

# Jubilate Deo

The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

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## Consecration Deferred

Announcement Regarding Bishop-elect Mark Lawrence's Consecration Date

**D**ue to the fact that the expiration date for the consent process is not until March 9, 2007, the tentative consecration date of February 24, 2007, for Bishop-elect Mark Lawrence has been postponed until after Easter. This deferment is necessary because of unanticipated delays in the mailing of the Consent Requests to Diocesan Bishops and Standing Committees which did

not occur until the second week of November 2006. We look forward to setting a date certain for Fr. Lawrence's consecration in the near future after consultation with the Presiding Bishop's Office of The Episcopal Church.

The Rev. J. Haden McCormick  
*President of the Standing Committee*  
Diocese of South Carolina

## The Rev. Chris Warner to Take the Reins of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

**T**he Search Committee for the new leader at Camp St. Christopher is pleased to announce that the Rev. Chris Warner, former Associate at



Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, will be the new leader at the camp. "We received a number of resumes and interviewed several highly-qualified candidates,"

said the Rev. Shay Gaillard, Chairman of the Search Committee. "We are excited to have Chris coming on board." He will begin his duties early in March.

Amidst the nature and beauty of a barrier island, St. Christopher is located on Seabrook Island, a quick 45 minutes from Charleston. The Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina has been offering programs on the 300 acre site

since 1938. Their year-round facilities and services include meeting, lodging, dining, worship, program, and recreation.

Included in the role of Visionary Spiritual Leader for the Camp, are maintaining and promoting relationships within the Diocese, overseeing 60+ staff members, Summer Camp ministry, Barrier Island Environmental Education Program, and the Conference Center.



## Understanding the Delay

A Letter From Bishop-elect Lawrence to his Parish

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

Since our move to Charleston has been twice postponed, and most recently, postponed without a departure date in mind, many parishioners may wonder what is happening with my election as Bishop of South Carolina. It is clear at this point that I will not be consecrated on February 24th. I know this will cause problems for many of you who have scheduled flights and lodging. It saddens me that your plans have been disrupted. This delay has also affected the vestry's ability to plan for the future. But since you are in a parish whose rector has been thrust into the center of a national and, even, international debate within the Anglican Communion, this is a difficult path we shall share for a season. In a way it is an honor to walk this way with our Lord, if, indeed, it proves to issue in the common good of the Church. We know our Lord desires good to come from this. So let me try to explain in an evenhanded manner what is unfolding.

candidate gets a majority in both the lay and clerical orders. When it is noted that South Carolina elected me as their bishop on the first ballot, it means that I got at least a majority in both orders on the first vote. The process of election however does not end with this vote.

### The National Consent Process

Since a bishop is elected not only for a diocese, but also for the larger Church, there is a national consent process which is guided by the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal

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### The Diocesan Election

When someone is elected as a bishop in The Episcopal Church, he is elected by and for a diocese. While this process may differ slightly from one diocese to another, it usually consists of a procedure made up of clergy and laypersons. Every parish in the diocese has delegates that are sent as representatives to the electing convention. The clergy in the diocese also participate in the election. Various candidates are put forward by the diocese. Usually a candidate must get a majority of votes from both the lay delegates and the resident clergy in order to be elected. It often takes several ballots before a

## Tickets Still Available for the Bishop's Gala

At press time, tickets were still available for the Gala Supper honoring Bishop and Mrs. Salmon on February 16th. If you haven't made reservations yet, please visit the diocesan website at

www.dioceseofsc.org. Don't miss this special opportunity to honor the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr. and give thanks for 17 years of diocesan growth under his leadership.

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## God's Grace in Everyday Life Paul Zahl Keynote Speaker at Men's Retreat

February 23-25, St. Christopher Conference Center

**D**ean and President of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, The Very Rev. Dr. theol. Paul F. M. Zahl, will be the keynote speaker for the 2007 Diocesan Men's Conference. Dr. Zahl will explore the topic "God's Grace in Everyday Life," especially for men. The Rev. Charles Walton will be the Conference Chaplain for the weekend. Nowell Copley, Director of Contemporary Worship at St. Paul's, Summerville, will return to the Men's Conference to lead us in worship.

The Men's Conference is a weekend retreat designed to encourage men of all denominations to a deeper faith in Christ. In addition to solid, Biblical teaching and worship, the weekend features small groups and fellowship events. The great meals, served by Chef Stephen Boyles and his wonderful staff, are always popular.

### Our Speaker

Dr. Zahl, former rector of St. James Church, Charleston, studied at Chapel Hill, Harvard, St. John's College (Nottingham), the University of Nottingham, Trinity College (Bristol), Wycliffe Hall (Oxford) and the University of Tübingen, where he received his doctorate in systematic theology in 1994.



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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.*

The Addiction Recovery Commission of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina and the Church of the Holy Cross

Invite you to a *Recovery Service*



Friday, February 9  
7:00 p.m.  
Church of the Holy Cross  
Daniel Island, SC

Reception immediately following.

For further information visit [www.episcopalrecovery.org](http://www.episcopalrecovery.org)  
Or contact Kim Morgan 270-6160

St. Paul's, Summerville

Tea Room and Gift Shop, March 19-30

If you're in the mood for wonderful food served with plenty of Southern hospitality, don't miss St. Paul's Tea Room and Gift Shop, March 19-30. Open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day except Sunday, the Tea Room promises delicious lunches, delectable desserts, and unique handmade gifts – with all proceeds going to St. Paul's outreach ministries.

The Tea Room lunch, will feature a selection of soups, salads, sandwiches and outstanding homemade desserts. Menu items include okra soup with ham, curried chicken salad, shrimp salad, chicken salad sandwiches, ham with chutney wraps, and St. Paul's "specialty" – tomato pie.

In addition, the Gift Shop will have one-of-a-kind gifts including jewelry, glasses and china, picture frames, note cards, and more. Self-guided tours of St. Paul's historic church and grounds are also encouraged.

Local programs that will receive funds include Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, Palmetto House,



AIDS Ministries, Domestic Abuse Ministries and St. Paul's Medical Outreach Clinic. Worldwide programs include St. Paul's adopted community in Haiti, St. Jacques, Bois Brule, where St. Paul's is building a school and providing medical clinics, Water Missions International, Nkoyooyo Children's Home in Uganda and The Lamb Institute in Honduras.

St. Paul's is located at 316 West Carolina Ave. in Summerville. For more information, call 873-1991 or visit [www.StPaulsSummerville.org](http://www.StPaulsSummerville.org).

Honoring Bishop and Mrs. Salmon

Join us as we gather as a diocese to honor the Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr. and give thanks for 17 years of diocesan growth under his leadership.

February 16 Choral Evensong and Gala Supper

On Friday evening February 16th Choral Evensong will be sung at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, followed by a Gala Supper at Hibernian Hall in Charleston.

February 18 Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving

On Sunday, February 18th a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving will be offered at the Church of the Holy Communion.

Details are listed on the web at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org)

Pray for Me...

By Ed Dyckman  
Department of Social Ministries, Diocese of South Carolina

"Pray for me," were the last words I heard from a clergy member of the Orangeburg Deanery who, that evening, would wrap-up a stewardship campaign at his parish. A small contingent of us from the Diocese's Department of Social Ministries were assembled, along with the members of the Deanery, as they closed their November mid-day gathering and proceeded to go about their business of pastoring. The Orangeburg Deanery had, as the Georgetown Deanery earlier that month, graciously granted us time to present the Department's vision for 2007. We are hopeful that by the time you read this article, we will have met with two or more of the other four deaneries. This is what we told the deans...

The Diocese's Department of Social Ministries hopes to ignite churches to live out our greatest commandment of all: (Mark 12:29-31) Jesus answered, "The first is, (Deut 6:4) 'Hear O Israel: the LORD is our God, the LORD alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.' The second is, (Lev 19:18) 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." We are traveling to diocesan deaneries to "spark" clergy to "fire-up" their parish laity to:

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Love the Lord our God through Faith-Inspired Response & Evangelism (F.I.R.E.) using national, state, and local Christian education programs, including:

- ◆ Christian Foundations Program (CFP) from the Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry (TESM), Trinity Episcopal Extension Ministries (TEEM): [www.tesm.edu/learning/church](http://www.tesm.edu/learning/church)
- ◆ Education for Ministry (EfM) from the University of the South: [www.sewanee.edu/EFM](http://www.sewanee.edu/EFM)
- ◆ Disciples of Christ in Community (DOCC) from the University of the South: [www.sewanee.edu/Theology/DOCCFolder/DOCChome.html](http://www.sewanee.edu/Theology/DOCCFolder/DOCChome.html)

- ◆ 40 Days in Community from Rick Warren: <http://www.purposedriven.com>
- ◆ Creating a Volunteer Revolution from the Church Communication Network: [http://www.ccnonline.net/programming/event/evt\\_11oct05.htm](http://www.ccnonline.net/programming/event/evt_11oct05.htm)
- ◆ Sharing Your Faith by Planting Seeds by Bill McIntosh: <http://www.socialministries.com/organizations.php?ID=193>

Love our neighbors as ourselves through Faith-Inspired Response & Evangelism (F.I.R.E.) by:

- ◆ Using [www.socialministries.com](http://www.socialministries.com) as a tool for parishioners to use to identify human needs in their vicinity and organize or assist efforts to address them.
- ◆ Using the Abundant Hearts on-line ministry at <http://www.socialministries.com/organizations.php?ID=187> to facilitate in-reach to parishioners in need.
- ◆ Requesting "seed money" from the Department of Social Ministries to pay for a portion of community outreach and domestic mission events.

◆ Sending the Department information concerning parish social ministry activities that we can communicate throughout the Diocese using our Social Ministries electronic newsletter and the news and calendar features in [www.socialministries.com](http://www.socialministries.com).

◆ Providing copies of the [www.socialministries.com](http://www.socialministries.com) poster and bookmark to the clergy; asking that they make them available to, and invite us to speak with, their parishioners during 2007.

If you would like to share information concerning FIRE, please contact:  
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# Serving in Biloxi St. Paul's, Summerville joins Habitat teams

By Mickey Hall

**D**uring the week of November 13 - 18, 2006, a group from St. Paul's, Summerville, worked in the neighborhoods near Biloxi, Mississippi, to help build new houses. The men and women joined others from all over the United States who were giving time and money to Habitat for Humanity to aid victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Those who made the trip were: Jim Berry, Tom Black, Darryl Bullock, Stan Burt, Randy Charpia, Kip Coerper, Marvin Cruegger, Pat Duker, Mickey Hall, Carol Hodgkins, Gene Hodgkins, Randy Hoover, Bucky Jones, Don Koets, Jim McClary, Alex McIntosh, David McIntosh, Hilda Melfi, Charlie Sturm and Kathy Whitfield.

let facilities were available about 100 feet away! For us older volunteers, the experience of visiting the restroom in the middle of the night was memorable. And, to say the least, twenty men snoring at one time is something not soon forgotten!

We soon learned that both the Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity International staff were very competent and had all activities well planned.



Jim Berry and Jim McClary, pictured above, work on seating and squaring a window.

Even though the average age of the staff was in the early-twenties, we found them to be well trained, enthusiastic, helpful and courteous. Assisting them were a crew of AmeriCorps "kids." These young men and women had a wonderful work attitude and general good nature. They made the days go faster and renewed our faith

in the next generation.

## Competent Leadership

Many people noticed that throughout the entire week, during both sunshine and drenching downpours, everyone was cheerful and in a general good mood. We all started our days before the sun was up and worked hard at tasks we normally do not do. Our bodies were aching from the physical labor and loss of sleep, but there was no foul language or short tempers. If someone needed help with a task, three people would come to help, often without being asked! Smiles far outnumbered frowns.



Hilde Melfi, a co-leader of St. Paul's hospitality ministries, amazed everyone with her boundless energy.

Each day, prayers were offered before the three meals. More prayers were offered at the jobsite meetings before work began. Then, at the end of the week, a meaningful dedication service was offered at the jobsite to celebrate the hundreds of gifts and blessings that we had received from God throughout the week. It was quite evident that the Holy Spirit was at work in Biloxi, Mississippi.

It has been a little more than a year since hurricanes Katrina and Rita came ashore. Healing from the two storm's damage is beginning, but real growth will take longer. The work being done in Biloxi and all along the Gulf coast will continue for years to come and the Salvation Army and the Habitat for Humanity's efforts to make new houses and renew broken lives will continue.

