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Leading in South Carolina Reflections on the Ministry of Bishop Salmon

Servant Leadership – Enter as a Child

At the recent dedication of Holy Cross Daniel Island, Bishop Salmon grasped the hand of a wayward child and processed with him to the

Parish Hall. At the top of the steps, he handed the child his staff and instructed him to knock on the door. The child obeyed, and the congregation processed into the building. That will be an endearing memory to be certain. You must

have the heart of a child to enter the Kingdom, the Gospel of Luke tells us. Yet only minutes earlier, as the congregation had noisily filled the new sanctuary, the Bishop arose and admonished the flock to enter into the service with reverence and awe. His very presence bespeaks his strength and authority, yet the Bishop would tell you that “real spiritual authority doesn’t come from outward strength, but rather from an emptying out of oneself in order to serve Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. As Jesus washed his disciples’

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Growing in Grace, Favor, & Locations

The Church of the Holy Cross Opens Daniel Island Campus

After a year of planning and construction, Holy Cross Episcopal Church on Daniel Island is now open for worship. The church, based on Sullivan’s Island, hosted the Bishop of South Carolina, The Right Reverend Edward Lloyd Salmon, Jr., at the Daniel Island church for a Consecration and dedication on Sunday, April 23. After the service, parishioners celebrated with a picnic on the church grounds.

What Makes Holy Cross, Holy Cross?

We Exist for Those Who are Not Yet Members

To begin with, Holy Cross is outward-focused, rather than inward-focused. Our first and most important premise is that we exist for those who are not yet members. We do not exist to grow, for growth’s sake. We exist to bring everyone that we can into a closer, fuller, and personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We’re seeing miracles happen and lives being changed, and we’re having fun. We want to be a beacon that shines God’s light and joy to everyone in our East Cooper area.

Like most churches, we welcome those who transfer to us from other congregations, but we also actively embrace those who have never belonged to a church and those who used to belong somewhere, but stopped attending at some point in their lives. We accept everyone wherever they are in their personal faith journey, and we believe that our Lord will take them where He wants them to be, on His timetable.

Because our focus is outward rather than inward, we do indeed grow. Holy Cross is now the third largest church in the Diocese of South Carolina and according to national statistics on Sunday attendance, we are in the top 5% of all Episcopal Churches in America.

A Big Church with a Small Church Feel

But another part of what makes Holy Cross, Holy Cross is the fact that we don’t “feel” like a big church. By design, our buildings are relatively small. By design, we offer five different styles of worship, and we offer five moderate-sized services rather than one huge one. We live

in an age where there are hundreds of channels on television, dozens of screens in movie theaters and shopping centers with scores of stores. We also live in an age when more and more people are longing for relationships. As the old song says, “Sometimes you want to go where

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A Report from the Standing Committee on the Election of the Bishop of SC

The Episcopal Search Committee, chaired by Fr. Greg Kronz, has worked diligently for many months. They will complete their work soon, and submit the names of their recommended candidates to the Standing Committee in mid-June. Due to General Convention, the Standing Committee will not have the chance to interview the candidates until early July. We will therefore make public the names of the nominees on or before August 1. This falls within the canonically mandated requirement that the diocese must be notified of the names 45 days before the election.

Important Dates

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| September 9, 2006 | The election delegates and clergy will meet and ask questions of the candidates. (St. Philip’s, Charleston). |
| September 16, 2006 | The election (St. Philip’s, Charleston) |
| February 10, 2007 | A social gathering in honor of Bishop and Mrs. Salmon. Details TBA |
| February 18, 2007 | Solemn High Mass in Thanksgiving for the ministry of the Right Rev. Edward L. Salmon, Jr. Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston. |
| February 24, 2007 | Consecration of the new bishop |

The Standing Committee and Search Committee covet your continued prayers for the process, and for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, that the Diocese of South Carolina may indeed call another good and faithful servant.

