to reach new heights in its work for God's kingdom. We are establishing an annual giving program for St. Christopher through which you may participate in its ministry with your financial support. Your support will continue God's work of bringing rest, restoration and renewal as we encounter Christ at St. Christopher.

Please participate today by completing the form at the bottom of the page and mailing it with your gift to:

St. Christopher Camp and
Conference Center
Episcopal Diocese of SC
P.O. Box 20127, Charleston, SC
29413-0127

Attention: Ann Hester Willis
Development Director

An Interview with Chris Warner, Rector St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

When did you become the Rector of St. Christopher and why do we have a "Rector" in charge rather than an "Executive Director?"

I officially took the position of Rector of St. Christopher on March 1, 2007, but actually began working for St. Christopher at the beginning of 2007 when I was asked to accept the appointment. A Priest was put in charge of St. Christopher to ensure that the leadership and administration of St. Christopher are consistent with the spiritual direction of the Diocese.



The Diocese called The Rev. Chris Warner to be the Rector and Visionary Spiritual Leader of St. Christopher in March of 2007.

What changes have occurred as a result of your assuming the responsibility of Rector of St. Christopher?

We are creating a ministry team that infuses everything we do with worship and prayer. Our vision for St. Christopher is that it be a place of Rest, Restoration and Renewal where Christ can be encountered. We also have had a lot of organizational and staff changes typical of a change in management. Some staff have taken the opportunity to retire from their service at St. Christopher and to pursue

other priorities. One example that will be noticed especially is the retirement of Chef Steve who has responded to God's call to spend more time with his family. We have had the opportunity to bring in some energetic, talented people who will enhance our effort to offer more programs and ministry to the people of the Diocese. One example is Jonathan Bennett, an outstanding youth director, who has joined us as the Director of Student Ministries and oversees our Summer Camp and Barrier Island programs.

Why are we closing some of the conference guest buildings at St. Christopher?

Unfortunately, in August 2008 we had a ceiling collapse inside one of the guest rooms in Palmetto Lodge. This was caused by a moisture problem that has existed in the building for a very long time. The problem had never been adequately addressed and over time the ceiling deteriorated. Because Sea Oats Lodge was built at the same time and is virtually identical to Palmetto, we know it has the same problem. For that reason we will be closing it in the near future. There is a substantial amount of deferred maintenance at St. Christopher and many of our older buildings are in need of repair.

Can't we just "fix them up" and keep using them?

Trident Construction Company, along with structural and mechanical engineers, has looked over Palmetto and Sea Oats and given us an estimate of how much it will cost to put the two buildings back in working order. To do the minimal necessary, but to do that competently, will cost more than \$1 million. We have grappled with the choice of tearing down Palmetto and Sea Oats and building in their place lodges that will work

better both from a structural and usage standpoint, but that will cost about \$2 million--\$3 million. We simply do not have the money.

Can we come down there and do the construction ourselves?

We have thought about the possibility of having "project days" when we ask people with construction experience to come to St. Christopher to complete some of the basic tasks that need to be done. And this may be something we do in the future. But the work needed to put Palmetto and Sea Oats back in full working order takes professional supervision and engineering expertise. It is paramount that whatever we do, we do well so that we best serve our guests and the Lord.

How did we get in this mess? Why are the buildings falling down?

Over the years people have enjoyed the benefits of St. Christopher at a price level which did not adequately provide the revenue necessary to maintain the buildings and structures in the way they should have been maintained. Short-term fixes and cheap solutions were found in order to get by. We cannot continue to operate this way.

Does St. Christopher have an annual fund or giving base?

Unlike Kanuga and most other viable non-profit retreat and conference centers, we have never asked for financial support. St. Christopher has operated on its own revenue plus \$500 per year out of the Diocesan budget. This has contributed to the current operational situation. Before Bishop Salmon left, beginning in 2006, he began the groundwork for a capital campaign for St. Christopher. As that work moved ahead, it became clear to us that regardless

of whether we initiate a capital campaign or not, we need to start an annual giving program and reach out for support regularly and continually to those who love St. Christopher.

We love St. Christopher. What can we do to help?

We need everyone to join us in our ministry by giving their financial support and by praying regularly for our ministries and our staff. We would like members and friends of the Diocese to consider St. Christopher a priority among the many worthy organizations that they support yearly. We need that support to supplement our revenue so that we can better maintain our buildings and grow as a center for renewal.

If these buildings go off-line, how long will it be before we can replace them with new structures?

The Diocesan Council made the very difficult decision not to encumber the Diocese with additional debt for the repair

and restitution of Palmetto and Sea Oats. The Council felt led to wait on God to see how He will provide and lead us. We fully trust that God will show us the way; we are waiting for His provision in His timing.

How will this affect the staffing at St. Christopher?

We always have the challenge of operating as efficiently and cost-effectively as possible. This was true before the closing of Palmetto. With the closing of Palmetto and, in the near future, Sea Oats, the conference center portion of our ministry will be affected significantly. This will mean some pruning of staff. However, we are likely to find other creative ways to serve groups who want to stay at St. Christopher.

How will this affect the Summer Camp Program ?

St. Christopher's Student Ministries, which includes our Summer Camp and Barrier Island programs, will not be affected.

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I want to participate in St. Christopher's ministry!

I want to continue God's work of bringing Rest, Restoration and Renewal by encountering Christ at St. Christopher.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phones: (Home) _____

(Cell) _____ (Office) _____

Email: _____

Mail this form, with your gift to: St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, Diocese of SC, P.O. Box 20127, Charleston, SC, 29413-0127, Attention: Ann Hester Willis, Development Director.

Be Silent, Be Still Be Alert

A Reflection on the
Clergy Prayer Summit

By The Rev. John Barr, Rector
Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter

What struck me so strongly was the diagnostic power of our silent time to uncover the truth that the Instant Message world lives strongly in me, and I have not wanted to admit it. The virus of semi-addiction to email, cell phone and all the rest, tugs at me. It was a struggle to throttle back and be silent, be still, be

alert to the silent pulse of God's visitation in our quiet times. I finally broke one afternoon, sat in a sunlit chair by the cha-



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pel, let go and allowed one verse from Psalm 27 to swell up and travel through the nooks and streams of my spirit. It was the one thing I needed. It all made me long for that silence amongst brothers and sisters more and more. It also left me loving them more.



DAVID SADD

Clergy Answer a Call to Prayer

By The Rev. Becky Coerper, Associate Rector, St. Paul's, Summerville

Bishop Mark Lawrence issued the following words of invitation to the clergy of the diocese, mid-summer, for a two-day Prayer Summit at Camp St. Christopher in late October:

"A call to the clergy of South Carolina by our Bishop to pray for spiritual breakthrough for our diocese, our parishes, and our ministries."

What could be more appealing...the holiness of silence, the beauty of the Carolina Coast in autumn, the opportunity for rest and refreshment, the power of the Holy Spirit unleashed? And then these words followed:

"This is a time for you as a priest and for us as clergy of South Carolina to seek the Lord's face and blessing on our ministries...there will be various intercessory prayer groups mobilized to pray for this Summit that we might have times of profound spiritual breakthrough."

And so on October 26, bishops, priests, and deacons of the diocese - 40 in all - gathered for 48 hours of prayer. Within a varied but relaxed schedule, the two days offered inspirational and challenging teaching on personal prayer, six hours of uninterrupted silence, the experience of various prayer forms, and opportunity to pray for one another, for our parishes, and for our diocese.

Envisioned by Bishop Mark Lawrence and Chris Warner, the Rector of Camp St. Christopher, the first priority was simply to recognize our individual thirst for God, to repent of our barriers to God, and to receive refreshment from God.

In theory this sounds heavenly. In

practice, it's another thing all together. Speaking for myself, it's a challenge to lay aside the "profession" and simply be the person, when I am in the midst of a gathering of my fellow clergy. But the teachings by the Bishop and Chris, opened up such a sweet and rare opportunity for renewal, that it became easy to enter in. What followed was rich time with the Lord, walking on that beautiful beach, listening without agenda, and yes...sleeping.

If I had to name my "top three" favorite elements of the two days they would be: The great silence for personal time with the Lord; The evening worship of extended prayer, praise and crying out to the Lord on behalf of our parishes; The relaxed conversation among my brothers and sisters that increased in humor, warmth, and authenticity over the two days.

It's easy to recognize the value of such time. It's hard to make it happen. At the close of our time together, I believe there were many who would readily clear their busy calendars, if and when such a call to prayer were issued again. Thank you from each of us to all who made this possible.



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Chris Warner Interview

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What about those of us who have made reservations to stay at St. Christopher in 2009?

We will be contacting anyone with reservations at St. Christopher who will be affected by the loss of Palmetto and Sea Oats and make every effort to accommodate them in any way we can.

Is there anything more that you would like people to know about this turn of events at St. Christopher?

Yes. This is a crucial time of transition for St. Christopher. Both our staff and our guests are encountering the profound sense of God's presence in this place even as we begin paring back. Over the past year and a half, we have been moving toward growth to more adequately meet the needs of the parishes and ministries of our Diocese. But, since Council wisely opted not to incur substantial debt for repairs, we are changing our operational direction. We now are left asking how God will provide the funding needed to restore our facilities. In the meantime, I believe that St. Christopher is becoming increasingly a place for spiritual renewal for the Diocese and will be so to an even greater degree in the future.

"Blue Christmas" Services Offered

Grace Church, Charleston, December 10

St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville, December 17

As Christmas approaches, we all encounter a constant stream of messages about the happiness of the holidays: joyous celebrations, gift-giving and spending time with family and friends. But for many people, these messages are painful reminders of what they will be missing this Christmas.

Broken relationships, unemployment or financial uncertainty, health issues, isolation, the loss of a spouse, parent, child, or the absence of a dear family pet - all of these can contribute to being alone and feeling "blue" in the midst of a world that is focused on celebration.

When we hurt at Christmas-time, it can help if we have a way to acknowledge our sadness and concern, and be assured that we are not alone.

Both Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston and St. Bartholomew's in Hartsville offer such a way with Blue Christmas Services.

Grace Church will offer their service on Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to join in prayers, readings and music as a reminder that God is present for those who mourn and struggle, and that God's word comes to shine light into darkness. Grace is located at 98 Wentworth Street in Charleston. For more information call (843) 723-4575 or visit gracechurchcharleston.org.

St. Bartholomew's will offer two Blue Christmas liturgies, one at 10 a.m. and another at 5:30 p.m. on December 17. St. Bartholomew's is located at 103 Campus Drive in Hartsville. For more information call (843) 332-8765 or e-mail stbartsec@aol.com.

DROP-IN OPEN HOUSE FOR CLERGY OF THE DIOCESE DECEMBER 12

All clergy of the diocese are invited to attend an Open House given by Bishop Lawrence and his wife, Allison, in celebration and thanksgiving for the clergy of the diocese on Friday, December 12. The drop-in will be held in the Lawrence's home, at 50 Smith Street from 1 p.m. until 9 p.m. Clergy are asked to phone in their regrets if they are unable to attend, (843) 722-4075.

With These Hands: Christ-St. Paul's Builds

ground where the altar would someday be with many others praying fervently that this place would be Holy Ground, that it would be a place the Lord would long to dwell. The new building was finally going to be a reality. The process began. The architect was a parishioner; the builder was a parishioner. Every aspect of the building was prayed over as we wanted every nail and brick to be a pleasing sacrifice to Him. The brick mason was a parishioner. On one Saturday morning, every parishioner was invited to come and personally lay a brick on the foundation. Many came, young and old, the line was formed. The block was laid, mortar spread, and each person wrote his/her name on the block that was laid by his/her hands. The people laid the foundation. And so it began.

Months later, as I walk into the narthex, I think of the parishioner who finished the floor, laboring many hours on his knees, cutting a cross into the cemented floor with his hands. I think of the parishioners who hung and stained the doors. A beautiful flowing fountain, a constant reminder of the Holy Spirit's presence, is seen through the windows of the narthex - built by a parishioner. My eyes gently roam from the pulpit and altar table, over to the flower stand and

railing, and I think of the parishioners who lovingly crafted each, carpenters who embraced each piece of wood and molded each to last for years to come. I think of the molding and the nights that a sole parishioner spent high upon the scaffold completing each piece. The carpet was laid by parishioners. The beautiful warm colors and faux painting style of another parishioner immediately draw your eyes to the cross and encourage your attention upon worship of the One for whom this place was built. A parishioner donated thousands of dollars of trees and shrubs, and for three consecutive Saturdays, a hundred or so parishioners gathered to haul, dig, and plant (one day in the rain), creating an instant landscape. Parishioners surfaced and graded the parking lot. I remember the day the fabric-covered chairs were brought

from our ministry center, which served as a sanctuary, and then the old wooden pews came from the "old" church - a fitting combination of the new with the old, representing the history of our church and the people on whose shoulders we now stand.