## Asking "Why?"

Why did God allow the hurricane to come ashore along the Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama re-

gions? Why didn't God intervene and not allow the wide spread and extensive property damage and loss of human life? The work teams don't know the answers, but each of the volunteers felt the presence of God when we visited Biloxi, and we each took something home with us. Along with bruises and scrapes from the hard labor, we



all returned home with memories and the blessings of being in His presence and being part of His plan to establish new homes and provide hope to His people.



"If I can do it, anybody can," says Tom Black, above. "This was the finest Christian experience I've ever had."

As the team returned to Summerville and the comfort of their homes, they had the following thoughts about the week spent in Biloxi working for the joint Salvation Army and Habitat for Humanity effort:

The days were long and hard but made easier by fellowship with lots of good people. Habitat volunteers came from every state and many had been to the Biloxi work site more than once. We found all the volunteers willing to do whatever they could to be of service and we soon became friends.

Our knees were sore and our backs aching, but we felt good about what we had accomplished.

At end of each day, our knees were sore and our backs aching, but we felt good about what we had accomplished and the service we had completed for the hurricane victims. We had the pleasure of meeting some of the local people who will benefit from our efforts and got to see their renewed hope and to share in their excitement. It was good to be a direct part of God's plan to help those in need.

We were housed in double-wide trailers that had been set up in an old high school athletic field, called Yankie Stadium. Each of the sleeping units contained ten double-decked bunks to sleep twenty persons. Showers and toi-

## 32,000 volunteers and counting... on you.

On August 29, 2005, hurricane Katrina came ashore and devastated low-lying property in Louisiana, Texas, Mississippi and Alabama. Less than a month later, hurricane Rita came ashore and attacked the same Gulf region with additional rain and wind. Hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses were lost and many more homes and buildings were severely damaged.

Habitat for Humanity is working in partnership with the Salvation Army in a long-term recovery plan to provide badly needed housing to the hurricane victims. In the last year, more than 32,000 volunteers have come from all over the United States to give their time and energy to repair and rebuild houses. In the past year, through Habitat for Humanity and other agencies, nearly 1,600 structurally sound homes have been cleaned of wreckage, 340 pre-built homes have been erected, and more than 230 new homes have been built or are under construction and some 700 lots have been acquired for future use. The goal of Habitat for Humanity is to have 1,000 new homes built in the Biloxi area over the next four years.



In mid-December, Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) announced an expanded anti-malaria effort for much of Africa. The program is called "Nets For Life." Most people in the United States do not have to think about malaria. After all, the disease was virtually eradicated in the US in the early 1950's. That was accomplished with the help of DDT, which was later banned because of environmental concerns. Now, the World Health Organization actually recommends the use of DDT to combat

Over one million infants and children under five die from malaria each year in Africa.

malaria, but in many countries, including those in sub-Saharan Africa where the problem is the worst, laws still ban its usage. An anti-malaria vaccine is under development, but it will be several years before it is available. In the meantime, over one million infants and children under five years of age die from malaria each year in Africa. It is tragic to let that happen when the disease is preventable.

### Insecticide-Treated Mosquito Net Distribution

During the last few years, ERD has furnished over 171,000 thousand insecticide-treated mosquito nets in eight different African countries. These insecticide-treated nets are installed over beds to protect those sleeping in the beds. Disease-bearing mosquitoes die upon contact with the nets. They have proved to be an extremely effective method of malaria prevention. A new type of impregnated net is now effective for up to five years. Earlier nets were only effective for about a year.

ERD's malaria control program, utilizing ERD's extensive network of Anglican and other ecumenical partners, actually consists of these three phases: (1) ERD distributes the best quality treated mosquito nets. (2) We train members of the community on how to prevent malaria. We also help mothers identify malaria symptoms in their children, which might otherwise lead to death. Finally, we train health workers how to eliminate mosquito-breeding sites like standing water. (3) We provide vital medicines to help those already infected. The sooner one is diagnosed with malaria, the more likely it is that the person can fully recover.

The nets themselves are not very expensive. However, when over 70% of the population lives on less than \$1 per day, as is the case in Mali, Nigeria and Zambia, mosquito nets are few and far between, without help from outside.

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ERD's "Nets for Life" initiative calls for us to provide one million of these insecticide-treated nets along with the training described above. This program will take place in 16 African countries that are among the hardest hit areas. This program will run for three years. We monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of all such programs. Obviously, donations are needed to allow ERD to meet this goal. A \$15 donation will cover the cost of one net along with the training and medicines mentioned above. Just think, for a donation of \$750, you or your church group could safeguard an entire village of about 50 families against this killer disease. Donations, earmarked for Malaria program or "Nets for Life," should be made to Episcopal Relief



Grace Phiri, national health coordinator for the Zambian Anglican Council (ZAC), and Alex Lungo, health coordinator for Luapula Diocese, stand with community leaders at the Chipili clinic where the women's ward is now filled with insecticide treated nets (ITNs). Zambia. (Copyright ERD 2005)

and Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Note that this is a new mailing address.

ERD is not alone in providing this type help. In 2005, our national government committed over a billion dollars to a five-year initiative to control malaria in Africa. One of the more interesting groups providing these nets is "Sports Illustrated." As a result of an effort promoted by their outstanding sportswriter Rick Reilly, 17,000 sports fans recently chipped in enough to buy 150,000 mosquito nets for use in Africa.

### Emergency Assistance in the United States

In recent weeks, ERD has provided emergency assistance to communities adversely affected by flooding in Washington State and by tornadoes in North Carolina. Record rainfall caused mudslides and flooding in western Washington. Our emergency assistance to the Diocese of Olympia supplied food, clothing, and temporary shelter to people directly affected by the flooding. Eight people were killed and dozens of others were injured after a tornado struck Riegelwood, North Carolina. ERD provided similar assistance to the Diocese of East Carolina. Their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Clinton Daniel was effusive in his thanks for ERD's help.

### Grace Church, Charleston Noted for Support

You may remember that the December/January issue of "Jubilate Deo" discussed the need for rebuilding homes that were affected by the South Asia tsunami two years ago. The entire diocese can be proud that Grace Church, Charleston, just donated over \$6500 to ERD for that purpose. That is more than enough to build one of the sturdy homes shown in a picture that accompanied that article. It will be built in the Nicobar Islands, where 95% of the inhabitants are Anglicans. Thank you, Grace Church. It is possible that other churches have made similar donations for tsunami relief, but I am unaware of them at this time.

In 2006, ERD assisted people in need in 34 different countries. In 2007, with your support, that number will increase. Thank you for your continued support. I don't believe you can find a better outlet for your charitable giving.

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### God's Grace in Everyday Life

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He is the author of a number of books and recently wrote *Understanding the Windsor Report* with Dr. Ian Douglas. In addition to serving as Rector of St. James, Charleston, Dean Zahl served churches in Scarborough, NY, New York City and served as Dean of the Church of the Advent in Birmingham, AL. He and his wife, Mary, are the parents of three sons.

Registration is now open and all men are encouraged to register early to ensure that you receive your desired accommodations. Men are also encouraged to bring a friend, a brother or a son to share in this event.

Use the form, *right*, to register. For the retreat schedule or for more information, visit the diocesan website at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org) or call Johnny Johnson at 843-706-3531.

Men from across the state will join in this life-changing weekend. Don't miss it!

Together, we can boldly proclaim

**"God is Good...all the time!  
And all the time... God is Good!"**

### Christian Men's Conference, February 23 - 25, 2007

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

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

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

Telephones: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Denomination: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary/Physical Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging (all meals included): (check one)

- Cabin (bunk bed, shared bath) \$110  
(Bring your own pillow, sheets, blankets and bath linens)
- Lodge (double bed, private bath) \$165
- Seabrook Villas (twin/double/queen/king bed, private bath) \$210
- Commuter Fee \$100

I would like to share a room with: \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to serve as a small group leader  Yes  No

A \$50 non-refundable registration fee is due with the registration form. Please mail the form, together with your fee to: Christian Men's Conference, PO box 278, Bluffton, SC 29910.

# It could have happened yesterday

By Mary Joan Oexmann

St. James, Charleston Ministers in New Orleans

November brings crispness to the air which makes a familiar deep blue sky. It gives us the assurance that all is well with the world. Today is different. There are eight of us, but we are silent. We are silent as we capture our first images of the Ninth Ward. We are a mission team from Saint James Church and have come to tear down walls, floors, and much more as we work with the Trinity Christian Community. The location is the subdivision of Holly Grove, just a few miles from the French Quarters of New Orleans.

Fifteen months ago, Hurricane Katrina made landfall as a Category 4 with winds of 145 mph. The levees which hold back the waters of Lake Ponchartrain were first overcome, then broken, so that 80 percent of the city was underwater for three weeks. Disaster came to New Orleans in the form of death, displacement, and

pure destruction. From what we see, the storm could have happened just weeks ago. Looking at what needs to be done, our efforts seem to be just a drop in the ocean.

In one house, there were abandoned garments hanging in the closet, held together by 15 months of mold.

Uniquely, many of us are veterans from Hurricane Hugo. We know the damage that comes from wind and water. We know the time, energy, and resources it takes to rebuild. But this seems dif-

ferent. In one house, there were abandoned garments hanging in the closet, held together by 15 months of mold. Neighborhoods are left with only steps going nowhere. It has become a stage for

speaking to the pillars of the remaining foundation. Each pillar seems to mark a grave site of memories of children playing, mothers cooking, and husbands laboring. But this is a mission trip.

After a short Bible study in the morning, we protected ourselves with masks and prayer, to continue the destruction process of removing sheetrock, rotten wood, and hundreds, if not thousands, of nails. This was followed with sponging down the remaining wood skeleton with a bleach and Lysol combination to remove the mold. Finally, we sprayed the good wood with a boric acid mixture to prevent any more wood rot or termites. We prepared the house for the construction stage.



Louise Weld, Becky Williams, Mary Joan Oexmann, Paul Mitchell, Lillie McGougan, Carolyn Powless, George Martindale, Mark Evans. Kelly & Mike Edge not shown.

God in his mercy knows our hearts and does not waste any of our efforts. We came to offer hope to those who have the courage to return because it's home. There are many FEMA trailers sitting in front of empty homes where piles of moldy sheetrock and rotten boards grow and grow before construction can even begin. We

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to pray,  
to go,  
to serve.

are humbled and know our God is mighty. Indeed, we know we are all vulnerable and must cry out to our Lord and each other. There is plenty to do, but we are here to build relationships. Make the time to pray, to go, and to serve.



## Understanding the Delay

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Church (TEC). A majority of diocesan bishops and diocesan Standing Committees throughout the Church must therefore grant consent to any election held by a diocese. This is usually given without much fanfare or controversy. In fact many have argued in the past that this is merely a matter of certifying that proper canonical procedures were followed. (This was a mantra heard often during the General Convention process when Gene Robinson's election was confirmed.) Frankly, I didn't accept this argument then, nor do I believe it should be applicable in my case. I do suspect, however, that some have changed their position regarding this matter as it applies to me—holding one opinion when it applied to a bishop-elect who held their position on issues, and quite another now. I shall leave that, however, to their consciences. They must live with themselves as I must live with myself. As it has been said, there's no pillow so soft as a clear conscience.

## A Mailing to Every Bishop and Diocesan Standing Committee

It may help you to understand the present situation by knowing that shortly after my election an advocacy group in the Church sent a mailing to every bishop and diocesan Standing Committee. This group misrepresented several of my written statements and attributed intentions to me that I did not have. Once this group's mailing muddied the water it has been difficult to settle the pond. Certainly I have advocated rethinking how we do business in The Episcopal Church and the broader

Anglican Communion as we step more completely into the 21st Century. This very thing is implicit in the Windsor Report. Along with this, I have held uncompromisingly to the position that TEC acted inappropriately towards historic Christianity and the worldwide Anglican Communion, as well as the teaching of The Episcopal Church, when the Presiding Bishop and others consecrated Canon Robinson as bishop of New Hampshire. This also isn't anything the Archbishop of Canterbury and the collective gathering of Primates in the Communion haven't suggested. Yet even without this group's political interference there may still have been problems. This is because some Standing Committees have objected to South Carolina's request for Alternative Primatial Oversight (APO). I defended this request because, after the General Convention in 2006, I thought many within the Church needed both pastoral space and theological differentiation if we were to remain Anglicans, as well as Episcopalians. Others fear I will lead the diocese out of TEC, or will not work hard enough to keep the diocese from leaving the "national" Church or "denomination." My nuanced statements distancing myself from these fears have not been sufficiently calming for some.