Blessings, Fr. Dow Sanderson, President of the Standing Committee

To learn more about the process visit the Bishop Search Committee website: <http://scbishopsearch.org/>

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feet, so we must follow his example in serving others." The servant leadership



A child assists Bishop Salmon at the dedication of Holy Cross Daniel Island's Parish Hall.

of Bishop Salmon and his passion for serving God's Kingdom has blessed the Diocese of South Carolina.

Called to South Carolina

In 1988, Bishop Salmon had been contacted by two other dioceses, Arkansas and Oklahoma, but those processes had not gone anywhere when the diocese of South Carolina contacted him. During the process of selecting candidates, he was on Sabbatical in England and Rome with his wife Louise. Due to a move by their host, Dr. Polkinghorne, they could not access their mail for several weeks. By the time Bishop Salmon heard he was officially a candidate for Bishop, it had already been published in the local papers. He remained in the process and remembers his interview with Kendall Harmon. Harmon asked him to share what his three greatest weaknesses were and

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what he was doing about them. Bishop Salmon's initial response was, "Not on your life, unless you're ready to tell me yours!" After he shared his first weakness, his wife could be heard behind him, "Now, that's the truth!"

Bishop Allison called him after he was selected on the first ballot to offer him the call to come to South Carolina. Bishop Salmon asked for two weeks to pray about it. He received a call from a friend, the Catholic archbishop of St. Louis, John May, who told him there was nothing to wait about, he was called and needed to go and accept where God was leading him.

When the Bishop and Louise moved from St. Louis to Charleston, their daughter Catherine was starting eleventh grade and their son, Edward, the eighth. They enrolled in Porter-Gaud. Both ended up graduating from the University of the South at Sewanee. Catherine is now an attorney in St. Louis. April 22nd of this year, Edward married Theresa Reynolds. The same

week he successfully defended his thesis to earn his masters in structural geology from the University of Montana. The Salmons only "child" at home now is their boxer, Bentley.

Steady Growth

For seventeen years Bishop Edward Salmon has led the diocese of South Carolina into health and steady growth. While the Episcopal Church has struggled with divisive issues and declining numbers, this diocese continues to herald a strong identity as an orthodox diocese that seeks to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. In the report of the Standing Commission on Domestic Mission and Evangelism to the 75th General Convention, the decline in Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) is noted in relationship to the goal of the 20/20 movement to double Sunday attendance. "Current data indicates that we are going in the wrong direction. So far, what has doubled is the rate of decline attendance." According to statistics from the Annual Parochial Reports, the Diocese of South Carolina is almost alone in experiencing significant growth. In fact, the rate of growth in the diocese has even outpaced the rate of growth for the state of South Carolina. In the most recent data available, the ASA as a percentage of active membership for 2004 was also the highest in the Episcopal Church.

Empowering Congregations – A Single Vision

When Bishop Salmon began his ministry here, he saw the rise of growth across the state and began to look at ways to empower congregations to reach out to do the work of the gospel in this climate of growth. With the Bishop's guidance, the vision began to emerge to build up the congregations for the work of the gospel. This vision has remained the single focus of Bishop Salmon's leadership for 17 years now. Many strategies have developed over the years to implement this vision, but this single vision has guided the direction of the diocese during Salmon's entire ministry here.

The Main Thing – Evangelizing and Touching this Culture with the Gospel

Even after seventeen years of successful growth, the Bishop stresses that "we grow to become stronger in order to carry out the mission of the Gospel.

We don't become stronger simply to say that we're stronger. The mission of the gospel is to evangelize and

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touch this culture with the gospel that Jesus Christ is Savior and Lord." The bishop recounted once when he was working with the leadership of a parish and there were many ministries apparent. Each ministry was an important ministry. Yet he pointed out that the reason the Diocese of SC has prospered is because it has always made the main thing, a saving relationship with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, "the main thing". If a ministry doesn't point back to "the main thing", then the ministry gets distorted. If the diocese, the congregations and their growth don't point back to "the main thing," they get distorted. They lose sight of why we're here, what our purpose is. We must always keep "the main thing," the main thing. We do this by going to everything we do and ask, does this focus on the main thing?