With these hands, we, the people of Christ St. Paul's, built a sanctuary to the glory of God. I will never forget the consecration, but I

will forever hold the months and particularly the several weeks before it, as one of the greatest testimonies of the people of God that I have ever witnessed and so gratefully was a part of.

As I pen these words, I am sitting in

all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ."

May the generations that follow be reminded of how the sanctuary was built, of the many hands that so willingly gave to the glory of God. May all who seek



Above, from left, parishioners Jackie Boineau (standing) Hugh Allston, II and Bill Long work on the pulpit, the altar and the altar rail.

the sanctuary a week later. It is quiet, empty, with the exception of a lone parishioner quietly humming while mopping the floor. There are no trumpets, the rental organ has been returned. Yet, I remember the sounds, I see the faces belonging to the hands that served. I am grateful for this moment of quiet solitude to thank God for allowing me to be a part of all that was prior to the consecration, the consecration itself, the present moment and, hopefully the future and what He is going to do in this magnificent dwelling place. My heart is expectant.

First Corinthians 12:12, states, "the body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though

Him now and in the years to come feel His magnificent presence the moment they enter.



From left, Alice Grimsley and Kelli Land apply the faux finish to the columns.

Engaging Secularism and Islam: the Church's Challenge and Opportunity

Announcing the 4th Annual "Mere Anglicanism" Conference, January 15 - 17, 2009

Bishop Michael Nazir Ali
Engaging Islam

Archbishop Valentino Mokiwa
Global Anglicanism: The African Connection

Dr. R. Albert Mohler
Engaging Secularism

Dr. Stephen Noll
Global Anglicanism: Ecclesiological Renewal Post-Gafcon/Lambeth

Dr. William Abraham
Do Muslims and Christians Believe in the Same God?

Bishop Robert Duncan
North American Anglicanism Post-Gafcon/Lambeth

Bishop Mark J. Lawrence
Conference Keynote Sermon at Choral Evensong

Archbishop Benjamin Kwashi
Concluding Keynote Sermon at the Conference Eucharist

Archbishop Gregory Venables
Global Anglicanism: The Southern Cone Connection

Plenary panels and small group opportunities will be interspersed throughout the conference. Networking sessions and gatherings for theological educators and bloggers will be held. Major panelists, discussion leaders and liturgical participants will include Bishop FitzSimons Allison, Bishop Jack Iker, Roberta Bayer, Michael Carreker, Bill Dickson, Kendall Harmon, Edith Humphrey, William McKeachie, Joe Murphy, William Nikides, Ashley Null, David Short, Steve Wood, Al Zadig, and many other lay leaders, clergy and bishops of the Common Cause Partnership. Cost: \$85 includes box lunch on Friday and BBQ on Friday night. Attendance at individual addresses: \$10 per presentation. Register today at www.MereAnglicanism.com or call Kester Heaton at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul: 843-722-7345.

Visit www.mereanglicanism.com for more information.

CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. LUKE AND ST. PAUL
126 COMING STREET, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA 29403

Safeguarding Online

Online Course Helps Safeguard Diocesan Children

By Debbie Barker

The Diocese of South Carolina is pleased to announce Safeguarding Online. Safeguarding Online teaches our employees and volunteers how to keep children in our care safe from abuse. It is a high speed internet-based program that can be accessed anytime, from anywhere.

An administrator for each parish is required as a point of contact for employees and volunteers. The role of the program administrator is to add user accounts for employees and volunteers which enables them access to the online modules. Each module takes approximately 30-45 minutes and participants can complete the modules at their own pace. The parish administrators can set a time frame for completion up to two weeks, which is part of the attractiveness of the program. The administrator also ensures completion of training by each individual. It's easy to administer and use.

The following courses are required by the Diocese:

• **Meet Sam:** Sam abuses children. In this course,

he tells you how he gets away with it-in programs just like yours. You learn the types of sexual abusers and the methods they use to meet their own needs. You also learn how to spot interactions between adults and children that may indicate danger.

• **It Happened to Me:** Temper outbursts. Failing grades. Depression. Suicide. These are just a few of the effects of sexual abuse. In this course, you hear children and adults describe the devastating effects abuse has had on their lives. You learn about the prevalence of abuse and specific characteristics that may put some children at higher risk of abuse.

• **Keeping Your Church Safe:** Children come to us throughout the day, week after week, month after month, and year after year. They expect to learn about God, have fun, make friends, practice skills, and grow in faith. They expect to be safe. In this course, you



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By Joy Hunter

Daron Taylor, the Diocesan Coordinator for Young Adult and College Ministry, does a lot with a coffee cup in hand, lap top open. His “second office” in Charleston is Kudu, a coffee shop frequented by college students and young professionals. It’s his meeting-place-of-choice when connecting with other young adults.

“If we want to engage young adults, we have to go where they are,” he says, “not expect them to come and find us.”

Looking around, he’s in the right place. Kudu’s clientele seems to have an average age of early 20s or less.

“The two values that keep emerging are the need to cultivate partnerships and embracing an incarnational approach to ministry,” he says. “Churches are partnering with other Episcopal churches, other denominations and other non-church venues, like this one,” he gestures at Kudu, “and incarnational ministry simply models what Jesus did, he went out and engaged the people in their world. That’s what we believe the Lord is leading us to be about, for now.”

Coker College Connections

For the past year Taylor has seen these two values lived out in Hartsville, South Carolina. He contacted ministers from other denominations and set up a gathering in a local coffee shop, the Midnight Rooster. “We met frequently for prayer and to seek God on our efforts to reach young adults at Coker College and the greater Hartsville area,” he says. “We had Baptists, Methodists, Catholics, the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes)...”

The goal of the gathering was to discern the most effective ways to engage and reach the students and young adults in the area. The campus of Coker College literally surrounds St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church. “The Midnight Rooster is an intimate venue,” says Taylor, “and it’s neutral ground, not a part of any one church. We went out to the people and learned they valued an ecumenical worship gathering where Jesus was at the center.”

John Foster, III, a vestryman at St. Bartholomew’s caught the vision. He organized two outreach ventures, one, providing bottled water to Coker college students, parents, faculty and staff as students settled into their residence halls. He also organized, with another parishioner, an offering of Christianity Explored, a discipleship class. This, too, was held at the Midnight Rooster.

In order to help his fellow vestry



Engaging the Culture

Reaching Young Adults with the Gospel

JOY HUNTER

“If we want to engage young adults, we have to go where they are,” says Daron Taylor, the Diocesan Coordinator for Young Adult and College Ministry.

members catch the vision, Foster invited the group to walk from their church building across the street to Coker College’s Performing Arts Center. He then asked them to turn around and face the church. “This is the first thing freshmen see after freshman orientation,” he said. “And the last thing students see after graduation. What are we going to do about it?”

On November 11, St. Bartholomew’s partnered with the FCA and hosted over 50 students (about 10% of the school’s population) for a meal in their Parish Hall. Fifteen parishioners cooked for and served the students in an effort to engage them. As St. Bartholomew’s relationship with the school is strengthened and relationships develop, their plans are to invite various student groups to the church for a meal.

College of Charleston Connections

Joe Gibson, the College Pastor at St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant, has also headed up efforts to bring the Gospel message to

students rather than asking students to come to church. Their team has lugged living room furniture to the College of Charleston campus, (after receiving permission for the event) and hosted an “Ask the Pastor” event. The Rev. Brian Morgan, an Associate Pastor with St. Andrew’s fielded the questions students asked. “We wanted to engage the students,” said Gibson, “Give them a chance to ask anything they wanted to.”

The Road Ahead

None are the days when simply opening the church’s doors and publicizing various programs would guarantee some young adults’ attendance. “In most cities and on most campuses, the Episcopal Church is not a viable option,” says Taylor. “When most young adults think about the church, we don’t even appear on their radar. But we have significant substance to offer – Biblical truth and deep historical roots. Young adults want to know that their faith is relevant to the culture, but deeply

rooted in the past. That’s what we have to offer.”

Taylor, along with others serving on the Young Adults and College Ministry Team are determined to reach out, go where they are, and introduce them to Jesus Christ.



Joe Gibson, the College Ministries Coordinator for St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant, regularly organizes an “Ask the Pastor” event at the College of Charleston. Above, the Rev. Brian Morgan, an Associate Pastor at St. Andrew’s, chats with student Erin Finn about the current troubling financial situation.

Daron has given the Diocese’s ministry to young adults the title of Segue. “My hope was to capture the impressionable transition this season holds in a person’s life. It’s our commitment to help young adults encounter Jesus and segue into a deeper relationship with God as they move deeper into adulthood.”

Visit Segue at: www.segueunited.com.

Churches with Known Outreach Ministries to Young Adults and College Students

St. Bartholomew’s, Hartsville: Coker College – John Foster

St. Matthew’s, Darlington: College Age, Darlington Technical College, Francis Marion University – Lauri McLealand

Holy Trinity, Myrtle Beach: Young Adults, Trinity West and Coastal Carolina – Rob Sturdy and Sammy Al Taher

Holy Comforter, Sumter: Connect, Young Adults – Hamilton Smith

St. Paul’s, Conway: Coastal Carolina University – Adam Townsend

St. Thomas’, North Charleston: Young Adults – Steven Woolbridge

Churches in Florence: Young Adults – Kris Meade

St. Michael’s, Charleston: The Gate, Young Adults – Peet Dickinson

Holy Communion, Charleston: Caritas, MUSC students and Young Adults – Patrick Allen

Good Shepherd, Charleston: The Gathering, Young Adults – Shay Gaillard

The Citadel: St. Alban’s – Greg Smith

The Cathedral, Charleston: Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, College of Charleston – Willis Weber

Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island: Ecclesia, College of Charleston – Will Kulseth, Morgan Herlocker

St. Andrews, Mt. Pleasant: Presence, College and Young Adults, MUSC Dental Students, Charleston School of Law, College of Charleston – Todd Simonis and Joe Gibson

Safeguarding Online

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will learn when and where abuse is most likely to occur in church programs, the steps you can take to keep children safe, and how you can protect yourself from false allegations of abuse.

• **Diocesan Policies:** This course outlines our policies relevant to the prevention of abuse. To complete the course, you must indicate that you have read, understand, and agree to comply with our policies. This is a condensed version. Please access the full policy on the Diocesan website.

• **Optional: Keeping Your School Safe:** In this course you will learn when and where abuse is most likely to occur in a school, its programs and the steps you can take to keep children safe.

To find out more about this exciting program and to set up in your parish, please email Debbie Barker at the Diocesan Office at dbarker@dioceseofsc.org or call her at (843) 722-4075. We will continue “live” training classes on a periodic and as needed basis.

Faith Formation's New Orientation Guide

"Attractive, Clear, practical, theologically sound... I wish someone had put this in my hands decades ago."

The Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore

The Department of Christian Faith Formation is excited to announce the creation of an Orientation Guide. This document is designed to be a tool for anyone in the Diocese who contributes to the spiritual growth of current and future generations who follow Jesus.

The heart of the Orientation Guide is centered on the Department's strategic goal to mobilize parent-led discipleship of new generations. The document's primary focus calls churches and Christians to discover and act in accordance with the theology of Multigenerational Faithfulness. Through the lens of this vision, the Orientation Guide offers laity and ministry professionals resources including articles and strategic steps for transformation ministries, job descriptions, a guide for materials and resources, practical tools and training offered through the Diocese, and an introductory Episcopal orientation for those entering ministry from other contexts. Download the Faith Formation Guide at www.dioceseofsc.org.



What People are Saying About the Guide:

This is as complete a guide to how churches can help build solid Christian families as I can imagine. Attractive, clear, practical, theologically sound, and filled with resources for your church, it leaves no stone unturned. As a Christian parent, I wish someone had put this compendium in my hands decades ago. We all want Christ to be the center of our homes; but where to begin? Look no further.

The Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore
Minister of
Transformational Discipleship
St. Michael's Church, Charleston

While traveling this past summer I found myself in a small gathering of church leaders who were sharing tips on ministry resources. I was the only Episcopalian. We were far from South Carolina, and no one knew of my connection to our diocesan Department of Christian Faith Formation, so I was caught off guard when one man said that the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina had emerged as a leader in Christian

Never Too Late

Encouraging Faith in Your Adult Child

By Rob Rienow



I have no greater joy than to know that my children are walking in the truth" (3 John 1:4). Our churches are filled with men and women who know that the opposite statement is also true. There is no greater sorrow for a Christian parent than when our children are not faithfully following Christ. We have an overwhelming, God-given desire to see our children walk with God, and most importantly, to see them arrive safely Home to their Father in Heaven.

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As we have shared the message of Visionary Parenting around the country, we have been stunned with the number of empty-nest parents who have asked us to pray for their adult children who are struggling with faith. These parents are frequently burdened with guilt and hopelessness. Many have given up trying to have any spiritual conversations with their grown children because it leads to conflict, rejection and hurt feelings.