## Answering in a Responsible Manner

Why haven't I assured the disconcerted more categorically? We are in a profound time of transition within the Anglican Communion—a time when important questions regarding the nature of the Church are being asked and

need answers sufficient for this era in which we find ourselves—the Windsor Report is the ultimate validation of this position. I want to be a part of answering these questions in a responsible manner that doesn't truncate the discussion by taking refuge in narrow approaches. The ecclesial questions prompted by the present crisis will clearly not be resolved by disregarding the "bonds of affection" within the worldwide Communion. My adherence to this has caused some to question my loyalty to the Church, even though I have neither taught nor acted contrary to the doctrine, discipline and worship of the Episcopal Church for the past 26 years. Then, there is the fact that some dislike my traditional theological convictions regarding the Scriptures, Creeds, and liturgy, especially in that I hold these traditional beliefs with a willingness to rethink the way The Episcopal Church has functioned ecclesiastically within the larger Anglican Communion. This too is nothing more than is requested by the Windsor Report. I am conservative towards the essential doctrine and discipline of the Faith, yet progressive in regard to how the Church needs to change if it is to live out its calling in this age of globalism.

Frankly, I find it ironic that those of my generation who were so quick to trumpet the need for non-conformity when they were opposed to the "establishment" are most ungracious towards those whom they think do not conform now that they are holding the reigns of power. It gets harder not to come to the sad conclusion that inclusivity in this "faith community" is becoming more narrowly defined by an exclusivistic agenda. Towards this agenda I am now cast in the role of protesting against the

rising tide of dubious conformity—a conformity which, at least in the mind of some, will not be brooked. All of this is to say I will be with you here at St. Paul's until this controversy is resolved. (Dare we hope for an Easter resolution?) I trust it will be resolved in God's time and in a way our Lord Jesus Christ will be honored and his church strengthened. I ask you all to pray for the Diocese of South Carolina. I am assured almost daily that they are praying for us.

Yours in Christ,  
The Rev. Mark J. Lawrence (Rector)

**We're here for  
you.**

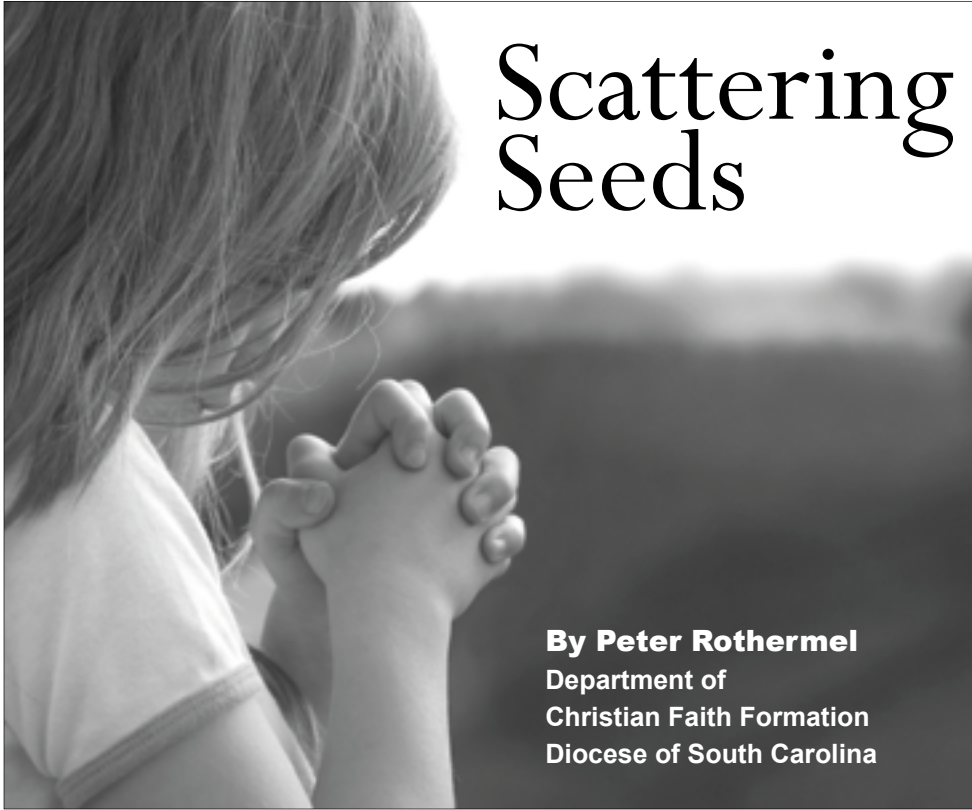


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# Scattering Seeds

**By Peter Rothermel**  
 Department of  
 Christian Faith Formation  
 Diocese of South Carolina

Since September, the Department of Christian Faith Formation has been scattering seeds in the form of a course called Visionary Parenting. We have been intentional about placing this curriculum in the hands of as many of our churches that would ‘test drive’ it and to see if it would take root and bear fruit.

## The Importance of Families Taking the Lead

Over the last two years, it has become increasingly clear to us that many churches throughout the United States, as well as parents, have found themselves being conformed to the culture around them and thus forgetting who is responsible for the spiritual growth of children. The Barna Research Group, specializing in research on churches and culture, has conducted research over the last few years suggesting, “the

importance of families, not churches, taking the lead in the spiritual develop-

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ment of children.” This represents a rediscovery of God’s plan for families that affects all of us.

The Visionary Parenting course has been well-received and is bringing families and churches to a clearer understanding of who we are in the light of Scripture, and it seems to be meeting the needs of many families. As one young parent said to me last week, “We need as much help as we can get!”

How beautiful it is to point parents back to Scripture and their relationship with God as a place to find help. Parents are also finding support from one another as they wrestle with the responsibilities of parenthood. Ahh, community

When it became clear that this DVD course was taking root and making an impact, we decided to bring the author to Charleston for a conference. Through talking with Rob Rienow, author of Visionary Parenting, on the phone, I realized that he could help us do more than offer a conference: he could help us shape our ministries. So instead of bringing Rob in to address parents, we decided to bring him in to train leaders.

On November 30th, we offered a workshop entitled “The Great Commission and

the Family.” Approximately 100 participants (primarily clergy and those responsible for Christian faith formation) signed up for this one-day workshop where we were taught a theology for family, updated on the current crisis on evangelism and discipleship, and given tools for leading culture change in our churches and communities. We looked at a lot of Scripture and were greatly refreshed by the Word of God and extremely challenged by the content of the workshop and the passion of the presenter. Dr Rienow also spoke at a men’s prayer breakfast and a women’s tea, and visited with several groups during his stay. All of the talks were recorded and are available on loan through the Diocesan Resource Center. Dr. Rob Rienow will return in March to meet with the youth ministers at Camp Saint Christopher. We are so thankful for his ministry and willingness to serve.

## The Kind of Revival We Need

by Charles Spurgeon  
 (1834-1892)

We deeply want a revival of domestic religion. The Christian family was the bulwark of godliness in the days of the puritans, but in these evil times hundreds of families of so-called Christians have no family worship, no restraint on growing sons, and no wholesome instruction or discipline. How can we hope to see the kingdom of our Lord advance when His own disciples do not teach His gospel to their own children? Oh, Christian men and women, be thorough in what you do and know and teach! Let your families be trained in the fear of God and be yourselves “holiness unto the Lord”; so shall you stand like a rock amid the surging waves of error and ungodliness which rage around us.

Please continue to pray for families and the seeds that have been scattered about, that they will take root and bear lasting fruit. We look forward to sharing what is happening at churches who have been working with the Visionary Parenting course in the months ahead.

Alert the Prayer Warriors.  
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 Reach out to the  
 World around you.

# Visionary Parenting Sparks Change

By The Rev. Arthur Jenkins, Rector, St. James Episcopal Church, Charleston

Have you ever had a moment when you realized you were doing it wrong? One of those moments when you realized you had missed an important fundamental? Dribbling a basketball, you learn to keep your head up and not watch the ball. That’s a fundamental. Or when you learn to drive, you learn to be aware of other drivers and not just your own car. That’s a fundamental, too. When Peter Rothermel, Coordinator of Diocesan Faith Formation, introduced the staff of Saint James to Visionary Parenting, we realized we had missed a fundamental.

Visionary Parenting is a ministry offering created by Dr. Rob Rienow of Wheaton College. A ministry offering, and much more! Dr. Rienow makes the point that the first commandment is not found in Exodus, Chapter 20, but in Genesis 1:28, “Be fruitful and increase in number...” When Jesus was once asked, “What is the most important commandment?” He replied by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength. These commands are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children.” This

is God’s purpose for family. This means it is also God’s purpose for Christian Discipleship. Visionary Parenting is actually reclamation of God’s order and purpose in creation for procreation and the nurture of children in the knowledge and love of the Lord.

Visionary Parenting is having a profound effect on our overall ministry at Saint James.

## Visionary Parenting is affecting the way we “do church.”

It has caused us to reconsider the fundamentals of our Christian discipleship ministry. We were teaching many wonderful, deep, and spiritual nuances of the faith, while people had missed the foundation upon which to apply these nuances. We were attempting to teach parents how to be Christian parents while overlooking the fundamental of why be a Christian parent. Visionary Parenting doesn’t teach you how to be



a parent. It teaches you who you are as a parent in Jesus Christ. That’s a fundamental.

Visionary Parenting is having a profound effect on our overall ministry at St. James.

Another fundamental Visionary Parenting has caused us to consider is the place and purpose of the family in the role of Christian formation. The family is the first priority and focus of Christian formation, even ahead of the Church. When we become a

Christian, a disciple of Jesus Christ, we change our priorities from the norms and standards of the culture. The culture’s priorities place one’s self first, then success, then family, then spouse, then spirituality, etc. Even the Church has become somewhat acculturated to prioritize God and Church before family. We imply this in our ministry offerings and expectations of our membership. For example, we offer children’s Christian Education (Sunday School) at the church with no family participation.

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# The Write Calling

By Amy Watson Smith, Department of Christian Faith Formation

**B**eth Webb Hart, a South Carolina native, holds a B.A. in English Literature from Hollins College and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Sarah Lawrence College. Her first novel, *Grace at Low Tide* (published by Thomas Nelson's Westbow Press), was one of three finalists for the 2006 Christy Awards in the general/contemporary fiction category. She lectures on a variety of topics and has taught creative writing on the college and high school level where she received two national awards from Scholastic, Inc. Beth Webb lives with her husband, composer Edward Hart, and their daughter in Charleston, South Carolina, where she serves as a writer-in-residence at Ashley Hall. Her second novel, *Adelaide Piper*, was released in June 2006, and was selected as *Books-A-Million's Faithpoint Book of the Month for December*. Both novels were chosen by Booklist, the American Library Association's review journal for their *Top Ten Christian Novels for 2006*.

**O**n a recent rainy, winter afternoon, I chatted with author and close friend, Beth Webb Hart, about her latest book *Adelaide Piper* and her calling as a writer.

## Tell me about your second novel, *Adelaide Piper*.

The novel chronicles lowcountry native and aspiring Gen-X poet Adelaide Piper as she flees her small town roots for the sanctum of a prestigious liberal arts college in the mountains of Virginia. Adelaide yearns to discover her *raison d'être* among the hallowed halls of the ivory tower, but college proves to be anything but a sanctum. After she is raped on a date during the end of her freshman year, she returns home for her debutante summer confused and depressed. After trying on everything from feminist politics to religion, Adelaide eventually finds her bearings in her newfound faith and the home she left behind.

## What inspired you to tell the story of Adelaide?

This novel was inspired by my own college experience. It aims to be a portrait of a naïve southern girl who is ill-equipped to face the challenges of the post-sexual revolution/post-feminist movement world of academia into which she is thrust. This is a story of my generation—the things that my friends and I experienced when we left for college. Rape and abortion were and are so prevalent among people at this age. These kinds of experiences have such a ripple effect in peoples' lives, in the decisions they make later, in the way they experience things and where they put their faith.

## What did you find most difficult about writing this novel?

There were two difficult things for me. First of all, I had to go back into my own memory and recall this darker side of college life—the suffering and the pain that I experienced and witnessed. The other difficult aspect of writing this book was the research that I had to

conduct. I wanted to be able to write the rape scene as authentically as possible, so I needed some concrete details. I read through a number of accounts written by rape victims. As I wrote the scene, I wanted the reader to feel the brutality of the act while recounting it with a gentler touch.

## What inspired you to use Adelaide as a main character?

My novels are character-driven rather than plot-driven. When I write, I always start with a character. God gives me a person in my mind. Then I think about them for several months. I think about what their journey has been: where did they come from; What has



Member of St. Michael's, Charleston, Beth Webb Hart's first two novels were chosen to be included on Booklist's Top Ten Christian Novels for 2006.

been their worst experience? I like to hear the way they talk. Eventually the character begins to tell you who they are. I don't have much to do with their personality really—they begin to come to life. Once this happens, you could ask me anything about her and I would be able to tell you how she would respond or react.