Streamlining the Diocesan Office

One of Bishop Salmon's initial concerns coming into the diocese was for the congregations to have the resources they needed to carry out the mission of the Gospel effectively. To do this work, Bishop Salmon implemented changes to the structure of the diocese. He streamlined the operations at the diocesan level in order to pour resources back into the individual congregations. He first changed the

Bishop's office from an administrative office to a field office. He spends half the week out in the field with the front-line of clergy leadership of the diocese. He also reduced the diocesan staff to half its size in order to free up funds to invest back into the congregations.

Reducing Annual Assessments

In order to help congregations become fiscally stronger, he reduced the annual assessment rate from 20-25% to 10% so that congregations would have funds freed up to invest back into their own congregation. The 20-25% assessment was a typical assessment around the country for churches to pay to their diocese. But in this high rate, the Bishop pointed out, the system had ceased to ask the question, "What



Bishop Salmon with Jay Slocum, left and Chuck Owens at The Church of the Cross, Bluffton.

is the main thing?" In the case of the diocese of South Carolina, answering that question meant focusing resources back into the individual parishes so that they could focus on doing the work of the gospel.

Developing Youth Programs

Developing the youth programs in parishes throughout the diocese has been a key strategy of the bishop towards the health and growth of the diocese. Early in his tenure he pressed congregations to hire youth workers and to develop youth programs. There were a handful of youth workers at the beginning of the Bishop's tenure. Today there are over thirty youth staff ministering around the diocese. The Youth Department is one of the strongest in the Episcopal Church and runs several diocesan wide youth events that are attended by hundreds of youth from all over the diocese.

Builders for Christ

The Bishop formed The Builders for Christ Fund to begin to fund renovations of existing facilities and for purchases of new facilities and properties. It serves as a primary witness to the spirit of the vision to build up congregations. As churches and individuals contribute to this fund, it speaks to the community supporting each other in growing together. As well, funds from Builders for Christ have been used for congregational development in the hiring of youth and Christian Education workers for parishes that needed them.

Highlights of Bishop Salmon's Leadership

- ◆ A Clear Vision - Building up Congregations for the work of the Gospel
- ◆ Keeping Evangelism and Reaching this Culture with the Gospel as "The Main Thing"
- ◆ Streamlining the Diocesan Office
- ◆ Reducing Annual Assessments
- ◆ Developing Youth Programs
- ◆ Builders for Christ
- ◆ Refocusing the Department of Congregational Development
- ◆ Revolving Loan Program
- ◆ Congregations Planting Congregations
- ◆ Young Priesthood
- ◆ Creating and Sustaining Healthy Relationships

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Give the Ball to Holy Cross

The following is a partial text of The Very Reverend John B. Burwell's remarks at the Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Daniel Island Campus of the Church of the Holy Cross, Saturday, May 14, 2005.

In March 2003, the Daniel Island Development Corporation approached the Diocese of South Carolina with an offer to give the diocese a parcel of land here on Daniel Island. At a meeting of the Department of Congregational Development, we discussed starting a mission congregation on the property. Some of the Department members didn't see how we could afford to commit to this deal. Someone made a suggestion that the three churches East of the Cooper go together and perhaps give 50 families each to start a new church on Daniel Island. Ted McNabb, the rector of Christ Church, was at the meeting. We talked, and neither he nor I were particularly fond of that idea.

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About this time Bishop Salmon told us that our discussion sounded like a discussion that could have been had in the 1960's. He said something along the lines about how we, as a diocese, had better be willing to do some pretty different thinking if we wanted to thrive in the years to come. And then he looked at me.