In response to this great need, we have launched a new live conference: Never Too Late: Encouraging Faith in Your Adult Child. If you are in this situation, with grown children (or late teens) who are struggling with faith in God, it is important to know that you are not alone and that it is never too late! We believe that your influence as a mother or father still has tremendous power to point the heart of your son or daughter to Christ. In fact, the shortest distance between your child's heart and faith in Christ is through you! The world tells us that as our children get older our influence in their lives and hearts decreases. But it isn't true! No matter how old we are,

our parents still have God-given power to impact our hearts. Think about it the other way for a moment. Has your son or daughter, now as a grown adult, lost his or her ability to bless you or hurt you? Not at all! A kind word from them still lifts your spirits, and harshness from them still hurts. Even if they won't admit it, your words and attitudes toward them still have great power that God desires to use for good in their hearts.

I encourage you to join us for the Never Too Late Conference, January 23-24 (see box). You will learn why so many millions of young people have left the church. More importantly, you will come away with dynamic biblical principles that will enable you to have a spiritual impact in the lives of your adult

children. You will learn how to begin to have more meaningful conversations with them, which can lead to open spiritual discussions. It will also be a weekend of prayer. We will come together to ask God that the day would come when all our sons and daughters would love God with all their heart, put their full faith and trust in Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, and that we would arrive safely Home together. I hope you will join us.

Never Too Late

with Dr. Rob Rienow

January 23 - 24, 2009

St. James, James Island

The cost of the seminar is \$20 per person or \$30 per couple. Please mail registration and check to:
St. James Church, Never Too Late,
1872 Camp Road, Charleston, SC 29412
Or register online @ www.saint-james.org

faith formation and the others "should investigate what's going on there."



Caught off guard, but not surprised. What did he mean? The Department's new Orientation Guide tells a large part of the answer. It paints a vision for faith formation that is being caught across our diocese and that, frankly, is shaking things up. It

isn't a new vision. It is a return to an old vision first cast several thousand years ago and it's shaking things up because as our Lord promised, "My word that goes out from my mouth...it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

Suzanne Schwank
Chairwoman
Executive Committee
Diocesan Department of
Christian Faith Formation

This guide is just what I needed when I first went into full-time ministry! It includes so many resources that I have found to be extremely helpful—and they are all in one place. I have photocopied the pages describing multigenerational faithfulness to use as a handout to



the parents in my church. The article, "Family Ministry: Program vs. Strategy" as well as the examples of job descriptions have been helpful to me as I rework my own role in my church. I am eager to share this resource with my rector and the other members of our ministry team. It certainly "raises the bar" for all of us in ministry.

Amy Watson Smith
Director of Ministries
to Children and Families
St. Michael's Church, Charleston

A Time for Healing

January 16-17

A Conference at
ST. ANDREW'S, MT. PLEASANT

Drs. Mahesh and Bonnie Chavda will lead a healing conference January 16-17, 2009 at St. Andrews, Mt. Pleasant. The Chavdas have served together in full-time ministry for nearly thirty years, reaching the nations with the Gospel accompanied by signs and wonders. Thousands have received healing from critical diseases like AIDS and cancer through their ministry. Mahesh and Bonnie pastor All Nations Church and Healing Center in Charlotte, NC, and spearhead a global prayer movement, The Watch of the Lord. Their television program, *The Watch* is impacting households around the globe with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Registration is being handled online at www.maheshchavda.com. For more information, visit www.maheshchavda.com, www.samp.cc, or call (843) 884-6169.

The New Normal

Preparing Your Church for the Future

By Elizabeth Pennewill, Consultant for Congregational Leadership

Church leaders spend a good deal of time contemplating the future in one way or another. Vision casting, strategic planning and budgeting are all preparations that focus on the future – regardless of how far into the future this plan may go. Today, however, church leaders must deal with the fact that the future promises a much more dramatic shift from the recent past than other shifts we've seen in our lifetimes.



Before we glimpse the future it will be helpful to put forth a bit of context. In his 2002 book, *The Younger Evangelicals*, author Robert Webber describes three prevailing movements in late 20th century American evangelicalism.

The Traditional Evangelicals

Following World War II the "traditional" evangelical movement dominated the country until about 1975. Exemplified by a formal worship style that includes organ and hymns, the movement's adherents are organized with a pastor-centered leadership style. Church structures influenced by this movement are traditional turn-of-the-century buildings located in neighborhoods and rural areas of the country. Mass evangelism, Billy Graham revivals, for example, characterizes this movement. Webber describes American culture during the height of this movement as post-World War II industrial with an emphasis on reason and science, and with Christianity as a rational worldview.

It would be hard to find a single church in our Diocese unaffected by this prevailing evangelical movement.

A quick glance at our history shows that approximately ten churches were established between 1950 and 1975. (About 57 churches were established prior to 1950.) The ten churches, in order of date established, are: All Saint's, Hampton; St. Paul's, Orangeburg; Holy Trinity, Charleston; All Saints, Florence; Resurrection, Myrtle Beach; St. Luke's, Hilton Head; Redeemer, Pinville; St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach; and Our Saviour, John's Island. Most, if not all, of these churches would be considered rather traditional.

The Gospel is not changing. What's changing is how it's communicated.

The Pragmatic Evangelicals

The second movement emerges in the late 1970's. Webber describes this movement as "pragmatic" evangelicalism, which dominated evangelical Christianity until about 2000. Characteristics of this movement are the contemporary worship style, along with a CEO or "managerial model" of leadership. Megachurches, often located in theaters and other large non-conventional spaces, appear on the scene as pragmatic evangelicals focus on church growth and reach out to the ubiquitous Baby Boomer generation. Churches shaped by this movement are more suburban, culturally sensitive and market-targeted than their traditional counterparts. The "seeker-sensitive" worship service with contemporary music typifies the pragmatic approach to evangelism. Dramatic advances in technology, the disruptions

of the 1960's, the Vietnam War, and the beginning of a transition from the "modern" worldview (held since the Middle Ages) combine to impact American culture in this period. Far fewer churches were established in the Diocese during this period.

Preparing for the Future

Most of our parishes are a reflection of either the traditional or pragmatic evangelical movements – some blend the two. Acknowledging the enormous influence of these movements compels us to understand the potential impact of the shift that lies ahead as we prepare for the future. To ensure that we don't cast a vision for a context that may no longer exist, let us begin to spend time learning about the emerging movement in the church. This is where Webber and other cultural observers and Christian writers can be helpful to us.

Change Happens

The church's unchanging mission calls us to make disciples for Jesus. How each church accomplishes this mission (a vision for their future discerned through prayer) must be attuned to the context in which we find ourselves. And the hard

truth is that we are shifting into a future that looks very different from the traditional and pragmatic periods.

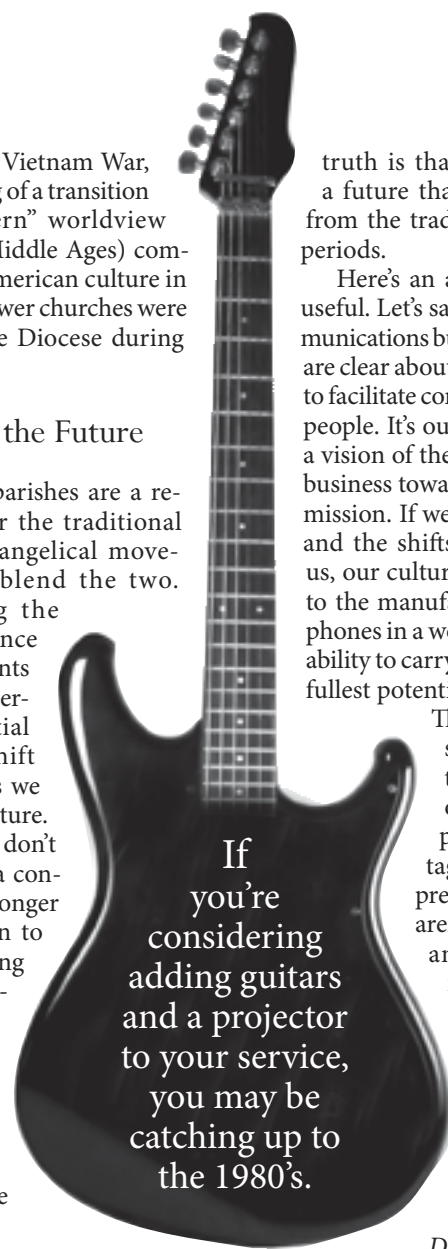
Here's an analogy that might be useful. Let's say we're in the telecommunications business. We, the leaders, are clear about our mission – we exist to facilitate communications between people. It's our responsibility to cast a vision of the future that moves the business toward the fulfillment of its mission. If we disregard our context and the shifts taking place around us, our cultural blindness dooms us to the manufacturing of rotary dial phones in a world gone wireless. Our ability to carry out the mission to our fullest potential is compromised.

This is not to say that we should ignore our heritage, our demographics or our congregation's preferences. But, heritage, demographics and preferences do evolve. We aren't suddenly frozen in amber never to experience another shift in worship style or method of evangelism, much as we might like this to be true. Just think about the effect that one book, Rick Warren's, *The Purpose-Driven Church* (1995)

had on the way we organize our ministries.

The Younger Evangelicals

So, what is the next shift in the American evangelical church? Webber, along with many other contemporary



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An Alternative Christmas Gift

By Frenchie Richards

Do you have trouble finding that special gift for someone? Consider making a donation in his or her name for the new ministries taking shape on Charleston's Eastside. The African American Women's Center for Biblical Dialogue will begin its ministry in 2009 focusing on little girls and then expand to other age groups as well as mothers and grandmothers as space permits. Components will be: "What Are Little Girls Made Of?" which is directed at preschool and elementary aged girls. "What Does my Future Hold?" is directed toward young women from junior high school age through college and "Who Holds the Future?" is a ministry for young and older women.

The mission of the Center is to be an instrument of peace that will touch the lives of women and girls through the transforming power of the Lord Jesus Christ. A gift will help bring change from the ongoing cycle of physical and spiritual poverty. Currently single heads of household women represent 75% of the population in that area.

Please consider this idea as a Christmas gift for someone special. Gift cards are available and can be sent upon request. Send your donations to AAF-CBD children's ministry, PO Box 21832, Charleston, SC 29413. Attn: Frenchie Richards. For more information, please email Janie Wilson at janiedw@bellsouth.net or frichards7@aol.com.

Come Be Refreshed, Renewed

Diocesan ECW Retreat, January 30 – February 1

All women of the diocese are invited to gather at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center January 30 – February 1 for a wonderful weekend of teaching, praise, worship and fellowship. Our theme is "Rejoice always; pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is God's will for you in Christ." I Thessalonians 5:16-18.

The keynote speaker will be The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison. Bishop Allison will lead us as we explore the comfort of scripture, what it means to be free and the genius of Anglicanism. Since his retirement as our 12th Diocesan Bishop in 1990, Bishop Allison has continued preaching, speaking, and writing. Bishop Allison is both a native South Carolinian and WWII veteran. He studied at the University of the South, Virginia Theological Seminary, and Oxford University. Among the many books Bishop Allison has authored are *The Rise of Moralism: The Proclamation of the Gospel from Hooker to Baxter*; *The Cruelty of Heresy: An Affirmation of Christian Orthodoxy*; *Guilt, Anger, and God: The Patterns of Our Discontents*;



Fear, Love, and Worship. He and his wife Martha, who've been married for more than 50 years, live in Georgetown, SC. The weekend begins on Friday evening, and concludes with brunch on Sunday. Our worship leader will be Ms. Brenda

Albinger, Organist/Choir Director at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in North Charleston. Come refresh yourself, as we spend time together in Christ.

ECW Spring Retreat, January 30-February 1, 2009

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: (daytime) _____
 Telephone: (evening) _____
 Parish: _____
 E-mail: _____

Due to construction at St. Christopher, space is limited. Rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Please enclose the full retreat fee of \$226.50 per person, with this form. Make check payable to Diocese of SC ECW.

Special Physical Needs? _____
 Dietary Restrictions? _____
 List roommate(s): _____

Questions? Contact Devvy Ridgill at (843) 861-1288. Please mail form and fee to: Devvy Ridgill, 103 Campus Drive, Hartsville, SC 29550, Registration deadline: 01/12/09.

Are We All God's Knobs?

New Chaplain, Greg Smith, Begins Ministry at the Citadel

By Joy Hunter

"Mr. Z, when did Jesus become real to you?" asked the Rev. Greg Smith, the new Chaplain to the Citadel, of one of the cadets while on a hike.

"Sir, he's never become real to me!" replied the cadet.

While Jesus may not be real to this young cadet, the challenges of life at the Citadel are very real. Up at dawn, shining brass, physical challenges, and mental obstacles form a huge wall that stops many cadets and causes them to search for something (or Someone) to help them out.

This summer the Rev. Greg Smith joined the staff of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, with the assignment to be the Chaplain to the Citadel now under the supervision of Holy Cross' Rector, The Very Rev. John Burwell.