So for this story, I started with the character of Adelaide. Several years ago, I discovered that I had a heart for ministering to young women in their twenties. This was a very difficult time of transition for me personally. I wanted to trace the arc from girlhood to adulthood through a time when so many things that happen to a young woman can shape the rest of her life. I wanted to show, through the character of Adelaide, that you could go through a horrible experience that could have ruined her life, but instead she turned to God and received forgiveness and freedom and joy.

## What is most interesting to you about the character of Adelaide?

I think it's that she has much more courage than I do! She's not afraid to 'stir the pot' or to tell people what she's thinking. I love the scene where she throws the Norton Anthology. In writing Adelaide's story, as well as in my other novels, I seem to gain more courage. I find it much easier to write about these experiences. You know how it is when you are in the middle of a situation and

you walk away and think that you should have said this or that . . . .

## Well, then how is Adelaide like you?

She's definitely her own person. As I began to imagine her, she really took on her own personality. She would have certainly been a contemporary of mine—I hope we would have been friends. But there are some similarities—some common experiences that Adelaide and I share. She was seeking enlightenment and really wanted to get away from her small-town existence. At the beginning of the novel, Adelaide saw religion as only something for the weak. That was my experience as well. I thought that some fusion of art and intellect would be what would fulfill me. But I was so wrong. It has been my relationship with Christ.

## How has writing affected your spiritual growth?

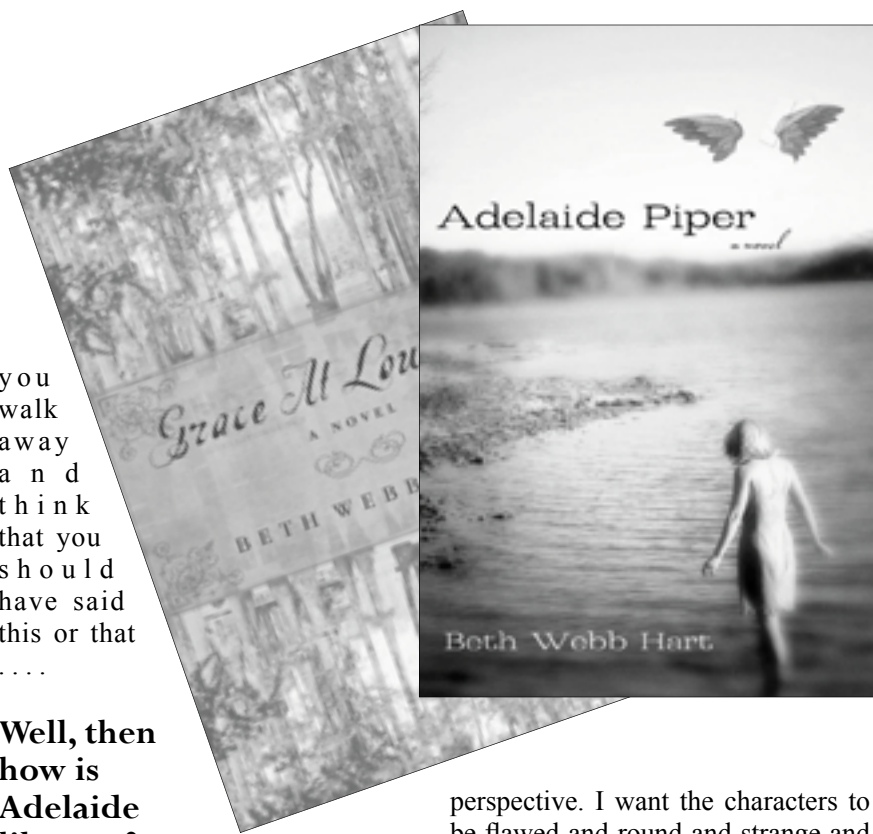
I think that it takes a lot of trust in God to believe that He has called me to write these books—and I do believe it is a calling—because there's always this other voice telling me that I can't do it. I pray for God's divine inspiration. It's a very intimate way of relying on Him. It has really deepened my faith—added another dimension to my walk with Him. But I assure you that it hasn't always been this way.

## What brought about this change? Did you start out as a Christian writer?

Well, I wanted to be a writer long before I became a Christian. God planted that seed in my heart as early as first grade when I won a creative writing award. I went to a fine arts high school my senior year and really fell in love with creative writing, largely because of my teacher who was so encouraging. Academics were never my strong suit, but I found that creative writing was one of the few places in the classroom where I really enjoyed myself. I went on to study creative writing in college and graduate school.

I started out trying to be a secular writer. I was always drawn to and fascinated by writers who were Christians but wrote for the secular market—especially Flannery O'Connor. At the time I started, the Christian fiction publishing business was very marginalized and not very well-respected. But several years ago, I had the opportunity to attend a Christian writer's conference. I showed my manuscript to one person and from that point on, the doors just flew open.

As a Christian writer, my goal is to write a quality story from a Christian



perspective. I want the characters to be flawed and round and strange and lovable—just the way we are as real people. I want to show how God's grace can penetrate a life despite itself.

## You are working on another novel as we speak. What can you tell us about it, and what else is in your future as a writer?

Yes, I am working on my third novel. In fact my deadline is fast approaching! Originally, I was under a two-book contract with Westbow. However, last year I signed an additional four-book contract with my publisher that will bring me to a total of six novels. I certainly have my work cut out for me. I am both terrified and thrilled to have the opportunity to write a novel every twelve to eighteen months for the next six years.

My third novel, *The Wedding Machine*, is about a group of middle-aged women from an insulated lowcountry town near the ACE Basin who are frantically trying to coordinate the proper weddings and send-offs for their twenty-something daughters. Naturally their off-spring are choosing all the wrong mates in their eyes. However, what lies beneath the surface is a kind of grief and longing over the chasm between two generations of contemporary Southern women.

## Is there anything else that you would like the readers of the *Jubilate Deo* to know about your novels or your career as a writer?

I am just so thankful for all of the support that I have gotten from my family and friends and my church family at St. Michael's. My education through the School of Healing Prayer offered by St. Michael's has greatly impacted my spiritual growth. The truths that I have gleaned through my participation in the healing prayer ministry at St. Michael's has profoundly inspired the overarching themes of both novels—that is, forgiveness heals and renews, and God binds up the broken-hearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

## 51st Annual Spring Tour of Homes

St. Helena's Episcopal Church, Beaufort  
March 23 and 24, 2007

The Episcopal Church Women of St. Helena's Episcopal Church, Beaufort, cordially invite you to attend The 51st Annual Spring Tour of Homes.

The St. Helena's Episcopal Church Women's Spring Tours began in 1956 as a fund raiser for building the church parish hall. The tours have continued every year since then to fund church mission outreach programs and local charities. Your participation in the 2007 Spring Tours will directly benefit the needy in our community as well as our worldwide mission work.

The theme of this year's tour is "Sea Island Living: Then and Now." It features a variety of architectural styles from antebellum to twentieth century.

On Friday, March 23, at noon, a free organ concert on our famed Taylor and Boody Organ will kick off the weekend. Our performer will be Weil Sawyer, a graduate student of Dr. Janette Fishell of East Carolina University. This concert is part of our spring concert series and is free and open to the public. St. Helena's Church houses a Taylor and Boody mechanical action pipe organ, which is reminiscent of the organ building practices used in 16th and 17th century Europe. It has the appearance, construction and sound of a 300-year old instrument.

Later in the afternoon, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., St. Helena's Church will be open to you and your guests, with docents on hand to recount its rich history and historic artifacts on display,



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including our famed John Bull silver.

From 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., there will be a candlelight tour of private homes in the historic Bay Neighborhood of Beaufort. Among the homes on tour will be the historic St. Helena's church rectory. A reception with entertainment will be held on the grounds of the rectory.

Saturday, March 24, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., there will be a plantation driving tour that will take you through the Ridgeland area, rich in history and scenic beauty. Some highlights include the site of Thomas Heyward's grave and the Pinckney Retreat, where the original 1700s home has been completely redone and the beginnings of the new development are evident with completed infrastructure and landscaping. Also among the tour features will be Chelsea Plantation, originally built prior to the Civil War but destroyed by fire in 1934. The beautiful new

## Porter-Gaud Krawcheck Scholarship Available

The Krawcheck Scholars Program announces the availability of one full scholarship to Porter-Gaud School for the coming year. As a Krawcheck Scholar, a student will receive full tuition and fees to Porter-Gaud, plus summer learning experiences. Candidates for this scholarship must be new applicants to the school with a

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demonstrated financial need. The selection process includes an admissions application, financial aid application, student essays and personal interviews with the selection committee. Admissions testing will be held Saturday, February 3, for exceptional students currently in grades 6-10. For full information, call (843) 402-4690, or contact matt.

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*Note: If the testing date has passed, please contact Matt Gould at 402-4690 to see if an exception may be made.*

plantation house on the banks of the Chechessee River also features magnificent gardens. Lunch will be served at Roseland Plantation, site of a Confederate embankment overlooking the Coosawhatchie River and boasting a beautiful Avenue of Oaks as well as the family cemetery dating to the 1780s.

Tickets for the candlelight tour are \$35 per person and include the reception and entertainment. Tickets for the

plantation driving tour are \$50 per person and include lunch. Tickets may be purchased on the church website [www.sthelenas1712.org](http://www.sthelenas1712.org) beginning January 15. Reservations are processed in the order of receipt, and no unpaid reservations are accepted. Tickets are limited and sell out, so please order early!

## Visionary Sparks! *Continued from page six.*

What we are literally saying is that the priority of place for Christian formation is the Church. But when we reclaim the Biblical order or priorities, we recognize that our relationship with God is first, then our spouses, then our children/family, then our church, job, career, and so on. Visionary Parenting is leading Saint James to redirect our discipleship focus from church-centered, family-supported to family-centered, church-supported. The first place of Christian formation is not in the Church, but in the family

Visionary Parenting has also affected the Sacramental life of the parish. We are placing new emphases and direction in our preparation of families for an individual's Baptism, for Holy Communion, and for Confirmation. Preparation is no longer an individual focus, but family-focused. Preparation is made most significantly by the family, not just the clergy or lay leaders.

Another effect that Visionary Parenting is having on the way we "do church" is that it has caused us to work for a more interrelated ministry. We are working to integrate what Dr. Rienow calls "silos" in our ministry. ("Silos" are a farm feed storage system for livestock. Different silos hold different feed for different animals.) At Saint James, we have a men's

Visionary Parenting gives you a Biblical purpose and paradigm for your role as a parent.

ministry, a women's ministry, a young adult ministry, a children's ministry, a student ministry, and on and on. Now we are working to make sure each of these ministry areas has continuity and is complementary. Visionary Parenting gives us direction and resources in these efforts.

### Visionary Parenting is affecting our ministry

Visionary Parenting is flipping our focus in Christian Education and associated ministries. Previously, the goal was to bring people to church where we would teach them to be disciples. Now the goal is to move the ministry from Church-centered out to the home. Visionary Parenting simply takes the Biblical concept of the priesthood of all believers to the next level. It makes clear that the primary place of discipleship ministry is in the home, and the primary ministers are the parents (and grandparents) forming their children in the nurture and knowledge of the Lord. This Biblical message contradicts the cultural norm accepted by the church that the school or the church will educate and rear our children.

### Visionary Parenting is changing the way we interact with our families

Visionary Parenting doesn't teach you how to be a parent. It teaches you who you are as a parent in Jesus Christ. It does not offer parenting tips. It is teaching, sharing and responding to God's purpose of procreation, family, and parents in His created

order. Visionary Parenting directly affects your view of being a parent. It gives you a Biblical purpose and paradigm for your role as a parent.

In the parish staff, it has caused us to look more closely at how we support and encourage our staff to first be ministers at home and then ministers to the Body of Christ at Saint James.

One important and unexpected effect of Visionary Parenting has been the impact on family relationships. So many families are not reconciled. Adult children don't speak to their parents. Grandparents tolerate their children for access to the grandchildren. So much unforgiveness within families is harmful for individuals, families and churches. Visionary Parenting not only teaches you who you are as a parent in Christ Jesus, but it also helps you with who you are as an adult child within your own family. It brings greater understanding of the problems and wounds that occur in all families and lays the groundwork for reconciliation and renewal.