If this had been a football game, Bishop Salmon basically opened up a hole in the line that was so wide that you could drive a truck through it. So I said, "Give the ball to Holy Cross." I told them, "If the Diocese will help us build a church building and a parish hall on the Daniel Island land, then Holy Cross will be willing to start a branch of Holy Cross in the buildings." They voted

unanimously to recommend this idea to the Diocesan Council. The council voted a unanimous approval in June, and today – two years later - we're finally on our way.

I'll be the first to admit that our approach – that what we are doing - is a bit unusual. But in my 23 years of ordained ministry, it's been my experience that when God is involved, anything can happen, and nothing is impossible.

Remember David and Goliath? Nobody gave David a chance! Remember the Israelites on their exodus, and how they faced the Red Sea in front of them and the Egyptian Army behind them? Everybody said it was back to slavery. Remember Good Friday, when they laid our Lord in the stone-cold tomb? Everyone said it was all over.

BUT!!! The Very One who directed that stone between Goliath's eyes, and parted

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Bishop Salmon, John Burwell and Chris Warner at the ground breaking for Holy Cross Daniel Island.

the Red Sea right down the middle and brought His Son back from the dead – that Very One is with us today as we break this ground! And He – The Lord God Almighty - takes delight in mixing up the odds as he alters the obvious and bypasses the inevitable!

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everybody knows your name and they're always glad you came." We believe our future lies in choice and intimacy.

Expanding the Sullivan's Island Campus

In 2003 we expanded our Sullivan's Island location to reflect our future. Now, in addition to our historic worship

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building we have a beautiful contemporary worship building and student center, an expanded Christian education building and a glorious tradi-



tional worship building. But we also looked to the future and asked ourselves, "What happens when we reach the point where we've outgrown our new buildings? How can we continue to reach out to those who are not yet members and yet keep our relatively small church 'feel'?"

The traditional answer would have been to take some of our current members and start a new mission congrega-

tion, with its own vicar. This new mission would perhaps meet in a school cafeteria or community clubhouse until it grew large enough to build its own building. The disadvantage of this approach is that a new mission generally struggles from a lack of people to do ministry and a lack of funds to sponsor programs and staff. It could take a decade to build ministry momentum.

The Dream – Multiple Campuses

What if, instead, we could take some of our existing Holy Cross services and offer them at new locations? Instead of planting new congregations or building more buildings where we are, what if we took Holy Cross to the people? What if we had a second location - and then a third location - of the same great church?

We already have the muscle to do real ministry, so additional locations wouldn't have to struggle like a new diocesan mission would. The additional locations would share Holy Cross' clergy and take advantage of all of our existing ministries and opportunities.

Realizing the Dream – Daniel Island Opens

In 2003, Diocesan Council voted unanimously to allow Holy Cross to test

this dream and build a new location on land given to the diocese by the Daniel Island Corporation. Council also appropriated 1.5 million dollars to assist in construction costs that would end up to be 2.6 million dollars.

What if we had a second location, and then a third?

On April 30th, we held our first services in the Daniel Island location, and over 350 people attended. At least 65% of those attending were first-time visitors.

Additionally, Vince Graham, the designer and developer of the I'On Community in Mt. Pleasant has given Holy Cross a parcel of land in I'On, and we hope to have plans underway for groundbreaking of a third Holy Cross location a little later this year. Our dreams are becoming reality.

If there is one question that I get asked more than any other, it is this: "Who will be the priest assigned to Daniel Island?" The answer is that all the Holy Cross priests will be assigned to Holy Cross. Holy Cross, Daniel Island and Holy Cross, I'On are additional locations, not

additional congregations. Holy Cross is one church with multiple locations. Our new locations will never become independent congregations. We are not interested in planting new churches, and we won't. All three Holy Cross locations (and any additional locations that might come our way in the future) will share our wonderful resources. We are not starting

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new churches. We are one church - The Church of the Holy Cross - with multiple locations. This approach is



The dedication of the Parish Hall at Holy Cross Daniel Island.

indeed a different approach to parish ministry, but we are convinced we are responding to God's suggestion.