Smith is passionate about introducing people to Christ, keeping them connected in faith and molding them into leaders who will pass that faith onto others. A graduate of Wheaton College in Wheaton, IL, and Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA, Smith and his wife, Anna, are committed to sharing the Gospel wherever Christ leads, even if the surroundings are unconventional – as they are at the Citadel.

At the end of seminary, Greg and Anna tacked a map to the wall and asked, "God, where do you want us to go?" They prayed, did demographic studies and, through a series of coincidences and providence met people who wanted to see a new church that reached unchurched young people. "We raised support, packed up everything we had and moved to Denver," says Smith.

"Eighty percent of our newly-formed congregation was non-Christian," says

Smith. "Then they came to Christ and were baptized." The church, which eventually merged with another church-plant,

ished regularly is the Anglican Lounge, a two-room enclave set apart for ministry. The couches are casual, the rug stained,

finding life harder than the knobs, first year cadets, so named because their shaved heads resemble door knobs.

For Citadel knobs, their boot-camp-like life lasts for nine months. It's a grueling period in which the individual is broken down so that he or she can begin the first step in the transformation to leader – by first becoming a follower.

"At the Citadel, the first year cadets learn to be followers; the second years, mentors; the third years, leaders of small groups and fourth years, leaders of large groups," says Smith.

"The question a lot of the knobs are asking is 'Are we all God's knobs?' It's a great question. I'm challenging them to look for the answer in the Bible. A lot of the role of the Chaplain with first year students is to motivate them to keep going. It's a ministry of encouragement, 'You can do it!' And they can."

"We automatically get all the Anglican and Episcopal knobs," says Smith. They either have to attend a religious service or an ethics seminar. About 150 are connected to us in some way. They can either go to Holy Cross on Sunday mornings or to a chapel service on Monday evenings. There is also a Thursday night Bible Study for cadets. I've had the opportunity to share the gospel with about ten guys so far. We've started an Alpha group with three."

Smith appreciates the ground work his predecessor, the Rev. Doug Peterson, laid. "Doug set it up for success," says Smith. "I started with good street cred (credibility)."

Smith has challenged his student-led vestry by giving each one a list of five to 10 cadets they can disciple. He's asked them to approach the cadets asking,

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JOY HUNTER

"The question a lot of the knobs are asking is, 'Are we all God's knobs?' It's a great question. I'm challenging them to look for the answer in the Bible," says Smith.

had 250 members when Smith left.

How did they draw newcomers? "We went to them. We worked with a ministry called Apartment Life. It places couples in apartments with a free apartment and the owner pays them to hold get-togethers where relationships can be built."

As with Apartment Life where faith is shared through relationships so it is at the Citadel. "The Gospel is spread person-to-person," says Smith.

At the Citadel a place where those person-to-person friendships are nour-

ished but the TV is on, the snacks are out and cadets are making themselves at home. On any given day 30 to 60 cadets can be found in the lounge... working through around \$250 worth of food and drinks picked up at Costco.

"It's hard being a cadet," says Smith. "There are so many opportunities to drop out. To have a place, a physical location on campus where cadets can find relief and peace, that's where they begin to ask spiritual questions about the purpose and meaning of life."

None are asking more questions and

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Christian writers, uses various terms to describe the developing movement: "emergent," "missional," "ancient-future" and, the "younger" evangelical movement, to name a few. Characterized by a deep desire for authentic relationships and for the church body to differentiate itself from the predominant culture, the emerging movement of evangelicals is just as committed to making disciples, but reacts to the market-driven methodology that preceded it. Interestingly, the emerging worship style draws much from the early Church with its emphasis on liturgy, mystery and the Eucharist, but it is presented in a highly participatory, interactive manner very different from the traditional or pragmatic movements. These intercultural "communities" are found in diverse spaces such as homes, warehouses and historic church buildings and employ eclectic elements of worship from ancient forms of singing to the incorporation of the arts, such as dance and painting, into the service.

Team ministry based on transformed lives (as opposed to programs) and a "priesthood of all" approach depicts the movement's leadership style. Rather than "going to church, then doing outreach" younger evangelicals seek to "be the church" within their neighborhoods and workplaces as their preferred method of evangelism, which, interestingly, dovetails with

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the current movement toward intergenerational ministry. Webber describes the younger evangelicals' worldview as post-modern* and relativistic, with a rejection of individualism and modern rationality resulting from having grown up in a very different context than that of their traditional and pragmatic predecessors.

Technological advances in communications such as the Internet, along with 9/11 and the rise of terrorism, among many other cultural factors, contribute to a new approach to faith and ministry. Webber writes, "Society has moved into the new culture of the 21st century. And the younger evangelicals are the first generation to lead us into what it means to be evangelical in the new cultural condition of the new century."

Catching Up to the 1980's?

As you might have realized, our Anglican liturgical legacy and many of our church facilities position us fairly well to adapt some facets of the emerging worship style. However, a few adjustments to a service are an inadequate attempt to be relevant to the post-Baby Boomer generations. If the leadership of your church is contemplating the addition of guitars and a projector to a service, you may be merely catching up to the 1980's.

Across this country, the people who are resonating with the emerging movement are largely those under age 30. What they hunger for is very different from how we are doing church today. (How many people under 30 are in your church?) Can we reach these young people? Where do we start? Start with this: the Diocese now assists churches wrestling with these crucial questions by deploying Daron Taylor, an expert in young adult ministries. (See article, page five.) Check out the diocese's young adult website at www.segueunited.com and contact Daron at daront@dioceseofsc.org.

The Future is Upon Us

We must spend the time and energy necessary to learn what's around the corner for us, and "normal" in many other parts of the country. Webber has pointed out three real shifts in recent church history. None is more challenging, more divergent or more dramatic a shift than that of the emerging

movement. Ignore it if you wish, but consider what one rector in our Diocese said recently when describing his attitude toward this changing context, "I'm teaching my leaders to surf before the wave gets here." The wave is coming.

To make disciples live up to their fullest potential, church leaders must make themselves aware of shifts in culture and prayerfully respond as each sees fit. Continuous learning, by both clergy and laity, is critical. And, do not fear, the Gospel is not changing, what's changing is how it's communicated.

Just as the traditional and pragmatic movements contain within them an array of theologies, so, too, does the emerging movement, so be discerning as you seek to understand. The more we learn about this movement the better prepared we will be to incorporate the positives while holding onto our beliefs.

*A great resource for learning about postmodernism and the church is, *A Primer on Postmodernism* (1996) by Stanley J. Grenz.

Ready to Prepare for the Future?

Plan to attend the Diocesan Leadership Conference
May 31-June 2



Speaking of continuous learning – another provocative author writing about the future of the Church is Reggie McNeal. Dr. McNeal will be our keynote speaker at the 2009 Leadership Conference (May 31-June 2) sponsored by the Diocese. In the next two issues of the *Jubilate Deo* we will explore his excellent 2003 book, *The Present Future: Six Tough*

Questions for the Church. Order copies for your leaders today. A discount is offered from the Saints Alive bookstore, at St. Michael's Church in Charleston, by calling 843-725-5483.

The stage is set... the lights are dimmed... nearly 500 teens are gathered from across the diocese... the music starts... video images appear on three massive screens... two college students take the stage and welcome the crowd. You have entered The Underground! Once every four years this weekend event combines our middle and high school youth groups to celebrate the work that God is doing in our midst. This year's theme was "kingdom Life" and through it we explored Jesus' teaching on the parables. Students were challenged to live their lives under the reign of our Lord Jesus. Our guest speaker, The Rev. Dixon Kinser, youth

minister at St. Bartholomew's, Nashville spoke on repentance, forgiveness, and proclaiming the good news to others. Bishop Lawrence spoke on Saturday morning and celebrated the Eucharist. Trey Truluck of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island led our worship music throughout the weekend with a great blend of contemporary songs and traditional hymns.



By Dave Wright

Additionally a strong line up of seminars taught by clergy and lay leaders rounded out the teaching. Topics included understanding the Bible, prayer, worship, technology, apologetics, missions, dating, the environment, and social justice. These seminars were another highlight of the weekend!



JANE WRIGHT

Special guests at The Underground included singer/songwriter Nathan Tasker who performed in our Friday night session as well as a late night concert that evening. Nathan is originally from Sydney, Australia, where his uncle serves as an Anglican Bishop. He currently resides in Nashville and tours the country performing original songs and leading worship. Isaac Improv, a team of two actors, performed hilarious late night improvisational comedy concerts on Saturday evening. Our students enjoyed the interactive audience participation of the show. Not only did we have special guests to entertain us in the late nights, we also had visitors from outside our diocese. Two people came all the way from the Diocese of Chester in England to see our youth ministry up close. Diocesan Youth Officer Mark Montgomery and a parish youth minister Greg Condon joined us for the weekend and really jumped right into the weekend. Additionally, Dave

Little brought students from All Saints Anglican Church in Charlotte, NC, to experience The Underground. They all were greatly encouraged by what God is doing in our diocese.

Students Talk About The Underground:

"An awesome experience and a chance to truly learn about God's kingdom!"

"A great and wonderful time to commune with God and hang with friends."

"Everyone needs to experience something like this at least once in their lifetime. Everyone should also hear Bishop Lawrence speak. He is really inspirational."

"This experience has been life-changing. My relationship with the Lord has changed and I am really excited to see where my life goes now."



JANE WRIGHT

Global Partnerships in Youth Ministry



JANE WRIGHT

Mark Montgomery, Diocesan Youth Officer in Chester, England, above left, and Greg Condon, a parish youth minister in Chester, above right, joined Dave Wright at our recent Underground event. By Dave Wright

Mark Montgomery, Diocesan Youth Officer in Chester, England, recently visited South Carolina along with Greg Condon, a parish youth minister, in Chester. I met Mark several years ago while in the UK attending an international conference and invited him to come visit us here in South Carolina. Mark arrived with Greg Condon, a youth minister in his diocese, and they attended "The Underground" and met with youth ministers to learn of the work we are doing here. Mark described their time here as very encouraging and a great opportunity to get fresh ideas and see ministry in a different context. The diocese of Chester,

like South Carolina, has seen tremendous growth in the number of youth ministers employed by parishes during the past dozen years. Our people really enjoyed having these visitors and learned more about youth ministry in England.

Establishing global partnerships has been part of the vision for youth ministry in our diocese for a number of years. We have worked closely with Ken Moser from St John's Shaughnessy in Vancouver, Canada, for several years now. Ken, along with his wife Julie (also a youth minister) have led training and done speaking at several of our

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The Next Generation of Youth Ministers

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministries

For years the calls have come into our office from all over the country. The question on their minds... "Where do you find your youth ministers?" The answer has been a combination of careful searching, networking, and sometimes training people from our own churches. We increasingly realized that the demand for Episcopal or even global Anglican youth ministry candidates had become much greater than the supply. Our diocese has had a strong history of internships that produced some excellent youth ministers. What we did not have though, was a consistent training scheme that would ensure that being trained in this diocese was consistent regardless of at which church one trained. Thus we birthed the apprenticeship program several years back. Initially it began with one apprentice learning from an experienced youth minister and completing a reading list. From there we expanded to three or four apprentices each year within our churches and brought them together for regular learning

days. This year our apprenticeship program is training six apprentices. Additionally we have urged all new youth ministers in our churches to join in for our teaching. The apprentices and new youth ministers currently gather monthly for an overnight intensive at St. Christopher.



Mrs. Elizabeth (Boo) Pennewill discusses how the church has changed over the years with youth ministry apprentices.

Our apprenticeship training has a heavy emphasis on theology and Biblical interpretation skills. While we also teach youth ministry theory and skills, the emphasis on theology and Bible is due to the fact that youth ministers need to engage in ministry that reflects their theology and understanding of the Bible. When we look at the teaching in the New Testament on leadership, the one consistent skill emphasized is the ability to teach scripture. As

Paul wrote to Timothy...

"Command and teach these things. Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching. Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you. Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them, so that everyone may see your progress. Watch your life and

doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers." 1 Timothy 4:11-16

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

Jesus Weekend
February 27 - March 1
Epic
March 20-22

Be Still and Know God

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31

2009 QUARTERLY CONTEMPLATIVE RETREATS SCHEDULED

St. Christopher hosts quarterly retreats called "Be Still and Know God" which run Sunday through Tuesday afternoon. It's a time set apart for those who are longing for the Lord and who desire to get away, be quiet, and connect with God and experience His very real and tangible presence.

So many people confess they never hear the Lord speak to them or sense His nearness. This is not surprising considering how noisy and full of distractions our lives are. It's a sad

fact that too many Christians settle for far, far less than what the Lord wants for them when it comes to experiencing His presence and hearing His voice.

Join us for a two-night stay and let us help you slow down, take a deep breath, come into the Lord's presence and hear Him speak. There will be worship and short teachings each day, soaking prayer and lots of quiet time for listening, personal reflection and prayer. These retreats will be led by various St. Christopher staff. Retreats begin at 2 p.m. on Sunday and end at 3 p.m. on Tuesday.