### Visionary Parenting is affecting the direction of Saint James

Visionary Parenting has not changed the direction of ministry at Saint James. It has clarified and deepened our vision and given us new energy and excitement for ministry. We believe it will help to heal relationships in our body. We pray that it will have a profound effect on our mission in the world.



# Healing Farm Ministries Receives Grant Award from UPS Foundation

**H**ealing Farm Ministries (HFM) received a \$25,000 grant from The UPS foundation, the charitable arm of UPS. The grant will be used to purchase materials necessary to build

tries, established to meet the tremendous needs of families and individual touched by developmental disabilities. The farm offers recreational, vocational, and residential programs for the developmentally disabled community,

in partnership with existing service organizations. There is no other project like it in the state of South Carolina.

The UPS grant is important to HFM's development of Thornhill Farm, enabling more people, affected by more kinds of disabilities, to be served on the farm. The kind of multi-use barn proposed

will not only house equipment and vehicles, but it will also house workshop/training areas for arts and agriculture.

"The multi-use barn will allow us to at least double our capacity to serve," says Mary Tutterow, founder of Heal-

ing Farm Ministries. "We are so pleased to have the support of an organization like UPS. As a corporation, they understand the importance of contributing major support to initiatives that can change the quality of life in the communities they serve."

Established in 1951 and based in Atlanta, GA, The UPS foundation identifies specific areas where its backing clearly impacts social issues. In support of this strategic approach, The UPS Foundation has identified literacy, hunger relief, and volunteerism as its focus areas.

In 2005, The UPS Foundation distributed nearly \$43.5 million worldwide through grants that benefit organizations or programs such as Healing Farm Ministries and provide support for building stronger communities.

"Giving back to the communities is an important part of UPS's culture that's embraced by our employees through



Lewis Drake catches his first fish with the help of a friend at Thornhill Farm.



The UPS Foundation check is presented. From left to right, Rutledge Leland-Mayor of McClellanville, Bryant Shelley-ambassador for HFM (attends Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant), Walt Dickson of UPS and U.S. House Representative Henry Brown.

a multi-use barn to increase the capacity and quality of the vocational and therapeutic programs offered at Thornhill Farm.

Thornhill Farm, a 100-acre farm just outside McClellanville, SC, is an outreach of Healing Farm Minis-

volunteerism, making donations and sharing their intellectual capital," said Everm Cooper Epps, president of The UPS Foundation and vice president of UPS corporate relations. "Together with nonprofit partners such as Healing Farm Ministries, we work to make a positive impact on the lives of people in need."

## New Wineskins for Global Mission, 2007

April 11-15, 2007 Ridgecrest Conference Center, Western North Carolina

**S**peakers from around the world and Anglican missionaries from many agencies are coming to New Wineskins 2007 to inspire and equip Anglicans in the USA to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Over 1000 participants are expected at the fifth New Wineskins for Global Mission conference, April 11-15, 2007, in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

New Wineskins Missionary Network (formerly ECMC) has sponsored the New Wineskins for Global Mission conferences triennially since 1994. New Wineskins conferences have had a powerful impact on many churches' involvement in mission.

### Speakers

The Rt. Rev. Derek Eaton, returning as a mission partner to Egypt and North Africa, is giving the keynote address on God's heart for the world. His diocese of Nelson, New Zealand, has been transformed by a vision for mission, growing 47% in the last sixteen years.

The Rev. Prem Kumar James, director of Interdev in India, is speaking on partnering to reach unreached people groups.

Bishop Ben Kwashi captivated participants at New Wineskins 2000

with his compelling stories of how Nigerian churches are reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus. Bp. Ben is speaking on evangelism in northern Nigeria, amazing answers to prayer, and the explosive growth of the church in the midst of turmoil and persecution.

Tom Waddell, a missionary with SAMS and Five Talents International, is focusing on using Christian Micro-enterprise Development and Micro-finance to minister to the poor in a way

Over 60 workshops are being offered on everything from mobilizing a parish for mission, to partnering with churches overseas, to reaching the unreached.

that is biblical, sustainable, treats the poor with integrity, and does not do harm by creating dependency.

The Revs. Allen and Rachel Hill, missionaries with the South American Missionary Society in Peru, are sharing on training indigenous leaders for Anglican churches in Latin America.

Fifty percent of the world's population is under 25 years of age. The Rev. Steven Tighe of Gateway Mission Training Center is highlighting the need to reach and mobilize young people in the USA and cross-culturally.

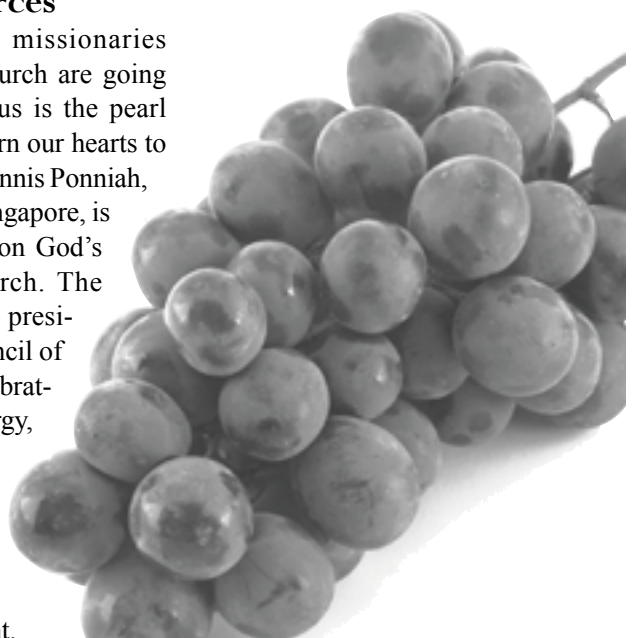
Janet Helms and Sylvia Tamusuza are reenacting in a dramatic musical how prayer and God's healing work in each of their hearts in the USA and Uganda freed them to partner in caring for an AIDS orphan and begin a ministry to Ugandan orphans.

### Testimonies, Bible Study, Worship, Resources

Testimonies from missionaries and the persecuted church are going to remind us that Jesus is the pearl worth any price and turn our hearts to prayer. The Rt. Rev. Rennis Ponniah, Assistant Bishop of Singapore, is leading Bible studies on God's mission for His Church. The Rev. Michael Yemba, president of the Sudan Council of Churches USA, is celebrating using a Kenyan liturgy, and the Rev. John Macdonald, Director of the Stanway Institute at Trinity seminary is preaching the closing sermon on commitment.

Over sixty workshops are being offered on everything from mobilizing a parish for mission to partnering with churches overseas to reaching the unreached. Missionaries and exhibitors from major Anglican agencies are going to be available to talk with participants.

For more information, contact New Wineskins Missionary Network PO Box 278, Ambridge, PA 15003 724-266-2810 [www.newwineskins.org](http://www.newwineskins.org)



# The Planning Retreat: *A Wise Investment*

Thoughts on Faithful and Effective Church Leadership

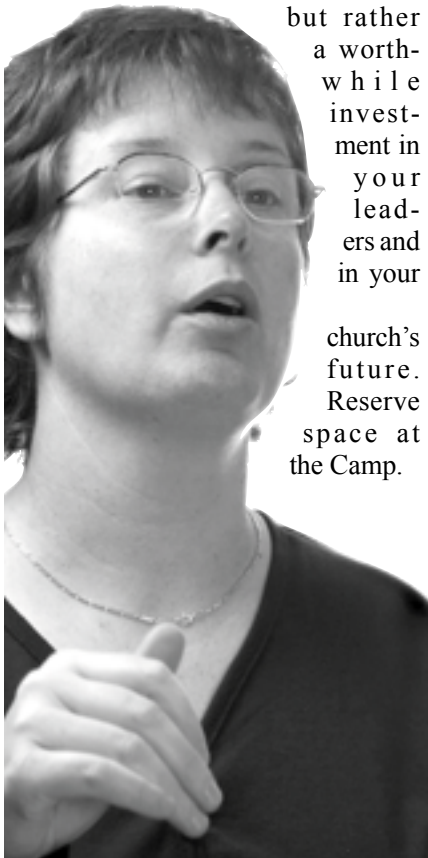
By Elizabeth Pennewill

**S**ometimes church leaders get so caught up in the busy-ness of running the church that we lose sight of the important things we need to be doing. Like planning. Here's a 2007 to-do list from which all churches can benefit.

## Begin in March

Bite the bullet and decide that the church will invest time and resources in a late summer or fall 2007 planning retreat. Ideally, this will be a weekend retreat between July and October held at Camp St. Christopher, which is well-suited for this type of event. Decide on the best time-frame for your leaders – if a Friday through Sunday weekend doesn't work, think about a Thursday evening through Saturday or a Sunday evening through Tuesday. With enough notice your leaders can make this commitment. Don't be afraid to make it mandatory. If you cannot find money in the church budget to cover the expenses, challenge your leaders to find a way (staff should have all expenses paid). This should not be con-

sidered a cost but rather a worthwhile investment in your leaders and in your church's future. Reserve space at the Camp.



## April Research

The rector (or vicar) spends time researching planning retreats and imagining how much better life would be this year if everyone (staff and volunteers) were working from a well thought through plan.

## May – Facilitator

If the rector is not comfortable leading the retreat, an outside facilitator may be brought in. (It is a good idea to avoid the tendency to use someone from within the parish. An outside person brings an unbiased, neutral point of view. If an outside facilitator is needed but you do not know one, the rector contacts the Diocesan staff for assistance.) Once engaged, it is a good idea to invite the facilitator to meet with the staff and attend a vestry meeting.

## June Agenda Creation

The rector and facilitator plan the retreat. A typical agenda is as follows:

Who will be responsible for the goal?  
What resources are needed?

**Day 1** – Arrive at Camp St. Christopher in time for dinner followed by prayer, a Bible study and a light evening program. This session might be a review of the past five years with an eye toward detecting trends.

**Day 2** – Breakfast is followed by prayer and the first planning session. This session might begin with an in-depth, honest look at the current year with a particular focus on where God is blessing the church.

Lunch is followed by prayer and a second planning session. In this session the rector might discuss goals for 2008. The group may then brainstorm and prioritize ideas. After this session allow for free time.



Dinner is followed by prayer, Bible study and a light evening session. In this session, the group might spend time imagining the end of 2008 if all of the goals were accomplished.

**Day 3** – Breakfast is followed by worship and Holy Eucharist. Some groups may choose to stay through lunch, allowing an excellent opportunity for one more session to complete the planning. Remember – planning is not complete without accountability incorporated into it. Who will be responsible for the goal? What resources are needed? How will it be funded? When will it be completed?

## July to October

Attend the planning retreat and participate enthusiastically. The insights gained from this retreat may form the basis for the rector's address at the next annual meeting.

## November

A meaningful budget for 2008, giving your new goals top priority, will be easier to develop after the planning retreat. Remember to put the total investment amount for the 2008 retreat in the budget. Begin planning your annual meeting.

## Vestry Retreats are Different

You may be wondering if the planning retreat is different from the vestry

retreat typically held in the beginning of the year after new vestry members are elected. The answer is yes. These two retreats have entirely different purposes. (More on vestry retreats in the next edition.)

Spend time imagining the end of 2008 if all of the goals were accomplished.

Nobody is impressed with our busy-ness if the important things are neglected. Good leaders take the time and commit the resources to planning.

If you are interested in learning more about church leadership, see this column in the next edition of the *Jubilate Deo*, or call me at the number below.

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## Brosend's New Book Explores the Beauty, Richness of *The Parables*

**T**he Rev. Dr. William F. Brosend II, associate professor of homiletics at the University of the South's School of Theology, has written a new book, *Conversations with Scripture:*

*The Parables*. Issued by Morehouse Publishing, this 129-page book is the third publication in the Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Study Series.

Brosend is a prolific writer who bridges the academy and the church with a particular sensitivity to preaching. Describing the subject of his book, Brosend notes: "First, the parables were Jesus' favorite way to preach and teach. Better understanding how Jesus taught will help us better understand what he taught. Second, I have found that the Gospel of Mark is correct in saying that parables are the way the people of God best hear the Word of God (4:33-34). In a variety of settings, from seminary



to Sunday school, classes on the parables of Jesus are consistently appealing. Finally, as I explain in the last chapter, I also believe that learning how to interpret the parables helps us in our interpretation of the whole of Scripture."