Stepping Out in Faith

The former chaplain of the U.S. Senate, Lloyd Ogilvie, is fond of asking, "What are you doing in your ministry that is so outrageous that it would fall apart if God were not in it?" He goes on to say that if the answer is "nothing" then we are probably not doing God's will. Almighty God is just that – Almighty. I believe He calls us to dream dreams, and take risks, and to think beyond the limits of our sight. As I've often said, just because "it hasn't been done" doesn't mean that it can't be done. The reason Holy Cross is where it is today is because years ago we were willing to step out in faith and rely on God's almighty power. Where we will be in the coming years will be dependent on our ability and our willingness to keep stepping out in faith. We have complete confidence that we will. That is, after all, actually what makes Holy Cross, Holy Cross.

John Burwell, Rector

Read...Think...Pray...Live...

On the weekend of March 17-19, over eighty high school students and their leaders gathered at Camp St. Christopher



for the second year of a special diocesan retreat. Epic combines strong Bible teaching, liturgical worship, and contemplative practices. Distinct from our large conference style events, this retreat weekend is designed to be smaller and more

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intimate, providing an opportunity for students to experience in depth teaching in a communal atmosphere. Without hype, we allow students to experience God's word and meet with Jesus.

Prior to the arrival of the group, the old rec hall was transformed into a creative meeting space full of colorful painted murals depicting the scripture we would study. As students gathered on Friday night, the concept of silence and reflection was introduced to set the

tone for listening to God. In each of our sessions we first engaged in worship through liturgy and music followed by the teaching before sending the group out to spend time alone in prayer and reflection. Each

morning began with Morning Prayer before breakfast and evenings concluded with Compline. The weekend concluded with Holy Communion in Chapel of the Palms, which had also been transformed into a colorful worship space.

Our speaker was Ken Moser, youth minister at St John's Shaughnessy, Vancouver, Canada. As a veteran of more than 20 years of church based youth ministry, Ken's teaching



was dynamic and challenging. He brought the book of Jude to life for our students over the course of the weekend. Music was led by Michael McIntyre (St James, James Island). High School seniors Danny Messier (St. Mark's, Charleston) and Rosa Jenkins (Trinity Edisto) served as our guides throughout the weekend.

Epic is an opportunity for high school students to engage with God's word and apply it to their lives. Students are challenged to read, think, pray, and live out what scripture teaches us. It is a very powerful part of our line up of diocesan events.



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New Role for Department of Congregational Development

The Department of Congregational Development has shifted strategically from serving as a clearinghouse of requests to serving in an advisory position under the Diocesan Council. It no longer holds authority to spend or collect any monies. Instead, it offers guidance in three areas: church planting, leadership development within congregations and grant administration. Some congregations need consulting work to help find vision for their own parish, or perhaps need to work on articulating their vision to their leadership. Often this requires the expertise of a consultant and people hours rather than a check for a program. The manner of support the department recommends reflects the place the congregation is at when the request for assistance is made. It looks at a host of variables regarding a church's health and potential to determine what type of assistance will best aid the church in their growth. Research is done in order to make a recommendation to the Diocesan Council of how to best come alongside a church and support it.

Revolving Loan Program

Five years ago, an initiative was put into place to build up several major vital congregations for the long term vitality of the diocese. The diocese decided that it would be of greater benefit in the long run to develop a revolving loan program. Instead of a parish dealing with a bank and current interest rates, a parish now deals with the diocese. A major benefit of these loans is that the diocese pays the interest on the loan for the first few years. This gives the parish time to sustain enough growth to absorb the

repayments of the loan. The Bishop signed several million dollar loan notes for thriving parishes around the diocese including Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, St. Paul's Conway, St. Paul's, Summerville, and Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island.