Dates for these quarterly retreats through 2009 are listed below. Space is limited to 25 people per session. This retreat is for adults age 18 and up. We are not able to provide child care. We suggest single occupancy rooms on this retreat because we want participants to have as few distractions as possible.

Go to www.stchristopher.org to download a registration form. For further information, please contact Elizabeth Bumpas at ebumpas@stchristopher.org or call 843-768-0429 ext. 3005.

2009 RETREATS:

February 22-24

May 3-5

August 9-11

November 1-3

What People are Saying:

"Worship, soaking prayer, times of silence combined with the splendor of St. Christopher was refreshing, invigorating, cleansing and healing."

The Rev. John Burley, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant

"I felt the sweet Spirit of the Lord. How wonderful the whole time was...being still and quiet in such a beautiful place. I want to come back, hopefully with my husband."

**Debbie Stripling
James Island Christian, James Island**

"It took nearly the whole retreat, but I was finally broken and humbled before our mighty God, and I saw Him for the sovereign, holy, worthy, God He is, and I experienced His love and mercy for me and I fell in love with Him again."

Linda Tully, St. Helena's Episcopal, Beaufort

"I deliberately chose to attend "Be Still" because I need to be intentional about spending quality time, set apart for my relationship with Jesus where I am not out to accomplish something. Nothing needs to be said; there's just grace and beauty in being consciously together and yet something happens...the noise, clutter and chaos from the daily demands of life are silenced, cleansed and stilled and I see and experience the beauty of just being together."

The Rev. Rick Luoni, St. George's, Summerville

St. Bartholomew's Offers SAT Preparation Course

This past fall St. Bartholomew's in Hartsville extended its outreach by offering a low-cost SAT preparation course to local high school students. John Foster, III, an Associate Professor of English

students overcome their anxiety about taking the SAT.

Eleven students participated in the first class. Interestingly, the class consisted of students not only from Darlington County, but also from Chesterfield and Florence Counties. When asked why a student would drive thirty minutes for an SAT course, one student commented, "affordability."

What distinguished the course was the personal attention students received. Each week students were given two timed tests, and were provided immediate feedback after taking the tests. What also distinguished the course was that the group was able to capitalize on their parish/college connection.

Foster commented that during the summer as he was planning the course, he was anxious about having someone to offer the instruction in Math. Foster offered the instruction for the Critical Reading and Writing sections, but he knew that the success of the course would depend on whether he had instructors for the Math section. Foster's prayers were answered when two Coker College students, Sean Grogan a Biology major, and Anna Allman a Mathematics major offered to be tutors. Through donations from



DEVVY RIDGILL

Above, Sean Grogan, left, a Biology major, and Anna Allman, a Mathematics major, served as tutors.

at Coker College and member of St. Bartholomew's developed the course which focused on preparing students for the Critical Reading, Writing and Mathematics sections of the SAT. Initially, the parish offered a Writing Center but discovered that both parents and students were more interested in an economical SAT preparation course.

The course which met each Tuesday for ten weeks helped

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Lieber Death Row Inmate Crosses Language Barrier to Share Christ

A Kairos Prison Ministry Story

By Chuck Pollak, St. Helena's, Beaufort

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying '...Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

Matthew 28:18-20

The last words of Mark's Gospel contain some of the last words Christ spoke to His disciples before ascending into heaven. Known as the Great Commission, these powerful words make it clear that we are expected to go out into the world and bring lost souls to the knowledge and love of God and of His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. But all too many of us believe that evangelism is a job reserved for the clergy. So it is wonderful to see lay persons who take the personal responsibility to evangelize – to go out into the world and help spread the Gospel message.

It is even more satisfying for me to witness this kind of activity going on within prison walls. I am delighted and awed when I see inmates evangelizing other inmates. Those men and women understand that Christ has directed the Great Commission to all of His followers, lay and clergy, men and women, free and incarcerated alike. And these prisoners do not let the circumstances of their lives interfere.

Let me tell you a powerful story that occurred recently on Death Row. Death Row in South Carolina is at the Lieber Prison in Ridgeville, near Summerville. Several of us Kairos volunteers go there every Thursday evening to meet with 20 to 30 inmates who have attended one of our two Kairos Weekends held on

Death Row. On this particular evening, we volunteers arrived a little early, and the inmates had not been released to the common area where we meet.

When I arrived, an inmate whom I will call "Bill" was standing at the door of his cell. I have known Bill for about five years, since he went through our first Death Row Kairos. He is a devout Christian, knowledgeable of the Bible and bold in his proclamation of the Word. I noticed he had several books in his arms. In response to my question, he told me he was studying Spanish. He had two or three Spanish-language textbooks and two copies of "Our Daily Bread," which contain daily devotionals. One pamphlet was in English and the other in Spanish, and both were opened to the page for that day. Bill was comparing the words in the two languages. I was intrigued – why would an inmate on Death Row want to study Spanish? So I asked him why he was doing this.

His answer rocked me back on my heels.

It seems that two non-English-speaking Hispanic inmates had recently arrived on Death Row. Bill told me he doesn't know if they have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior. Bill wants to

learn Spanish so he can find out if they are Christians, and if not, so he can witness to them and try to bring them to Jesus Christ.

Wow! Here is a man who has been sentenced to physical death himself, but he is concerned about the spiritual health and life of two men he doesn't even know. And he is so worried that he is studying their language by himself, unassisted, so that he might witness to them. I sensed the Holy Spirit surrounding this man whom society has condemned. And I was reminded of Christ's saying:

... I tell you in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than

over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

Luke 15:7

If you would like to see the Holy Spirit at work in a powerful way, I invite you to join the Kairos Prison Ministry. I promise that you, too, will be delighted and awed. Visit www.kairossc.org to learn more or call me, Chuck Pollak, at (843) 538-6497.

Mr. Pollak is a postulant in our diocese. He has been approved by the Bishop to begin reading for Holy Orders under the supervision of the Rector and clergy at St. Helena's, Beaufort.



UTO Grant
Applications Due
December 15

If you hope to apply for a 2008 United Thank Offering Grant, send your completed application with two copies (with pictures, etc.) to Nancy Pickering, 844 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort, SC 29902, on or before December 15. A UTO committee will prioritize the grants, meet with the Bishop for his signature, and forward his selected grant choice to the UTO Office.

Are We All God's Knobs?

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"How can I pray for you?" "How can I help you?"

"We're setting up spiritual squads," he says. "They're struggling because they've never had to take responsibility to help others in their faith, but they're learning and they're taking it very seriously."

Knobs are being broken down and in that experience is the opportunity to ask spiritual questions, essential questions. "The gospel begins with the realization that 'There is a God and you are not Him,'" says Smith. "Once you realize that you become very open to the Lord. That crisis is very helpful, and many choose to become followers of Jesus Christ."

Indeed just a couple of weeks ago, Mr. Z, who had earlier admitted that Christ was not real to him, came to a realization. Christ is real. And though Mr. Z began his Citadel career not knowing Christ, he has a relationship with Him now.

Greg and his wife Anna have three children: Zachariah (7), Caleb (4) and Gabriella (2). They live within sight of the campus and Greg often rode his bicycle to work, prior to it being stolen in mid-October.

The Nashotah House Fishers of Men

By Julie Bennett Kunes

Life in Seminary

“As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. ‘Come, follow me,’ Jesus said, ‘and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him.” Mark 1: 16-18

In a somewhat similar scenario, Jesus spoke to the hearts of five Christian “brothers” in South Carolina. And, with perhaps a bit more hesitance and slightly more planning, a professor left his lecture notes, a naval officer left his ship, a banker left his calculator, a wine salesman left his corkscrew, and a contractor left his cell phone, and they all followed Jesus to Nashotah House Theological Seminary.

Tucked away in the heart of southeast Wisconsin’s Lake Country, these five South Carolina seminarians and their families are hunkering down for winter at Nashotah House. The Morgan Breedloves, the Kaisers, the Frees, and the Kuneses are experienced in the art of surviving a white Wisconsin winter, all having at least one year under their belts, but this will be the Collins’ first steps into deep snow and subzero temperatures.

It wasn’t an easy decision to pack up wives, kids, pets, and belongings and move over 1,000 miles away from family, friends, and familiarity to a state that most only know as “really cold” six months of the year. After all, these families were established and even growing in their careers, churches, and communities.

Active members of St. Paul’s, Summerville, the Morgan Breedlove family was thriving. Bill was a professor at the College of Charleston and his wife, Susan, was a stay-at-home mom with a successful small business. Their children, Talley (14) and Mary (11), had many friends at home, school and church. Bill and Susan were heavily involved in lay ministry and service at St. Paul’s.

The Kaisers were also active members of St. Paul’s, Summerville. It was at St. Paul’s that their faith grew as they were discipled by the clergy and lay leaders and received outstanding teaching and encouragement. Their lives were full and busy as Kim stayed at home with their two young sons, James (6) and Jacob (3), and Marcus excelled in his career in the Navy.

Like the Morgan Breedloves and the Kaisers, the Kunes family was getting more and more involved at their church, St. Michael’s, Charleston. Rob’s passion was the healing ministry while Julie loved working with the youth ministry. Rob was enjoying a career in wine sales, and Julie enjoyed her work as a tutor/life coach at the LifeManagement Center. They had just bought a house on James Island and were looking forward to starting a family.

The Free’s lives were flourishing, too. Dagnall’s career as a Senior Vice President at First Citizens Bank in downtown Charleston was solid. He was growing in his spiritual life by working in many areas, in particular serving on the vestry at their church, Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island. His wife, Sallie, and their children, William (14) and Emma (11), were also active in the church and community.

Like all of the other families, moving to Wisconsin was the farthest thing from the Collins’ minds. They were active in every aspect of parish life at St. Paul’s, Conway. In particular, both Shawna and Jason served on the vestry. On top of their busy church life, they both had active careers. Jason was a general contractor while Shawna was a dentist. Their children, Hannah (9) and Duncan (7), attended the St. Paul’s Day School/Pre-School and also participated in the children’s ministry.

Leave all of this behind and move to Wisconsin? It wasn’t as if these families were merely comfortable in their busy lives and unwilling to be disciples for the Lord. It seemed as if the Lord had already made them “fishers of men.” After all, discipling doesn’t always mean that, like Simon and Andrew, one has to hit the road for Jesus. They were active members of their churches, growing in their spiritual lives, and raising their children to know and live for the Lord. Why couldn’t He continue to use them as He had been? Through much discernment

with their church groups and the diocese, the Lord made it clear to these families that this was His plan for their lives as His disciples. All of these families can attest to the fact that God worked out all of the details. He orchestrated everything from selling and renting houses to raising financial support with such miraculous precision and peace that they could not doubt God’s calling for Bill, Marcus, Dagnall, Rob, and Jason to attend Nashotah

to be leaders in the Church. Bill, a Senior, was chosen to be Head Chapel Scholar on campus, and Dagnall and Rob, Middlers, and Jason, a Junior, were honored to be chosen as Chapel Scholars as well, a position that only goes to two seminarians per class. As Chapel Scholars, they manage all areas of the campus chapels, St. Mary’s Chapel and the historic Red Chapel, from ordering supplies to planning the services. Along with his position



Back Row (From Left): Bill Breedlove, Susan Morgan Breedlove, William Free, Dagnall Free, Jacob Kaiser, Marcus Kaiser, Shawna Collins, Jason Collins, Rob Kunes. Front Row (From Left): Talley Breedlove, Mary Breedlove, Emma Free, Sallie Free, Kim Kaiser, James Kaiser, Duncan Collins, Hannah Collins, Robert Kunes, Julie Kunes.

House seminary in order to prepare for a life of ordained ministry.

Since the Morgan Breedloves, the Kaisers, the Frees, the Kuneses, and the Collins have moved to Nashotah House, they can see the ways in which the Lord is using this place to help them grow and prepare for ordained ministry. Following the model of St. Benedict, Nashotah House seminarians live, pray, and work together. They live on campus with their families. They begin each day with Morning Prayer and Eucharist and end each day with Evening Prayer. On Thursday afternoons, families gather with the seminarians for Evening Prayer and Eucharist together. Seminarians are supported in their role as servants by their required duties around campus. They are all assigned to work crews that clean the campus on a weekly basis. They also have the opportunity to acquire scholarship positions that prepare them

as a Choral Scholar, Marcus, a Senior, is head Refectorian, which is a seminary word for “cafeteria manager.” This is an important leadership role in a community that shares two meals a day, has monthly community dinners, and hosts numerous special events in the refectory.

Perhaps the biggest lesson these seminarians and their families have learned so far is the true meaning of discipleship. It’s not only about finding your strengths and using them to spread the Gospel. It’s about listening to God and allowing Him teach you and use you as you grow and work to spread His kingdom. Whether it’s a calling to invest in winter gear and move to seminary in Wisconsin or to leave your comfort zone and work in an unfamiliar ministry, the Lord has a perfect plan for all of His people.