Brosend's publications include a commentary, *James and Jude*, published in the New Cambridge Bible Commentary Series (Cambridge University Press, 2004). "The Letter of Jude: A Rhetoric of Excess or an Excess of Rhetoric?" appeared in the July 2006 issue of *Interpretation: A Journal of Bible and Theology*. His chapters on Advent and Christmas were published in *New Proclamation Year B, 2005-06*, edited by David Lott (Fortress Press, 2005). Brosend earned his undergraduate degree from Denison University and his Master of Divinity degree from Vanderbilt University Divinity School. He received a Ph.D. from the Divinity School at the University of Chicago.

The Anglican Association of Biblical Scholars Study Series has been developed as a resource for churches and parishioners, bringing the finest Anglican biblical scholarship to bear on topics of importance in a readable and accessible fashion. Each volume consists of six chapters and a study guide, ideal for short-term adult study groups and formation classes. In addition to Brosend's book on the parables, the series has published a study of Revelation by Fred Schmidt and of the Law by Kevin Wilson.

The School of Theology at the University of the South comprises the residential seminary and the Programs Center. The seminary has more than 150 graduate students pursuing master and doctoral degrees, and certificates in theology. The Programs Center serves over 10,000 participants a year in a variety of spiritual growth and leadership opportunities, education at-a-distance, and continuing education for laity, clergy, and congregations. Founded in 1857, the University is located in Sewanee, Tenn., on 10,000 wooded acres on the Cumberland Plateau between Chattanooga and Nashville.

# Got Passion?

## Re:generate 2006

By Jonathan Bennett  
Youth Minister, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island

What does it look like to live passionately for Jesus? This was the question put before high school students from our Diocese this year at their annual Fall Retreat, Re:generate. For five years now, the high school students of the Diocese of South Carolina have been gathering at The Hilton, in Hilton Head, and for five years, they have been challenged to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus. This year was no exception.

students find instead in the church is the kind of lukewarm faith spoken of by John in the book of Revelation when talking to the Church of Laodicea. Therefore we wanted to examine what it would look like to be a young person who is passionate for Christ.



Jimmy Gallant, Assistant Rector of Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant spoke on being passionate for Christ.

Our theme, 'Got Passion?' was a good one to tackle in the light of a recent youth ministry book called 'Practicing Passion: Youth and the Quest for a Passionate Church' by Kenda Creasy Dean. In the book, she asserted that if the church is to speak meaningfully to students, it must be predicated on passion—the Passion of Christ, the passion of youth, and the passionate faith that results when these two things come together. All too often, however, what

### Passionate Speakers

Our speakers for the weekend, Dave Wright (Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministries), Susie Morrison (Youth Pastor at St Michael's, Charleston), Andy Morgan (Youth Pastor at Prince St. George, Georgetown), and the Rev. Jimmy Gallant (Assistant Rector of Christ Church, Mount Pleasant), approached this from four different angles; a passion for the gospel, a pas-

We wanted to examine what it would look like to be a young person who is passionate for Christ.

sion for community, a passion for scripture and a passion for worship. Each spoke with great conviction about their subject matter, which was appropriate

considering the theme, and the talks were 'sandwiched' by some excellent worship music led by Trey Truluck (Contemporary Worship Director at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island) and a band from 3 different churches in our Diocese.

Besides the four main sessions, there were also some very good seminars to choose from, led by various youth pastors and priests from around the Diocese. One of the highlights was two sessions done by our own Canon Theologian, Kendall Harmon, who did an overview of the Old and New Testaments. We also enjoyed a few hours of free-time on the beach playing various sports, and an 80's party on Saturday evening with a live band and plenty of outrageous 80's clothes and hair styles!

Perhaps the highlight of the weekend for me, though, was on Saturday night when, after an awesome time of worship and teaching, we had a time of prayer ministry for students who either wanted to know Christ for the first time or to have a new passion for him. We saw many students coming forward for prayer, and it was evident that God was mightily at work in the room. His passion for us abounds, and it was a privilege to be able to witness students' lives being changed in front of our eyes. Got passion? I certainly felt like it at the end of the weekend, and I am certain that I was not alone.

### Overheard... at Re:generate

*"The seminars were great. This was an awesome weekend."*  
Student

*"The whole experience was amazing and unforgettable."*  
Student

*"I loved the 24 hour prayer room!"*  
Student

*"Our students related well to the theme of Passion."*  
Leader

*"The high points were the evangelism and being a community."*  
Leader



The newest event for youth in our diocese will take place on Saturday, April 28, at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island. Mosaic is a one day worship celebration where students can experience the heart of worship and affirm the various and creative ways in which we can enter into the presence of the Lord. The program will run from 1 to 8 p.m. and include three streams of



worship. Traditional worship will feature hymns and a choir, while contemporary worship will feature a praise team, and a third stream of worship will feature a more electronic style of music. All will include ap-

propriate forms of Anglican liturgy. The day will celebrate all that God has been doing in youth groups across the diocese. More information about Mosaic will be available in the coming months.

## 2007 Spring Youth Ministry events

**Jesus Weekend**  
(a retreat all about Jesus for middle and high school students)  
March 2-4  
St Christopher Conference Center

**Epic**  
(a weekend of Bible teaching and reflection for high school students)  
March 16-18  
Bonnie Doone Conference Center

**Spring Infusion**  
(an overnight of training and encouragement for youth leaders)  
March 8-9  
St Christopher Conference Center

**Mosaic**  
(a one day event for middle and high school students)  
April 28  
Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island

## Observing a Holy Lent

A Lenten Retreat at All Saints Church on Hilton Head  
March 12-13

Observing a holy Lent at All Saints Church on Hilton Head Island this year will include a special retreat led by the Reverend William R. Beers, Ph.D. Father Beers will explore with us the ever-deepening rift between some who experience a break with our cultural past and others who seek to restore that past. Through lectures, discussion, and silent reflection, he will use the Cross as a lens to explore the religious meaning of being human in our contemporary world and offer a map for us to navigate a dramatically changing social landscape. Mark your calendars for Monday March 12, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. and March 13, 9 a.m. to 12 Noon.



Rico Tice of All Soul's, London, will lead the Conference.

# CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

May 12, 2007

Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant

**A**re you looking for a way to reach out to neighbors, friends or relatives with the gospel, but don't know how to get them to come to church or open the Bible?

Do you feel a tug toward teaching or leadership in your church, but have no idea where to start?

Our Diocese will be hosting a Christianity Explored Conference featuring Rico Tice of All Soul's Church in London. Rico is a passionate evangelist who travels the world with the good news of Jesus Christ. He is the primary writer and presenter in the award winning Christianity Explored video series. Joining Rico will be Barry Cooper and Sam Shamas, course developers for the Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored series.

*"What I welcomed about the Christianity Explored course is that, in taking us through Mark's gospel, it emphasizes truths which are often neglected – like the gravity of sin, the centrality of the cross, the sufficiency of grace, and the necessity of repentance."*

Dr John Stott

*"The Christianity Explored conference is the most effective lay training event I have seen. Biblical, practical and compelling, the conference centered on Christ not method, equipped us with the word of God, and moved us forward to love Christ and his gospel and to share our faith to the glory of God."*

David Short, Rector, St John's Shaughnessy Anglican Church  
Vancouver, BC

*"We're living in days in which, more than ever, people are totally ignorant even of the basic meaning of the Christian faith, and we've found around the world that Christianity Explored is making a wonderful contribution to the mission of the church."*

Archbishop Greg Venables  
Primate of the Southern Cone

*"I have found the Christianity Explored material to be the most biblical approach to evangelism on a program form that I have found in over 25 years of ministry."*

The Ven. Jon Abboud, Archdeacon,  
Reformed Episcopal  
Diocese of the Northeast  
and Mid-Atlantic

**M**ark your calendars to be at Christ Church, Mount Pleasant, on Saturday, May 12, 2007, for a day that will further your understanding of the gospel of Mark, enhance your ability to communicate the gospel, and equip you to teach scripture. It is an opportunity to learn more about amazing opportunities that can help your church reach out to your community and disciple church members!

Details about Christianity Explored and Discipleship Explored, as well as conference details, can be found online at [www.christianityexplored.com](http://www.christianityexplored.com).



## Experience Freedom - This Summer

The vision of New Wine is to see the nation changed through Christians and churches being filled with the Spirit, alive with the joy of knowing and worshipping Jesus Christ, living out his Word, and doing the works of the Kingdom of God. New Wine Summer Conferences are for church leaders and members alike, with facilities beyond the scope of individual churches. New Wine includes worship, teaching, and ministry which equip Christians for Spirit-filled life and ministry in their family, local church, community and workplace. The conference is also a modeling and teaching ministry to adults, youth and children that can be implemented in the local church.

Our theme this year is Cry Freedom. Freedom is in the heart of every believer. As we experience the freedom Jesus gives, we are challenged to cry

freedom for others ... Freedom from injustice, from sin, from debt and from addiction. But this can only happen if we cry the freedom that only Christ offers.

Join us at New Wine next summer, where we will reach for this promised freedom through Spirit-filled worship, teaching, and ministry.



New Wine USA 2007 is scheduled for June 14-17, 2007, at Van Hoy Farms in Union Grove, North Carolina. For more information or to register, please visit us on the web at [www.NewWine-USA.org](http://www.NewWine-USA.org) or call 843.284.4301.

## Congress Passes Health Savings Account Improvements

**One of 109th Congress's final acts will benefit insurance consumers.**

By Clifton Brown

The Big "I" celebrated the holidays with an important victory as President George W. Bush signed H.R. 6111, the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 into law Wednesday.

In one of the last acts of the 109th Congress, the Senate and House both passed H.R. 6111, the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, before adjourning. The bill, sponsored by outgoing House Ways & Means Committee Chairman Bill Thomas (R-Calif.), includes a number of provisions that will improve the operations of health savings account (HSA) plans. The improvements are intended to help increase usage of these plans among small business owners, the self-employed, and individuals who do not receive health insurance through their employers.

The bill's provisions include the following: (1) It allows HSAs to be funded with one-time transfers from Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs), enabling individuals to benefit from the tax advantages provided by HSAs when paying for medical expenses. (2) It allows individuals to make the maximum annual contribution to HSAs at any point in a given year; previously, they were only allowed to make pro-rated contributions based on date of enrollment. (3) It allows individuals to contribute amounts that equal the annual contribution limit, regardless of the limits of their plans' deductibles; previously, they were only allowed

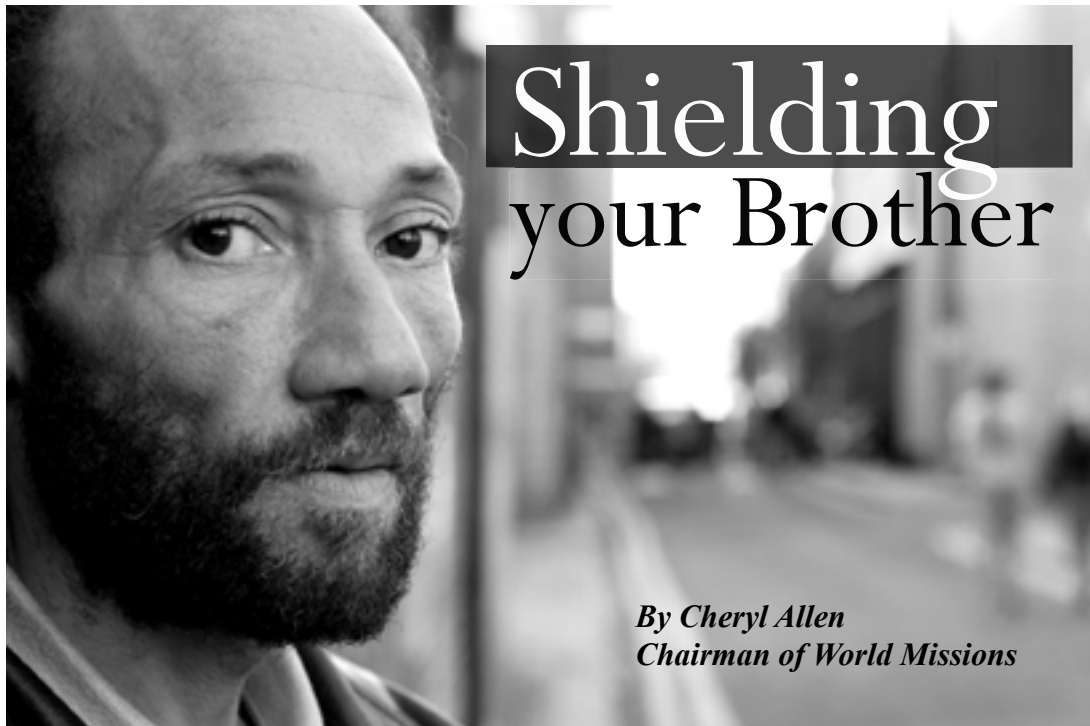


to contribute amounts equaling their deductibles. (4) It allows funding for HSAs to come from a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) or a flexible spending account (FSA) in the form of a one-time rollover. (5) It allows non-highly compensated employees to receive higher contributions from their employers into HSAs.