Churches Building Churches

Two years later, the diocese added an additional strategy. It would move from doing diocesan mission to parochial mission. In other words, rather than the diocese plant new churches and revitalize struggling parishes from a diocesan level, the diocese would invest in congregations to do this work. For example, Church of the Cross, Bluffton, has planted the Buckwalter Campus. Additionally, it has partnered with Holy Apostles, Barnwell to strengthen it. Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, has built a campus on Daniel Island, paid for by the diocese, and has started services at a site in the I'on community of Mt. Pleasant. They have partnered with St. Peter and St. John's West of the Ashley. St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant is working with St. Mary's, Goose Creek and Trinity, Pinopolis, has merged with Holy Family, Monck's Corner.

A Young Priesthood

Another strategy has been to raise up a young priesthood. The diocese has more clergy under the age of 40 than most other dioceses, and that has been intentional. Of the active 117 clergy, 13 are under 40 years of age, and 30 priests are between forty and fifty. Of thirteen seminarians, all but two are in their twenties and thirties.

The Bishop has also tried to create diversity in their training. Four are presently at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, one is at Muirfield, a monastic community in England, four are at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, three are at Nashotah House and one is at the Lutheran Seminary in Columbia.

Creating and Sustaining



Developing Youth ministry programs has been a high priority for Bishop Salmon.

Healthy Relationships

Another hallmark to Bishop Salmon's leadership is his focus on relationships. Critical to empowering congregations to be faithful to the gospel is creating and sustaining healthy relationships. To the Bishop, this is the "name of the game." Conflict management is a crucial area leadership must model for congregations. He recounted a recent and ongoing struggle in the diocese of Florida between a bishop and several congregations that could be tied directly back to how relationships are managed. Often relationships are ruined because one or both parties fail to engage healthily in conflict. The Bishop meets several times with each seminarian upon graduation to teach and discuss principles of relationships, conflict management and leadership

issues. He also requires them to read *A Failure of Nerve: Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix* by Edwin H. Friedman.

The Bishop teaches that conflict goes with the territory of growth and change. It is normative in organizations with relationships. The question is how you deal with it. One thing he does is to discern when to take it personally. More often than not, when someone gets upset with you as a leader it has more to do with the role you play than you personally. The key is to differentiate this and to take the personal part out of it.

There have been a few conflicts that have stayed in Bishop Salmon's memory. He says that occasionally there are people in the congregation that want to "shoot the rector." One of his major roles, he feels, is to back clergy leadership in a congregation, without exception. If and when clergy make mistakes, as everyone does, deal with them. Do not cover them. But often people come into ministry with sentimental views. For example, a parishioner in his first parish threatened to leave because he no longer wanted to be a part of a parish that didn't have "brotherly love." The Bishop asked him if he had any brothers or sisters, and what their "brotherly love" felt like growing up. In reality, this parishioner didn't want to be there, but hid behind an excuse. The Bishop wasn't going to let him off the hook. This is an important part of leadership, Salmon continues, not letting people off the hook, even yourself. To accomplish the work of the Gospel, we must develop and maintain healthy relationships; it is the "name of the game."

Beyond September

This September the diocese will select our next Bishop. One of the biggest issues Bishop Salmon sees for

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Christ in Popular Culture

Introducing Middle Schoolers to the “Real” Jesus

Growing up in the 21st Century poses a challenge in understanding the real Jesus. Young people are constantly confronted with inaccurate depictions of Jesus on television and in the movies. This has enabled people

weekend of April 28-30, the real Jesus was revealed through a close look at key passages in the gospels. Our speaker was Steve Chisholm (Church of the Cross, Bluffton) who illustrated his lively talks with clips from film and television as well as stories from his own life. Through four messages, small group discussions and a homily on Sunday, Steve challenged and inspired the students to seek the real Jesus in their lives.