St. Stephen’s Provides Mosquito Nets Which Will Save Lives

St. Stephen’s Church, Charleston, recently held a multi-week promotion encouraging members to provide 100 insecticide-treated mosquito nets which would help prevent malaria in sub-Saharan Africa. The promotion, run by Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Parish Representative Dusty Parker, was a success, as parishioners provided 102 nets, at a cost of \$12 each. Experts in the health field say that each net, which is infused with an insecticide in the netting material which kills the infection-carrying mosquitoes, can be expected to actually save three (3) children’s lives. What a wonderful gift for the parishioners of St. Stephen’s to

provide! The new nets remain effective for five years, and the \$12 includes the cost of providing training so the recipients understand how to utilize the nets. Both adults and children were involved in the promotion and learned about malaria and how the nets can save lives. The congregation surpassed its initial goal of providing 100 nets. Thank you, members of St. Stephen’s.

Would your church be interested in this effort? St. Stephen’s wonders if any other church in our diocese can beat their accomplishment. Perhaps an ECW or a Youth Group could take the responsibility for a similar campaign. I would be happy to help any church that is interested in this project. I can even provide a sample net for their usage. Malaria kills about 3000 children every day in Africa. Until a vaccine is perfected, these nets represent the best defense against this deadly disease. Our diocese has the wherewithal to be a leader in saving young lives which would otherwise be lost to malaria.

Remember, “Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” Matthew 25.

ERD is One of Highest Rated Charities

Episcopal Relief and Development recently announced that it has earned the top four star rating from Charity Navigator, the agency that rates charities for sound fiscal management. Only 25% of charities earn this top rating. We can all be proud of this commendation which enhances confidence that ERD uses money wisely. Remember, 92 cents out of every dollar donated goes directly toward ERD’s many programs.

You can learn more about ERD’s work by visiting www.er-d.org. You can make an online donation, or you can mail a check to ERD, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. You can designate that your donation be spent for a specific purpose, or you can let ERD decide where it can best be used. In these troubling economic times, it may be tempting to cut back on charitable donations. If at all possible, I urge you to look for savings elsewhere. ERD, as well as other charities, needs our help now, perhaps more than ever. Thank you for your support.

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Chef Stephen Boyle Resigns from St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

After 17 years, Stephen Boyle has resigned from the staff of St. Christopher to devote more time to his family. “We give thanks to God for Steve’s ministry,” says Chris Warner, the Rector of St. Christopher. “He will be missed by me, by our staff and by the many guests who have been touched by his gifts, his presence and personality over the years. We trust that the Lord is leading Steve and will keep him in prayer for the journey ahead. We also trust that God will bring just the right person to fill the new opening. While Steve’s leaving brings sadness and loss we look with hope to God’s provision for the future.” Ned Collins, Director of Service Ministries with St. Christopher adds, “If the way to a man’s heart is through his stomach, Chef Steve has won tens of thousands of hearts. And on top of that his energy, service and generosity have sown lifelong friendships. He will be sorely missed by all.”

CHES - Providing Medical Care for the Uninsured and Underinsured

A Social Ministries Highlight

By George Bush, Jr., Member, Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston

Community Health and Education Support Services (CHES) serves uninsured, and underinsured, people within the 29403 zip code of East Charleston. Many in this community suffer from one or more chronic diseases, and most do not have the financial resources to afford necessary health services.

I serve as a medical social worker with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) Region 7 (www.scdhec.net) where our mission is to promote and protect the health

of the public and environment. In 2007, I organized a coalition of churches in the 29403 zip code to work with DHEC Region 7 in order to launch CHES. The coalition members include Calvary Episcopal Church, Zion-Olivet Presbyterian Church, and Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. That first year, we received a grant of \$2,000 from the Department of Social Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina; and CHES began operating in the conference room of Calvary's Administration Building, on January 8, 2008.

Project CHES operates Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. To date, CHES has provided medical and health support services to 136 patients. Most received some level of prescription assistance. Eighty percent suffer from diseases classified as chronic, including diabetes, hypertension, asthma, etc. Sixteen percent were

being treated for cancer; namely, colon or prostate cancer.

CHES is staffed entirely by volunteers whom we train to serve as "patient advocates." Patient advocates are respon-



Prior to losing her job Mrs. Albertha Johnson, above left, was able to cover her own medical expenses. Patient Advocate Veronica Sheppard assists her with enrollment.

sible for interviewing and assessing patients' medical and health support needs. I oversee CHES in a non-paid position, allocated through DHEC Region 7. As such I provide all of the technical support for CHES and serve as a master's level medical social worker.

The Future of CHES and How You Can Help

CHES provides services in an ecumenical manner. The target population is the medically at-risk patient pool. Beginning in January of 2009, CHES will launch an aggressive campaign to identify and provide preventive health support services to potential colorectal and prostate cancer patients, within CHES's current caseload. Also, CHES will begin providing eye exams and eyeglasses assistance. CHES's budget for



The Diocesan Daughters of the King gather at St. Thomas', North Charleston for their Fall Assembly. BILL BARUTIO

Fall Gatherings of the Diocesan Daughters of the King

By Vicky Armes
Diocesan DOK President

The St. Katherine of Siena Chapter of the Daughters of the King at St. Thomas Church, North Charleston, served as the host chapter for the Diocesan Daughters' Fall Assembly on September 20. Following introductions and a welcome by Nancy Potter, Chapter President, elections were held for the new Diocesan DOK officers, who will be installed in September, 2009. Elected were: Elaine Crafton (President); Nancy Barutio (1st Vice-President); Kathy House (2nd Vice-President), and Jean Mixon (Treasurer).

The Rev. Jim Taylor, Rector at St. Thomas, North Charleston, and the Rev. Greg Snyder, Rector at St. John's, John's Island, were the morning speakers. Father Jim's teaching, "Don't Worry, Be Happy in the Lord," was based on Matthew 6: 25-34. Father Greg's teaching addressed "The Spectrum of Service" with references of service as found in the New Testament. Enhancing the wonderful teachings was the praise and worship music led by Brenda Albinger, Minister

of Music at St. Thomas, and DOK Lindy Kirk. The DOK chapters from Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston and St. Mary's, Goose Creek, provided delicious breakfast foods and beverages for the morning gathering and break-time. The St. Thomas' ECW assisted the DOK with a wonderful salad lunch. Bishop Mark Lawrence preached the homily and celebrated the Eucharist at the closing service. It was truly another spirit-filled day for the 100-plus Daughters representing 26 chapters!

The Province IV DOK Fall Assembly

The Province IV DOK Fall Assembly at Kanuga October 6 to 10 was well attended by the Diocesan DOK. Enjoying the fall ambience of Kanuga were Elaine Crafton, Betsy Tezza, Elizabeth Tezza, Nancy Scales, Beau Lachicotte, Tommie Hughes, "Kits" Jones, Augusta Nadol, Nancy Barutio, Kathy House, Jane Hiestler, Helen Reardon, Lindy Kirk, Vicky Armes, and Bishop Bill Skilton, who is the Province IV Chaplain. The Rev. Becca Stevens was the keynote speaker for the week. Her topic was "The Richness of Thistles; the Extravagance of Service." In addition to being a writer

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Christian Men's Conference

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years ago, I wondered how it could deliver on what my friends said it would mean to me," says Chip Bateson, of Church of the Resurrection, Surfside. "I am pleased to say that it did deliver and it surpassed even what I had hoped. I had been carrying so many burdens about my personal and professional life that I felt like I was simply 'spinning my wheels' but staying in one place. I discovered that weekend that there were plenty of other stories just like mine - and each one of us carries burdens that we need to lay down.

"Each conference I have attended has had a different but profound effect on my life. The first year I attended, I was carrying so much anger and unforgiveness at people in my life, but Jesus had other plans for me. Those plans were to use me to minister to those people for whom I held that unforgiveness. Jesus' plan was to use me to point them to Him. I can honestly say that there was no way I would have heard that message if I had not been in the room with so many Godly men praying along side of me. Few, if any, knew what I was experienc-

ing, but I felt their prayers and knew I was going to change.

"I am positive that it is because I attended those first few conference weekends that I was able to stand firm in my faith when my mom was diagnosed with terminal cancer. There is an undeniable strength that comes from Godly men gathering around each other to withstand the spiritual battles that surround us all. Without that gathering, we are trying to fight a battle that is

not ours to fight, and I learned from the Men's Conference that I don't have to stand alone any more. I learned that there are others who have experienced what I am experiencing so they can show me how a Godly man grows in every situation. I came to realize that there are also those who can learn from what I have gone through as well. Each of us has a story to tell that can help someone else.

"A brother tells me that he uses the conference to set the spiritual tone for his entire year. I like that. However, I also like to think that God knows to meet me wherever I need to be met. He always has at the Christian Men's Conference."

Each conference has had a profound effect on my life.

Christian Men's Conference Registration Information

The deadline for registering for the Christian Men's Retreat is February 6, 2008. All lodging will be assigned on a first come, first served basis. Requests for lodging must accompany the full fee. If you wish to be housed with a particular individual(s), it is necessary that all your registration forms and fees be mailed

in the same envelope. Those indicating "handicapped" will be housed in the Conference Center Handicap Accessible rooms, if available, otherwise Seabrook Golf Villas will be assigned. Those desiring a scholarship should contact our registrar, Kory Hall, at the number right. Make checks payable to

"Christian Men's Conference." All registration forms will be acknowledged upon receipt, including lodging assignment. If you do not receive an acknowledgement within 10 days contact Kory Hall at (843) 602-6448 or kmhall@sc.rr.com.

Christian Men's Conference, February 20-22, 2009

Name (to appear on nametag): _____ Age: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephones: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Home Church: _____ Denomination: _____
 Dietary Restrictions/Physical Needs: _____
 * Do you require Handrails/Elevator access? _____
 Lodging, per person (all meals included): (check one)
 Cabin (bunk bed, shared bath) \$120
 (Bring own pillow, sheets, blankets and bath linens)
 Lodge (double bed, private bath) \$180
 Seabrook Villas (twin/double/queen/king bed, private bath) \$230
 Commuter Fee \$110
 I would like to share a room with: _____
 I am willing to serve as a small group leader. Yes No
 I would like to donate \$ _____ to the scholarship fund.

Date rec: _____
 Amt. Rec: _____
 Chk #: _____
 Database: _____

Do not mail this form to the Diocesan office. Mail it with your full fee to: Christian Men's Conference, C/O Kory Hall, PO Box 14548, Surfside Beach, SC 29587. Additional information online at www.dioceseofsc.org.



Above, from left, Blake (10), Zhanna (9), Tim, Yasmin(1) Lori and Brian (2)

KENDALL SHOWS

By Lori Hamilton, St. Paul's, Summerville

Our family may be typical of other families. I'll describe us and you can decide.

We have four children – all of whom are adopted. We have two mortgages – one is our home and one is our business. We have a home equity line of credit – this includes two of our adoptions, two HVAC units (one in each of our mortgages) and the renovation of our home. Thankfully, we have no car payments. If you have seen our cars, that should come as no surprise. Thankfully we have no credit card debt.

So that's the Hamilton family, financially speaking, in a nutshell.

The other day we received a note in the mail from Compassion International asking us to send Brandon (our sponsored child in El Salvador) \$18 for Christmas. I set the letter aside. Then, two days later, I got the same note by e-mail. I deleted it. This was not part of our new budget. (We now sit at the feet of Dave Ramsey each Sunday evening so we KNOW what our budget is). This money for Brandon did not fit. There was no line item for this.

Blake, my older son, and I were talking today about the request from Compassion International. Our older

children know that we are living under a budget and that if you're not on the budget, you're not getting any money from us right now.

Brandon is on the budget, for \$32 each month. His Christmas gift of \$18 is not on the budget. Maybe, unlike your budget if you have one, you have a category called "blow money." We have that category in our budget, but there is a \$0 beside it. Besides our tithe to the church, our budget doesn't contain any other "charitable giving" besides the \$32 that goes to Brandon each month. There was no other category from which to take \$18 and send it to El Salvador.

So Blake and I began talking about what our family could buy with \$18 and we made a list. These are the items that we could buy if we did not give it to Brandon: the new music CD that we recently heard on the radio; a pair of jeans; Friday night pizza delivery (didn't want to cook that night anyway); the new book at the front table at Barnes and Noble; two movie tickets to the "must see" flick; one DVD that we just had to own; two handstamps at the Fair; five gallons of gas (at the moment of this writing); a case of beer (Tim had come home by now and added this one)

Then Blake and I talked about how much our family spends on things such as home, food, transportation, utilities, and clothing. In any given week we spend about \$165 on food. We don't spend a lot on gas because we walk, run and ride bikes just about everywhere. Our utility bills are over \$400/month (we live in an old home) and our mortgage is over \$1,000 a month.