Funding for HSAs is tax-deductible, is tax-deferred while growing, and available for tax-free usage to pay for medical expenses, with annual contributions in 2007 capped at \$2,850 per individual and \$5,650 per family.

"Passage of this bill is an important win for insurance consumers," says Charles Symington Jr., Big "I" senior vice president for government affairs and federal relations. "We strongly support improvements to health savings accounts, to provide more options for individuals and families to cover their medical expenses. We are grateful that Congress made a point of passing this important legislation before finishing its work for the year, and we thank Chairman Thomas for his leadership on this issue, as well as his longtime service in Congress."

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# Shielding your Brother

By Cheryl Allen  
Chairman of World Missions

soul, when they are afraid the ‘police’ will break down their door or stop them while driving down a lonely road? What is it like to live in a dictatorship where you survive at the whim of the political power in office? To live with a fear so deep, you are afraid of your own neighbor reporting you and then of disappearing? What is it like to send your children to another country because the government is so corrupt you fear for their safety?

“You can’t be here, you have to leave, this is not your business?”

I have met people who were tossed in jail but are alive today only because that ‘someone’ stood his ground. ‘The someone’ put himself and his family at risk by not backing down. ‘The someone’ that lived the gospel out in one of the most tangible ways possible, by shielding his brother in Christ.

The relationships that were built because ‘the someone’ stood up and said ‘No, you will not hurt my brother’ are some of the strongest Christian bonds

This type of life is being lived everyday for many people around the world.

The last time I wrote to you as chairman of World Mission, it was to share with you my impressions about a project a priest of our diocese had envisioned for his church. I began that article speaking about ‘feeling compelled to do something’. I had no doubt about what or who I should write about; that man was Father James Yarsiah and his project involved a container of goods for Liberia.

Lately I have found my heart being compelled again on the subject of mission, and I wish to share once more with you something about someone in our diocese.

I suspect many of you may have participated in a short-term mission team at some point and have seen first-

hand poverty and violence on a level you may not have experienced before. Short-term mission work can be gut wrenching from this standpoint.

What is it truly like to be afraid; afraid to speak what you believe, afraid

What is it truly like to be afraid; afraid to speak what you believe, afraid to go to sleep at night?

to go to sleep at night? What name do we give the fear that lives in someone’s

We know this type of life is being lived everyday for many people around the world. Many of us know people who have taken in children from countries with unstable governments. We have long-term missionaries serving in countries that can’t be mentioned for safety reasons. When we go on short-term mission trips, we are on the edge of these types of experiences and we think we understand.

Have you ever met ‘the someone’ who actually stood between the ‘villager and the gun’? The ‘someone’ that followed the car to the police station and would not leave because they knew if they did that person would just disappear? More importantly, have you ever met a person who was saved because the ‘someone’ would not take no, would not accept the response,

I personally have ever seen. It has been humbling for me to meet people that are only here because ‘someone’ stood up and said, “No I am not leaving them.”

So the question is—Do YOU understand that mission is not just serving others, but also being willing to die for your fellow man? Would you stand up and say, “NO, I will not let you take him”?

So who is this person? This man who would not leave the young man in the jail alone, who stood up to the dictatorship and just said ‘no’? I think I will leave this for you to ponder for a while.

*Peace and Blessings to each of you.*



## Old St. Andrew's Annual Tea Room and Gift Shop

March 19-23

The annual Tea Room and Gift Shop sponsored by Episcopal Church Women of Old St. Andrew's Church will be held March 19 – March 31 2007. Lunch is served Monday – Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. featuring low country favorites ... she-crab and okra soup, chicken salad plate, chicken salad and shrimp paste sandwiches and our famous homemade desserts. Guest are greeted and served by church volunteers dressed in period costumes designed to replicate the dress worn by housewives in 1776.

The unique gift shop features beautiful handmade items, jam, jellies, pickles and other delectable food items. Reservations for groups are encouraged and can be made by calling the church office 766-1541. Proceeds benefit the care and outreach programs of the ECW and the preservation of the church.

## Daughters of the King Spring Retreat March 23-25

St. Christopher Conference Center

The Diocesan Daughters of the King will gather at St. Christopher for their annual Spring Retreat March 23-25. The DOK chapter at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, is the host for the weekend with our Diocesan DOK chaplain, Fr. Terence Lee, as the retreat leader. Many will remember the spirit-filled 2006 Fall Assembly at St. Paul's and Fr. Terence's dynamic teachings! Needless to say, we will be truly blessed again with his teachings and meditations on our theme for this year –“Lord, What will You have Me do?” Augusta Nadol, our Jr. DOK directress, as always has a wonderful weekend planned for the Junior DOK. What better way to observe Lent than to attend this annual retreat not only for personal spiritual refreshment but also for renewal of special friendships with our Diocesan “sisters in Christ!”

The Reverend Richard H Belser of St Michael's Church, Charleston is the speaker for this year's

## Healing Mission

at Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter, SC on April 22 and 23

Mr. Belser will speak at both services on Sunday, April 22nd and present two evening programs at 7 p.m. on both Sunday and Monday nights. For more information contact Holy Comforter at 803-773-3823 or info@holycorforter.net.



## Diocesan ECW Calendar

### February

- 2 Winter Diocesan ECW Board Meeting  
Camp St. Christopher
- 2 - 4 Diocesan ECW Retreat  
Camp St. Christopher
- 6 Dinner & Fashion Show  
St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach
- 16 Reception honoring  
Bishop and Mrs. Salmon
- 21 Ash Wednesday – Lent Begins
- 25 Country Store, St. Matthias, Summerton

### March

- 19-31 Old St. Andrew's Team Room  
Highway 61, Charleston, (except Mar. 25)
- 23-24 Spring Tours, St. Helena's
- 25 Country Store, St. Matthias, Summerton
- 30-31 Plantation & Town Tours  
Prince George, Winyah



## United Thank Offering

Your generous responses to our Spring & Fall Ingatherings allowed The Diocese of South Carolina to send to our UTO Committee over \$27,000 in 2006, an increase from 2005! That hundreds of you participate daily with your ‘little blue boxes’ is exciting and something to celebrate.

In the next couple of months, we'll pray that the two UTO Grant Requests that were submitted come to fruition. I'll let you know what I hear!

A Christmas letter from a friend introduced me to the following: “If the only prayer you say in your-life is Thank You, that would suffice.” What an appropriate quote for UTO and for me at this time.

Thank You in His name,  
Nancy Pickering, UTO Chair.

## 60th Annual Plantation Tours

Georgetown, South Carolina  
March 30 & 31, 2007

Sponsored by The Episcopal Church Women of  
Prince George Winyah Parish  
1721-2007

The Sixtieth Annual Plantation Tours of plantations and town houses in and near Georgetown will be held March 30 and 31, 2007. 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.

Houses will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday. Please allow a full day for each day's tour.

Advance tickets are available by mail only and are strongly recommended. The sale of advance tickets will begin on Monday, February 5th and end on Friday, March 16. Due to the time it takes to process the orders, any orders postmarked after Friday, March 16 will be returned.

If available, tickets will be sold at the Parish Hall on the day of the tour. Ticket prices are: Friday Ticket - \$35; Saturday Ticket - \$35; Two-day Ticket - \$60; Bag Lunch - \$5.

Address ticket and lunch requests to Mrs. Lee Jones, 153 Emerson Loop, Pawleys Island, SC 29585. No refunds on advance tickets. For further information, contact Mrs. Lisa Collins at 843-545-8291 or e-mail per4y@aol.com.

## Church Periodical Club

At Work at Home and Abroad

By Tootie Adams, ECW Diocesan CPC Chairman

Since 1888, the Church Periodical Club (CPC) has served the ministry of our Lord through the printed Word by supplying reading, study, reference, teaching and devotional material free to those who cannot otherwise obtain it. Wherever the church is at work – at home or abroad – CPC books, periodicals and other reading material are there as well.

The work of the Church Periodical Club is financed by contributions of individuals and groups. Supporting CPC is one of the most effective ways of carrying out Christ's command: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations..." Matthew 28:19.

In 2006, twenty-four (24) churches in our diocese contributed to the Church Periodical Club. Some of these funds were used to support the seminarians from our diocese with checks each semester to help with the purchase of their textbooks or books for their personal libraries. Ask your priest if he was blessed by receiving this gift from CPC. Other money will go to aid missions supported by our diocese. Also funds designated for Miles of Pennies (MOP) provides printed and related material solely for children from pre-school through

twelfth grade) were used to purchase Bibles for the children of Cornelia Ida, Guyana. These children attended Vacation Bible School sponsored by the Sav R Kids mission trip through St. James Episcopal Church, James Island.

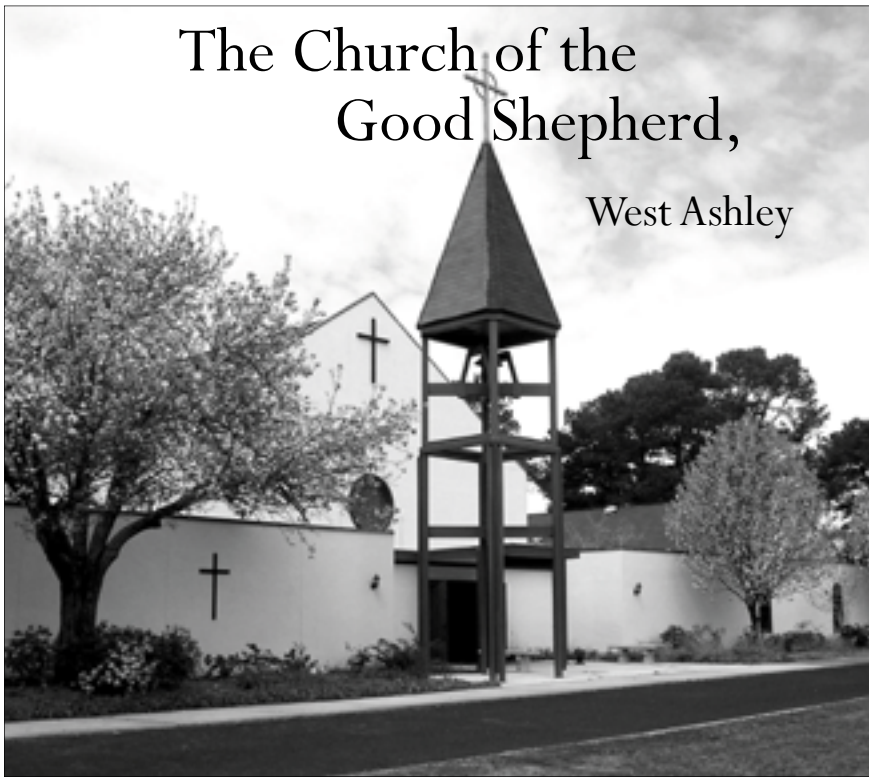


God's Word, a treasured possession.

Each year, one Sunday is set aside for the collection of funds for the Church Periodical Club. The next designated CPC Sunday is May 6, 2007. If this date does not work for your church, check with your priest to find a date that will work. Your continued support and prayers for the mission of the Church Periodical Club are a direct response to Christ's call that has spread the Word of our Lord throughout the world.

If you would like more information about CPC, please contact me by phone (803-499-7516) or e-mail jtadams@ftc-i.net.

## The Church of the Good Shepherd, West Ashley



In recognition of all that God is doing in our midst, the people and vestry of the Church of St. Peter and St. John voted to change the name of the parish to The Church of the Good Shepherd. This change took effect on January 1, 2007, and signals a rebirth and renewal in this historic parish.

Old St. Peter's Church, Logan Street, was founded in 1833 and burned in the Charleston Fire of 1861. St. John's Church, Hanover Street, was founded in 1839 on the East Side of Charleston. Both of these congregations moved to West Ashley locations in the last 40 years. The other Founding Churches are Christ Church, Rutledge Avenue, and St. Peter's by the Sea in North Charleston. Together these Founding Churches make up a rich foundation for The Church of the Good Shepherd.

Under the leadership of the Very Rev. John Burwell, Rector for the past 19 months, the parish has a renewed sense of vision and purpose for the West Ashley community and beyond. The Rev. Shay Gaillard is the current Rector of Good Shepherd, taking over on January 1 as well.