David Childs (formerly of Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island) provided glorious music on the weekend. His songs provided an opportunity

for all to make a joyful noise unto the Lord. Holly Zaher (Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant) provided excellent leader sessions focused on understanding popular culture. The Youth Commission were perhaps the hardest workers of all, working behind the scenes as well as leading small



groups and Saturday afternoon activities. Two of them, James Shelley (Christ

Church, Mt. Pleasant) and Mary Elaine Jenkins (All Saint’s Hilton Head) served as our hosts for the weekend. Other highlights on the weekend included team building activities led by Jim Zaher (Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant) and a showing of the movie “Joshua”, an example of a film in which Hollywood depicted Jesus

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in our culture who have an incorrect understanding of Jesus to “create” an image of him to suit their own purposes. It is important that we as Christians really know the Jesus of scripture and be able to recognize inaccurate portrayals. This provided an excellent teaching subject for Great Weekend 2006.

Over the course of the



by Dorothy Porcher-Holland, *The Cathedral, Charleston.*



Recently I have been hearing the repetition of a most alarming statistic. It is currently being said that more than half of all Christian youth are walking away from their faith during their college years. In one sense it is nothing new. We know historically college students are an unlikely segment of our population to attend church. However, when we consider this scenario in combination with the National Study of Youth and

denomination, includes a number of findings that should have us seriously concerned. For example, the following stats on Episcopal teens are considerably lower than other mainline Protestant denominations.

In Deuteronomy 6 we find the summary of the law, which was recited daily in Jewish homes. The chapter begins with a strong admonition to pass the faith along to each generation. “*These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life.*” The summary itself is found in verses 4-9 and paints a picture of an active, daily, life long teaching of God’s word to each generation. “*Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when*

you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates.”

Generally speaking, we are not effectively passing along the faith to each generation. The results we see in this generation of teens is a faith that Dr. Christian Smith (who is an Episcopalian) describes as ‘moralistic therapeutic deism’. It is not the Christian faith that we see in scripture. The average person growing up in the church hears Bible stories as child and receives little training beyond that. When parents do not teach scripture in the home, it leaves the task to youth ministry, which has very little time to accomplish the job. We can easily blame our busy lives for all this, but blame does not solve the problem. How then might we secure the future of our church? Three steps come to mind. First, we in this diocese are already placing a strong emphasis on Bible teaching in our youth ministries. Many of our youth ministers are taking the challenge seriously and spending less time on fun and games and more

time in scripture. I am hearing wonderful reports of the results of youth ministries doing this and students responding enthusiastically. Second, parents need to be equipped to teach scripture. The only way to do that is become students of God’s word as well. We must get involved in classes at our churches where we will learn the scriptures. Out of the overflow of what we learn, we will teach our children! Third, and this may be the toughest challenge, the whole church needs to take on the task of training up our young people in the faith! I speak to far too many youth ministers who struggle to find adults willing to get involved in youth ministry. Proverbs 22:6 reminds us that if we “Train a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not turn from it.” The task of passing along the faith to each generation is the responsibility of the family and as God’s family, the church needs to engage in this endeavor! As Paul reminds the church in Thessalonica, “We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.” (1 Thessalonians 2:8) The future of the church is in our hands!

Dave Wright
Coordinator for Youth Ministries

For more details of the National Study of Youth and Religion, visit their website: <http://www.youthandreligion.org/publications/docs/Portr>

40%
identify their faith as very or extremely important in shaping their daily lives.

8%
read their Bible alone once a week or more.

35%
prayed with parents other than at mealtimes in the past year.

27%
expressed that their family talks about religious matters.