We would tell you that our family is "making it" but we're not among the rich or the famous. By American standards, we're doing okay, not awesome.

Then we did a little more research and found out that in El Salvador where Brandon lives, a typical textile or industry worker makes 0.63/hour or \$5.04/day or just over \$151/month. Blake and I were floored. We started thinking about what Brandon's family could do with \$18. We were pretty sure that Brandon wouldn't buy a DVD, movie tickets or pizza. Eighteen dollars is 12% of his family's monthly income so we're pretty sure that they could buy food for a week. Maybe they could pay their rent or at least part of it. Maybe they could buy new shoes for his mom, his aunt, and his sister.

Suddenly that \$18 seemed pretty important – like it could make a REAL difference in someone's life. Someone who would say we are rich. Someone who would say we have it all.

We mailed Compassion International a check for \$18 (taking that amount from our "food" line item in the budget) and it seemed so small and so insignificant at this point. But we bet at Christmas, Brandon will feel like a millionaire.

Please support your sponsored child this Christmas and bless you for having sponsored a child.



Christmas Store Donations Needed for York Place

For the past four years, the friends of York Place have donated new or gently used items for York Place's Christmas Store. The children earn Christmas Store dollars through a point system so they can buy gifts for family and loved ones at this store. The children would not otherwise be able to give gifts at Christmas time and they truly see that it is better to give than receive. The children's faces light up when they are able to shop for their families.

York Place needs our help to make this store possible. Please clean out your closets and donate items that you can spare - anything is appreciated. Bishop Salmon recently sent them a box of items. The children and staff thank you for donating and helping to make Christmas a joyous and meaningful time of year for the children.

Please help make this the best Christmas Store ever!

For further information, contact Vonda Williams at York Place – 803-684-4011 x 1026.



Front Row, from left: Michaela Burnett, Maddy Briggs, Kristopher Hackett, Glen Sutherland, Molly McCarthy, Derek Grice. Back Row: Baron Fain, Philip Dixon, Frank Lachicotte, Sarah Mikell, the Rev. Tommy Allen and the Rev. Drew Collins.

Order of Saint Vincent Chapter Installed at The Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg

On Wednesday, October 8, the Rev. Tommy Allen installed a chapter of The Order of Saint Vincent at The Church of the Holy Cross in Stateburg.

"As a teenager, acolyting was the one thing that brought God and my life into focus," said Glen Sutherland, the parish's Youth Director.

"I liked the regulation, the clarity, the order, and the close participation in the liturgy," he continues. "The reason we installed an Order of Saint Vincent

chapter here at The Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg, is to encourage proficiency in liturgical duties, and establish daily prayer and reading of the Scriptures as the expected standard for our lay ministers. We are also hoping that we can send our members out to participate in Diocesan events wherever acolytes and lay readers are needed. I want them, especially the younger folks to understand their importance to the local parish, and their importance to the diocese."

The 46th Chapter of the Daughters of the King

On July 20, 2008, The Reverend Arthur Jenkins instituted the Ruth Chapter of St. James Episcopal Church into the Order of the Daughters of the King. Diocesan DOK President, Vicky Armes presented the Charter to Father Jenkins and presented the six new members and the three Daughters-at Large for admission. Following the blessing of the Charter and the service of admission, the Diocesan First Vice President, Elaine Crafton placed a cross on each of the new Daughters. The newly elected officers installed were: Tomi Crafton Moore, President; Shannon Sears, Vice President; Jane Read, Secretary; and Maxine Swafford, Treasurer. Daughters from St. John's, John's Island; Daughters-at-large, and Lindy Kirk, Province IV Vice-President were also in attendance.

DOK Gatherings

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and the chaplain at St. Augustine's Chapel, Vanderbilt, Becca, who is a DOK, is the founder of Magdalene, a residential community for women with a criminal history of prostitution and drug abuse, and Thistle Farms, a cottage industry of bath and body products run by and for the women of Magdalene. This time apart, seeking a deeper relationship with God and each other truly gave those in attendance the impetus to become better Servants of His within our parishes, communities, and Diocese.

SAT Course Offered

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parishioners, they were able to offer the students a small stipend. "Both Anna and Shawn were excellent teachers," Foster commented.

When asked about their experience as tutors they felt that they had made a difference in the lives of the students. "I hope that I've managed to help the students achieve greater things for themselves by helping them prepare for the SAT," said Anna. Sean added, "I've had a good time helping the students prepare for the SAT. From the beginning to the end, the progress the students have made is great."

This program was made possible in part through funding from the Social Ministries Department of The Diocese of South Carolina. Foster commented that without Ed Dyckman's support, the support of his Rector, Father Michael E. Ridgill, and the parishioners of St. Bartholomew's, the SAT program would have remained a dream.

"This program worked because, as Father Michael suggested to me when I met with him to discuss this program, our outreach should seek to meet the needs of those we serve, not fulfill what we feel people need. As one parent told me after receiving her son's SAT scores that this thirty dollars was the best thirty dollars she spent. Thus, proof that offering this program for the students met the needs of not only our parishioners, but also the members of our community," said Foster.

Healing Farm Ministries Hosts Caregiver Retreat, January 16-17

Healing Farm Ministries is hosting another Caregiver Retreat at beautiful St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island. The event will begin Friday evening,

dress issues specific to caregivers. When you choose to set aside this time to bask in His love, you and those you care for will be blessed.

The cost is \$95.00 per person. This



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"I needed this in so many ways I can't begin to describe them all," commented one participant. Above, caregivers gather for a small group session on the deck overlooking the beach at St. Christopher.

January 16 and end Saturday afternoon, January 17.

The retreat is for any woman who finds it her privilege to be a caregiver for someone: parents caring for disabled or chronically ill children, spouses caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's, adult children caring for aging parents, or a busy mom keeping up with busy children!

The retreat is about discovering God's love for us and how we must extend that love to others. Some people are a joy to love, others are difficult to love, and we all know people who seem humanly impossible to love. In all those relationships, one truth endures: We will never be able to love others well until we have been loved well. And only God can ultimately give us the complete love we so desperately need.

The retreat will include teaching sessions, wonderful fellowship, excellent meals, inspired praise and worship and small group discussions designed to ad-

includes a semi-private room, meals, study materials and lots of fun.

Register online at www.healingfarm.org or call 843-971-9300 for more information.

Because of housing limitations, this retreat is limited to women only. If you are a man who serves as a caregiver and are interested in retreat and/or spiritual growth opportunities, or you know someone who is, please call the number above so we can keep you in mind for future offerings.

Ministry Money Available

Do you need ministry money for an event at your church to inspire local outreach or domestic mission in 2009? If yes, email edward.dyckman@att.net or call 843-367-5647. Money is available to help pay for publicity, speakers, refreshments, music, and/or entertainment to fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Building for Christ

From Generation to Generation

Dear friends in Christ:

I wrote to you in April to ask for your support for "Building for Christ—From Generation to Generation," a new effort to support our local congregations and new creative ministry ventures, especially those that have an international dimension within the world-wide Anglican Communion. Through these ministry ventures we will lay the foundation for our children and grandchildren—the next generation—to become disciples of Christ and to share the good news across boundaries of race, language and nations. Whether we are adding a new youth room for a growing congregation or enabling a church to enter into a dynamic relationship of missional exchange with a province of Africa, South America or Asia, we are extending the Kingdom. With your participation in Building for Christ—From Generation to Generation, we not only can help lively congregations enter into the next generation of ministry, but we also help the Diocese engage more fully in a global ministry within the Anglican Communion.

I am asking each of you to share at least \$50 out of what the Lord has provided to you in order to further the ministry opportunities of our brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have already given, I thank you. If you have not given your gift yet, I appreciate your prayerful consideration of this opportunity to make this offering. I ask you to become my partner for the Gospel through your gift to Building for Christ—From Generation to Generation, seeking the fruit which increases to your credit, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God.

Please send your gift using the box below or contribute on-line at www.dioceseofsc.org.

Faithfully yours,

The Right Reverend Mark Lawrence
Bishop of the Diocese of SC

I am Building for Christ *from Generation to Generation.*

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Send with your gift to: Building for Christ, Diocese of SC, P.O. Box 20127, Charleston, SC, 29413-0127

Diocese of South Carolina Hires Joy Hunter to Fill New Full-Time Communications Position

As part of an overall diocesan strategy to give greater priority to communications, the diocese is pleased to announce that Mrs. Joy Hunter has been hired as the new full-time Director of Communications and Editor of the *Jubilate Deo*. Dr. Kendall Harmon will continue to work closely with Joy and will now serve as Director of Media Relations and Assistant Editor of the *Jubilate Deo*.

Joy and her husband, Marion, live in Summerville and attend St. Paul's, Summerville, along with their two sons, Samuel (16) and Andrew (12), known baseball enthusiasts.

"Joy brings a warm Christian faith and a dedicated servant's heart to this important ministry," said Dr. Harmon.

"We are very blessed to have her as the new diocesan e-newsletter well illustrates."

Readers who wish to contact Joy may do so at 109 Arbor Road, Summerville, SC 29485, via email at jhunter@dioceseofsc.org or by phone at (843) 873-0041.



Prepared for Crisis Crisis Intervention Training Offered

By Jean McDowell

The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy co-hosted the Pastoral Crisis Intervention (PCI) Courses I and II the week of October 20-24. The Rev. Rob Dewey, founder of Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, co-authored the courses with Dr. George Everly, co-founder of the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, shortly before the September 11 terrorist attacks. The courses are designed to examine the impact that crisis situations have upon people, be it psychological or spiritual. Course participants learn in a classroom setting with lectures and presentations, as well as by participating in various role-playing scenarios that clergy and laypersons face on a daily basis.

The Rev. Rob Dewey and Eddie Driggers, Staff Chaplain

for Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, are certified instructors for PCI and led the courses in Mt. Pleasant, SC. Both have a background in law enforcement, and Dewey has more than eighteen (18) years of experience in crisis situations. Their combined experiences were helpful to all who attended the courses.

On Monday and Tuesday, students participated in PCI I, learning the basics of how to support individuals and communities during a time of crisis. By role-playing real-life scenarios, the participants were able to get a feel for many of the challenges faced during a time of crisis.

On Wednesday, students worked with the Mt. Pleasant Police Department's SWAT Team to understand more fully



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By role playing various crisis scenarios, participants in the training became better prepared for possible real-life crisis events.

what happens during a hostage situation. While the students did not actively participate in the negotiation aspect of the situation, they learned how to help the law enforcement agents during a hostage situation. By keeping family members and onlookers calm and helping them deal with their emotions, the course participants helped

the law enforcement agents focus more on their job and the situation. They also gathered valuable information from friends and family members of the victims that could help the negotiators and SWAT Team act more effectively and safely.

On Thursday and Friday, students participated in PCI II, delving deeper into the spiritual,

emotional, and psychological impact that tragedies and crisis situations can have on an individual and/or an entire community.

With the rise in crisis situations throughout the diocese, PCI courses are critical for both clergy and lay persons who want to prepare themselves for such circumstances. Unfortunately in times of economic hardship, the crime rate goes up as people get desperate. Even if you are not a Crisis Chaplain, you will most likely be touched by some sort of crisis, either directly or indirectly through one of your parishioners, a family member, a friend, etc. Everyone should be ready to help out in a time of crisis and tragedy. The PCI courses help prepare its participants for that.

For more information on upcoming courses in Pastoral Crisis Intervention or about beginning a Chaplain Ministry, visit www.coastalcrisischaplain.org or contact Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy at (843)724-1212.

Profligate Giving

By The Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore

When I was a little boy, come each August when the dew had not yet settled on the grass, I would lie awake out on the lawn and stare up into the sky. If I saw a shooting star I would rattle off “money, money, money,” as quickly as I could. My parents had told me that if I could get those three words out before the star disappeared, I would someday have a huge salary, and make a lot of money. I guess I never said it fast enough!



Money issues raise the level of angst to new heights, and in the midst of our current whirlpool economic picture, any talk of giving only increases a sense of guilt and frustration. The Internal Revenue Service was surprised to receive a letter that said: “Dear Sirs: I cannot sleep. Last year, when I filed my income tax return, I deliberately misrepresented my income. Now I cannot sleep. Enclosed is a check for \$150 for taxes. If I still cannot sleep, I will send you the rest!”

Money should be a subject we talk about freely. As Pope John Paul II said in *Centesimus Annus*, after the failure of Communism, capitalism should be the goal of rebuilding countries. So why should a Christian hesitate to talk about money? The real challenge is to wrestle with what moral principles should guide our thinking about getting, having, spending, and giving money.

Jesus’ words in Luke 12 focus on the concept of exchange: you have received the greatest gift in all the world, but the only way to keep that free gift is paradoxically to become a profligate giver: “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Lk. 12:32-34)

Jesus understood money all too well. He knew that money gives security, comfort, and excitement. It governs our life direction. It provides us with an identity. It gives us a value system that is shared by

our society. It’s the glue that pretty much holds everything together. Money, in other words, is “god” in our culture. That is why the only other god that he ever mentioned by name was Mammon. “You cannot serve God and Mammon.”