The Church of the Good Shepherd's vision is to build a new church from people who are not yet here. By living into the name Good Shepherd (John 10), we will be Centered on the Cross – Jesus said "I lay down my life for the sheep," Centered on Community – Jesus said, "I know my sheep and my sheep know me," and Centered on Others – Jesus said, "I have other sheep that are not of this flock. I must bring them also." We hope many will "Come and See" what's happening just across from Charles Towne Landing in West Ashley.

## BETH MOORE SIMULCAST EVENT STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT GOD'S DELIVERANCE

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# Christianity in England

Sewanee Offers Anglican Tour, May 31-June 11

The annual Worship and Travel with Sewanee: A Tour Course in Anglican History and Spirituality, sponsored by the University of the South's School of Theology, is accepting reservations for the May 31-June 11, 2007, tour.

The Anglican Tour is open to anyone who desires to study and experience the special historical heritage of Christianity in England and the vibrant spiritual life of the present Church of England. You will discover acres of intricate stonework and stained glass, a semester length course on British history, and a host of beautiful choral evensongs. Worship and Travel with Sewanee was designed by the School

of Theology for laity and clergy participants as well as Sewanee students enrolled in graduate degree programs,

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who can earn academic credit.

The Anglican Tour is intended to be both an educational and enjoyable "sight-seeing" trip, and also a deeply moving spiritual pilgrimage. The Rev. Dr. Susanna Metz, assistant professor of contextual education at the School of Theology, and the Rev. Anne B. Chisham, director of Anglican Tours, are guides for the Anglican Tour.

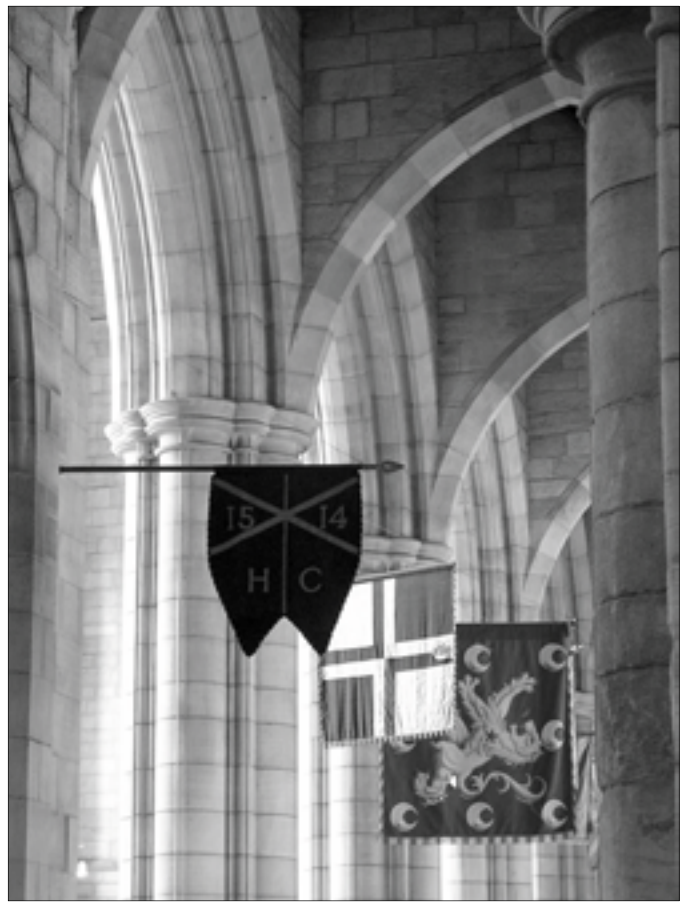
In the words of Buff Grace, a School of Theol-

ogy seminarian and participant in last year's Anglican Tour: "Each day, over the hearty 'cooked breakfasts' the English are famous for or cruising along the lanes of the rural countryside, our guides set the sites in context, delving into the personalities of monarchs, the politics of church and state, and the trends in

architectural styles. I knelt at the shrine to St. Cuthbert, where the hundreds of thousands of knees before me had worn a small bowl in the flagstone. I stood in the spot Constantine was named emperor in 306. I looked out to the sea. St. Bega crossed fleeing Ireland, held quills like the ones Aidan used to scribe the Lindisfarne Gospels, and meditated in the ruined halls of Rievaulx where Aelred wrote his work on friendship. Perhaps best of all was the company of fellow travelers, each with fascinating life stories. Over pints and dinners we

traded good stories and our insights from the day's touring. It was a trip I will be drawing on for many years to come."

For complete Anglican Tour details, itinerary, and a registration form, access the Sewanee Anglican Tour Course Web page at <http://theology.sewanee.edu/anglican%20tours> or contact the Rev. Anne B. Chisham, director of Anglican Tours, by calling 800.438.2403, or E-mailing [abcrev@cox.net](mailto:abcrev@cox.net).



Tour participants visit a Saxon chapel of St. Gregory.

## Sewanee Ladies

New Book Gives Biographical Sketches of 100 Women

The Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation is taking advance orders for *Sewanee Ladies*, a book of biographical sketches of 100 women from Sewanee's history. This volume, with more than 150 photographs, will be available in March from the Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation. STHP will give a discount to orders placed before March 1.

*Sewanee Ladies* began in the 1980s as a project of the Sewanee chapter of the Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities, to preserve the memory of many women who might otherwise have been forgotten. It was set aside when the APTA chapter was disbanded. The Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation, founded in 2003, revived the project and has brought the book to completion. Dozens of people contributed sketches and photographs. Jill Carpenter has done the final editing.

### Worth Remembering

About a third of the women in *Sewanee Ladies* were born before the Civil War, half were born after the War and before 1900, and the rest were born between 1901 and 1923. Taken together, the sketches provide a panorama of the colorful history of Sewanee, and a picture of the time before women were admitted to the University of the South, located in Sewanee.

*Sewanee Ladies* includes wives of the founders and of many University faculty and theologians, mistresses of the boarding-houses and matrons of the early residence halls, and

women of the community at large—teachers and librarians, missionaries and suffragists, artists and musicians, nurses and dietitians, mothers, sisters, and daughters.

Latham Davis designed the book. It contains 240 pages, plus an index, and is hardcover. The price is \$29.95, plus applicable tax, shipping and handling. Orders placed before March 1

will receive a 10%

discount (less \$2.95). Shipping and handling is \$5 for the first copy, and \$1 for each additional copy sent to the same address.

The Sewanee Trust for Historic Preservation is funding the publication of *Sewanee Ladies* as part of its mission to preserve Sewanee history, and this non-profit organization holds the copyright to the material. The Sewanee Trust hopes to recoup its investment with sales. The initial print run will be 500 copies.

Books may be ordered from STHP, P.O. Box 21, Sewanee, TN 37375. Questions may be directed to STHP President Meg Binnicker, (931) 598-5210.



Magnolia Hall, above, built by Maria Louisa Porcher was used as the University of the South's dining hall until it burned in 1960. Photo, courtesy of the Archives, University of the South.

### A Glimpse of a Sewanee Lady

At left is Maria Louisa Porcher (photograph courtesy Ann Whitener). Maria (1828-1910) came to Sewanee in 1872 from Winnsboro, South Carolina, with eleven children, all relatives orphaned by the Civil War. She built Magnolia Hall, large enough to house her family and to board and feed students. One of the children she raised was her cousin Louise Finley, who later became librarian at the University of the South. Louise wrote "...Miss Porcher, with characteristic courage, energy, and sound judgment, undertook the great adventure of making a home in what her South Carolina friends called 'the wilds of the mountain.'" Maria's cousin, the Reverend William Porcher DuBose, called Maria "half bishop, half general." She had five namesakes.



## Susan Clarkson Keller to Speak on the Lamb Institute, February 10

The Beaufort Deanery ECW will be hosting a Gathering February 10, 2007 at The Church of the Cross, 110 Calhoun Street, Bluffton, SC, 843-757-2661. Susan Clarkson Keller of the LAMB Institute will be the keynote speaker with a slide presentation. Rev. Rob Dewey of Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

will give a presentation of his Ministry. Other workshops will be offered as well as lunch and end with a Eucharist Service. Please call the church office or email [anicolini@thechurchofthecross.net](mailto:anicolini@thechurchofthecross.net) for reservations and or directions. Lunch will be \$6.00, payable at the door.

## The Calendar

### February

- 1 Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Annual Banquet
- 2 - 4 Diocesan ECW Retreat, St. Christopher Conf. Cntr.
- 9 Addiction Recovery Service, Holy Cross, Daniel Island
- 9 Heart for Missions Banquet, St. James, Charleston
- 10 Beaufort Deanery Meeting, Church of the Cross, Bluffton
- 16 Choral Evensong & Gala Supper honoring the Salmons
- 17 Absalom Jones Day Celebration, Calvary, Charleston
- 18 Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, Holy Communion, Chas.
- 21 Ash Wednesday, Lent Begins
- 23-25 Diocesan Men's Conference, St. Christopher Conf. Cntr.
- 24 Beth Moore Event, St. Paul's, Summerville

### March

- 2-4 Jesus Weekend, Youth Event, St. Christopher Conf. Cntr.
- 8-9 Spring Infusion, Youth Leaders, St. Christopher Conf. Cntr.
- 12-13 Lenten Retreat, All Saints Church, Hilton Head Island
- 16-18 Epic Weekend, Youth Event, Bonnie Doone Conf. Cntr.
- 19-23 Old St. Andrew's Tea Room, Charleston
- 19-30 St. Paul's Tea Room & Gift Shop, Summerville
- 23 Daughters of the King, Spring Retreat, St. Christopher
- 23-24 St. Helena's Spring Tour of Homes, Beaufort
- 30-31 Prince George, Winyah, 60th Annual Plantation Tours

## The Reverend Dr. Kirtley Yearwood Appointed Vicar of Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston

The Reverend Dr. Kirtley Yearwood has been appointed as Vicar (Senior Associate Priest) of Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston effective January 1, 2007.

Fr. Kirtley, who will oversee educational programs along with youth and children's ministries at Grace, combines the vocations of a priest and physician. He is currently the Forensic Pathology Fellow in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at MUSC. Fr. Kirtley will serve in a part-time capacity at Grace until July 1, 2007, when his appointment will become full-time. This arrangement allows him to complete his year-long fellowship at MUSC.

Born in Bridgetown, Barbados, Fr. Kirtley immigrated to the United States in 1980, becoming a citizen in 1989. He is a graduate of Tuskegee Institute, the University of Oklahoma College of Public Health, and the Medical Center in Washington, DC. He prepared for Holy Orders at the General Theological Seminary of the Episcopal Church in New York City and was ordained to the diaconate in 1997, serving his senior seminarian year as Assistant to the Direc-



tor of the Chapel at General, and deacon at the Church of the Transfiguration (Little Church Around the Corner) in New York City. Upon graduation from General in May 1998, he was ordained to the Priesthood and called as Curate to Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Little Rock, Arkansas.

In January 2000, he became Rector of Saint Mary's, Foggy Bottom, in the Diocese of Washington (DC). While at Saint Mary's, he served as mentor to seminarians at Virginia Theological Seminary who were also physicians. "We met monthly to prayerfully discern how God is calling us to use the gifts of priesthood and medicine," he says.

## Absalom Jones Day Celebration

Saturday, February 17

11 a.m.

Calvary Episcopal Church

106 Line Street, Charleston, SC

The preacher for the occasion will be the Rev. Terrence A. Lee, Rector, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Bennettsville, SC

## Drawing Near to God Announces Studies: Joshua and Living the Spirit-Filled Life

Drawing Near to God began a new season of studies on Thursday, January 11. They will run through March 29. The first eight weeks will be a study of Joshua, and the last four weeks will be a mini-study on "Living the Spirit Filled Life." The group meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at St Andrew's Church in Mt. Pleasant. Cost for the full semester is \$30, which includes the mini-study. If you would like to register for just the mini-study, the charge is \$20. Join in at any time.

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### St. James Church

James Island

will offer

## The annual Heart for Missions Banquet

February 9

6:30 - 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$30 each and will benefit World Missions at Saint James Church, 1872 Camp Road, James Island, SC.

Our guest speaker is the Rev. Alan Winter of Frontline Missions. Tickets may be purchased by calling the church at 843-795-1623.



The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy's Annual Golf Tournament was held on November 13, 2006, at the Snee Farm Country Club. The team from Christ Episcopal Church took 2nd place overall in the tournament. Pictured from right to left: Team Captain Charlie Barnhill, Ron Jones, Glenn Gibbons, and Conrad Tuza. Thanks to all the players and sponsors who helped to raise \$5,700.00 for the Chaplaincy!