But if he did not mean that we are all to become paupers and beggars, leaving all behind to follow him, he did mean that since we have received the sheer gift of the kingdom (Jesus’ rule of love and justice that is our present experience of salvation) the only way to know this practically is to become profligate givers.

When I first made this discovery, as a young man, it changed my thinking about giving. Instead of seeing giving as a commandment or a law, I saw it as an opportunity to share my joy in the kingdom. When I studied the Bible I discovered that in the New Testament, there really are no commandments about giving – not even about tithing. There are a lot of examples, though, and these examples continue to challenge me.

Giving:
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The first example is that of the Macedonian Christians. In 2 Corinthians 8 we read that although they were terribly poor, they gathered a huge amount of money and sent it to the believers in Jerusalem – people with whom they had almost nothing in common except Jesus Christ. This is what we might call the example of “koinonia.” Koinonia, is the Greek word for “fellowship.” We are bound to one another, so that if we have what our brother needs, we want to do something about it.

Many decades ago I founded a ministry to share the Gospel with students in independent secondary schools. One summer, we cancelled a conference and were asked to pay the deposit – \$400, the equivalent of four times that today. Reluctantly, I sent the \$400. Then a few weeks later I got a letter from a missionary couple in Tanzania who said that they had been moved by the vision that I had shared with them earlier that summer. Out of the envelope dropped a check for \$400. Here were missionaries in Africa sending money so that we could reach the children of affluence with the Gospel. That was koinonia at work.

Another biblical example I find is that of the Jubilee. Every 50th year, a major transfer of wealth took place in Israel. Debts were to be forgiven. Mortgages wiped off the books. Property returned to the original owners. Indentured ser-



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vants set free. The Jubilee was God’s way of teaching his people that property was never really “theirs.” Everything they had was “on loan” for a period of time. And so back it went during the Jubilee year.

This kind of giving focuses not so much on income, but capital. It is giving that happens when we realize that nothing we have really belongs to us. That painting that grandmother willed to you. That antique silver set that was passed on. You don’t need another one. That appreciated piece of property. That stock of yours that has – yes -- grown. That inheritance you received. They have enhanced your net worth. Why not give a portion of that to show that your real treasure is the kingdom?

In Acts 4 Luke tells us of a man named Barnabas who sells a piece of property and donates the proceeds to the Apostles. That so touched the Apostles that from that time forward he was given the nickname, “Son of encouragement.”

Finally, there’s the tithe. Israelites were to send one tenth of their crops, or their yearly income, to the work of the Temple. When they did this, they would be blessed. When they didn’t, they wouldn’t. While Jesus didn’t appear to teach that every believer was to give exactly a tenth, can we doubt that was in the back of his mind? As a faithful Jew, Jesus surely practiced it himself.

“Bring the full tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house; and thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” (Mal. 3:10).

The tithe has been the standard for Christians for centuries. At the beginning of the year, you simply figure out what your income is and set a certain percentage of it aside for the Lord. It is proportional, and it should be sufficient

enough for you to discover where your heart really is.

If you start tithing it will feel like profligate giving: wild, reckless, even crazy. But it’s quite do-able and it brings big dividends. A youth minister I know received a check in the mail for \$24.35. It was the first of a series of similar checks from a kid in his youth group who had his first summer’s job, and even though his Dad had just lost his job, he wanted to give to the ministry that had so touched his life.

Where should we send the tithe? That will be the subject of my third and final article. Certainly it should be sent to a ministry that advances the Kingdom of God. For what that might be, stay tuned.

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Global Partnerships

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events. They will be visiting us again in January. Dean Pusey, Diocesan Youth Officer in Southwark, England, was our guest at an Anglican Youth Ministry training event we hosted a few years ago in Charlotte, NC. I also spent time with Dean in his diocese during my sabbatical last summer. Southwark is a very different diocese from South Carolina, given that it covers urban and suburban areas of south London. Youth ministries there range from urban projects to affluent church youth groups.

Bishop Lawrence, following his time at the Lambeth conference, has strongly encouraged our vision for global partnerships. From that time with other Bishops, he has encouraged our churches, deaneries, and diocese to forge relations with Anglicans around the world. We are consequently working to establish strong ties with youth ministry leaders in Australia, Uganda, Central Europe, and wherever else the Lord may open doors.

Job Openings Around the Diocese

Head Chef, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center Seabrook Island

The ministry of Food Services at St. Christopher is seeking a new leader. The new Head Chef must be a fully committed Christian. He or she must have extensive leadership experience in the kitchen in both the “front” and the “back” of the “house.” This person will be responsible for year-round, daily, serving of meals to school groups as large as 200 and conference groups as large as 120. This person will pray for the kitchen staff and lead them spiritually and professionally. He or she will supervise or perform all of the following standard duties: inventory, meal plans, ordering, stocking, staff scheduling, staff management (including time

cards and payroll), cooking and cleaning, DEHEC compliance, special diet requests, picnics at the pavilion, preparation of budgets, processing of invoices, maintaining equipment, as well as maintaining the kitchen and two dining halls. This person will also attend weekly managers’ meetings and stay current with the variety of ministries underway on-site and throughout the Diocese. Apply for position by contacting Ned Collins, Director of Service Ministries at or (843) 343-2593.

Children’s Ministry Director Prince George Episcopal Church, Georgetown

Prince George Episcopal Church in Georgetown is seeking a Children’s Ministry Director. This is an exciting op-

portunity to lead, develop and grow an established children’s ministry in a busy, active, Gospel-centered church. We seek a person who believes Scripture to be the Word of God, and has energy, drive, vision, organizational skills and a heart to see children meet with Jesus and grow in faith. Salary negotiable, based on qualifications and experience. Please send your resume to The Rev. Andy Morgan at andy@pgwinyah.org or Prince George Episcopal Church, P.O. Box 674, Georgetown, SC 29442.

Youth Pastor Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach

Trinity Episcopal Church, Myrtle Beach is seeking a motivated, faithful, and energetic full-time youth pastor for their

high school and middle school youth groups. This person must be able to help facilitate family-based ministry. He or she must be able to mentor youth and lead them into life-long discipleship, following Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Youth Pastor must also be a passionate and competent Bible teacher who can relate the unchanging truths of scripture to the ever-changing tides of youth culture. Applicants interested in this position can email a copy of their resumes to friain@scoast.net. Please feel free to call (843) 448-8426 if you have any questions.

Music Leader All Saints’, Florence

All Saints’, Florence, is searching for a permanent, part-time

Music Leader. The ideal candidate is an experienced and enthusiastic music leader who has a growing relationship with Christ and is effective in connecting others to God. This is a salaried position. Visit www.dioceseofsc.org to learn more. Send resumes and vocal/music samples to: Mark Riggs at markriggs@allsaintsflorence.org.

Nursery Worker St. George’s, Summerville

St. George’s, Summerville, is looking to expand its nursery by adding two more people to the staff. This would be a rotation schedule, with individuals working every other Sunday and some evenings. E-mail Beth Warren at beth.warren2@gmail.com or call her (843) 873-0772 if interested.

St. Stephen's, Charleston, Funds Outreach Chairs for Change

By Linda Williams

On Sunday, November 2, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Anson Street hosted an Auction and House Tour to benefit five Outreach Partners, the Florence Crittenton Programs, Star Gospel Mission, the Low Country Food Bank ("Back Pack Buddies Program"), the Charleston Area Seniors Center, and Magdalene House. This year's theme was "Chairs for Change" where chairs with "character" were rescued from curbside trash or consignment shops and restored, then handed over to Charleston's art community to be painted in whatever style the artist chose.

All in all twenty pieces of one-of-a-kind collectible furniture were painted by sixteen artists and friendly competitive bidding marked the culmination of the event in the Live Auction under a tent.

Two celebrity chairs were in the mix: one which resembled City Hall by Artist Mary Lou Thomson and signed by Mayor Joe Riley, and a Caleb Yarborough NASCAR chair painted by Artist Jan Van Norte and signed by Caleb. Three homes and four gardens were open for visitors to view and then return easily to the bidding.

A Preview Party preceded the Auction during the prior week. Held at a

beautifully restored property at 63 Society, the theme of "transformation" was underscored by the Rector, David Williams, in his comments to guests, generous homeowners, and gifted artists. Old furniture can easily be transformed into



From left, The Rev. Richard Dick Thomson, the Rev. David Williams, Linda Williams, Mayor Joe Riley, Mary Lou Thomson (the artist), Jan Van Norte.

usable and fine pieces of art; the home in which the Patrons' Party was held is a visible sign of several transformations over the years, and "those whom we seek to serve will have the opportunity for transforming their own lives as a result of our efforts."

Dr. Williams emphasized the reciprocal nature of the relationships with the Outreach Partners. Each was asked to assist in selling tickets to both the Preview Party and the Sunday Auction. Several of the partners assisted by providing needed tables and serving as docents for the tour homes.

The Calendar

Drop-in Open House for Clergy of the Diocese, December 12
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York Place Children Present, "The Birthday Gift," December 12
Join the staff and children at York Place for their annual Christmas play on Friday, December 12 at 10:30 a.m. Lunch will be served afterwards. Confirm your attendance by calling Carolyn Smarr at (803) 684-4011, ext. 1014, or e-mail her at carolyn.smarr@yorkplace.org.

"Blue Christmas" Liturgies, December 10, 17
See page three.

"Sounds of Joy" Christmas Concert, December 14
Holy Trinity in Charleston is offering their 2nd annual "Sounds of Joy" Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 14 at 6 p.m. Admission is free. A love offering will benefit HALOS (Helping and Lending Outreach Support) and support outreach to abused and neglected individuals. Call (843) 556-2560 for further information.

Next Steps Database Training, December 17, January 14
The Next Steps Database allows for greater coordination and interaction among ministries and agencies designed to help families and individuals in need. Visit www.socialministries.com to learn more.

A Christmas Encore, December 21
St. Stephens Church, St. Stephen is presenting "A Christmas Encore of Psaltary, Organ, and Song" on Sunday, December 21 at 6 p.m. The event is free and all are welcome. For more information call (843) 567-3419 or visit ststephenschurchsc.org.

Oyster Roast, January 10
St. Matthias' in Summerton will be hosting an Oyster Roast to benefit their Montessori Pre-School, January 10 at 6 p.m. at the Flowers Tomato Shed on K.W. Hodge Road off Highway 301 in Summerton. Call the Church for additional information, (803) 485-2504.

Mere Anglicanism Conference, January 15-17
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Time for Healing Conference, January 16-17
See page six.

Caregivers Retreat, January 16-17
See page fourteen.

Beth Moore Study, January 21-April 1
St. Philip's Church, Charleston will offer the new Beth Moore Study, "Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman" on Wednesdays, January 21 - April 1 from 12 noon - 2 p.m. Cost for the study book is \$15.00. Call the church office at (843) 722-7734 to reserve your book if you are planning to attend.

Never Too Late: Encouraging Faith in Your Child, January 23-24
See page six.

Day of Healing Prayer, January 24
St. Michael's, Charleston, will host their 35th Day of Healing Prayer on January 24 from 8:45 a.m. until 2 p.m. The theme for this gathering is forgiveness. The cost is \$10.00 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Call the church office at (843) 723-0603 or visit www.stmichaelschurch.net for more information.

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy's 18th Annual Banquet, January 27
The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy will be having their 18th Annual Banquet, Tuesday, January 27, at the Embassy Suites and Convention Center in North Charleston. The cost per seat is \$50. To learn more call (843) 724-1212 or visit www.coastalcrisis-chaplain.org.

Diocesan ECW Retreat, January 30-February 1
See page seven.

Absalom Jones Day Celebration, February 13-14
The annual celebration of Absalom Jones Day in the Diocese of South Carolina is NOT just for African Americans. It is the celebration for all members of the Diocese to commemorate the life and accomplishments of a great man of God, an orator, an abolitionist, a dynamic preacher, and a great pastor. Details about the celebration to follow.

Diocesan Men's Conference, February 20-22
See page one.

218th Diocesan Convention, March 12-13
The 218th Diocesan Convention will begin Thursday evening, March 12 at 5 p.m. with a Eucharist at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant. Following the service we will adjourn to Patriots Point in Mt. Pleasant for a reception on the Yorktown. On Friday, March 13 registration will begin at 7 a.m. at Christ Church and the business session will begin at 9 a.m. with opening prayers. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided on Friday. Visitors are welcome, but space is limited. More details will follow.

Prince George, Winyah, Plantation Tours and Tea, April 3-4
The 62nd Annual Plantation Tours of plantations and town houses in and near Georgetown will be held April 3 & 4, 2009. The majority of the plantations and town houses are privately owned and graciously shared with the Episcopal Church Women of Prince George, Winyah, Parish once a year. A different group of homes is on tour each day.

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