Religion undertaken by Dr Christian Smith, sociology professor at the University of North Carolina, the statistics are frightening. The study, which breaks down responses according to

Looking for the Future of the Church

Passing our Faith to Future Generations

Sewing for Boca Chica, DR Mission

By Carolyn "Sparkie" Sparks, Old Saint Andrews Parish Church

A couple of months ago Maria Sample attended Sunday services at Old Saint Andrews Parish Church in order to speak about a need. She brought with her a Wish List of items needed for the new retirement home



"Sparkie" Sparks and "Rocki" Navarro hard at work sewing curtains.

being built in Boca Chica, our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic. She spoke elderly individuals who need constant care and supervision but live with families where everyone works. They end up being left alone all day in less than adequate conditions. While the building and fixtures are in place, there are still many needs for the basic finishing touches! Sheets, towels, bath rugs etc. And curtains, even curtains for the windows. This struck a chord in my heart and I knew I was supposed to do something – but what. What could I do? Luckily I have a good friend who is a professional designer/seamstress. I asked if she would give me a deep discount if I bought the fabric for all

the curtains for this project and even helped with the sewing. Well Roxane "Rocki" Navarro/Rocki's Originals refused to take any money and she made this her cause as well; stopping work on her projects to sew for Boca Chica. We enlisted the help of a mutual friend, Fay Crowe, who sews and is always there when a charitable need is presented. At first I was unsure if I could bear the whole cost alone for 26 pairs of gathered eyelet curtains. So I shared my concern with the Old Saint Andrew's ECW president as well as with my sister Debra, who currently lives out of state and couldn't help with the sewing. Next thing I knew I had a check in my hand for half of the first order. I knew I was on the

right path. The finished product is twenty-six beautiful pair of white eyelet curtains. The actual sewing done by "Rocki" Navarro and "Sparkie" Sparks, assisted by Fay Crowe in getting them ready for their trip.

Cheryl Allen, who is the person in charge of the Boca Chica mission initially, sold me on the idea with her vision when she said "Just imagine what these lovely curtains will do for the elderly clients, as the ocean breeze of Boca Chica makes the curtains flutter in the early morning! The rooms have been painted bright Caribbean colors and the white curtains will add charm and a sense of home that many of these people would not have felt

before." What a lovely picture! I can see it!

Well as I stressed over the fabric and the deadline, the women of the ECW at Old St. Andrews had a surprise for me. Because I was willing to step out in faith that we could make this happen, on top of the generous cheerleading and encouragement they gave me and my small group, the ECW additionally took over the entire responsibility for the cost of the fabric as well. What a lovely blessing.

Peggy Pye, from our own Canterbury House, is going down to help with the opening of the home. Peggy actually left on Monday the 1st of May and carried all 52 curtains, sorted in pairs and packaged in zip lock bags, with her in her luggage so they can be hung on the windows right away. The opening of this facility is a milestone for the Dominican Republic. There is not another one like it on the island. There have been many people and churches in our diocese and other dioceses that have helped make this retirement home happen. These curtains are just one very small part. But as Mother Teresa said, "In this life we cannot do great things. We can only do small things with great love."

What a joyous event to be part of—helping to provide a cheerful, bright, clean environment for elderly people in our companion diocese! Thank you for allowing me to play just one small part!



Daughters of the King Spring Retreat

In late March, the Diocesan Daughters of the King gathered at St. Christopher for their annual Spring Retreat. Summerville's St. George was the host chapter of this spirit-filled weekend for all in attendance. Fr. Robert Schwarz, a member of the St. George staff and the retreat leader, left us spellbound from his teachings on "Maturing the Fruit of the Spirit." In addition to two Eucharist services, the activities enjoyed by all were a prayer shawl workshop and the "socials"...one honoring Jacque Crosby, Provincial IV President and our guest for the weekend and Fr. Mike Symanowski, our Diocesan DOK chaplain. Augusta Nadol, Jr. DOK Diocesan Directress, kept the many Junior DOK very involved with spiritually awesome activities during the weekend. The DOK music team of Sunny Walker, Elizabeth Tezza, and Stacie Sidlosky led us in the praise and worship music throughout the weekend. Pat Krisel, chapter President, and her committees "left no stones unturned" to insure those in attendance would long remember this weekend full of spiritual love and fellowship with their "Sisters in Christ."



It is impossible for me to make you aware of all the good things Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) does with only one article in this newspaper every other month. If you know how to surf the Internet, I urge you to click on ERD's website, www.er-d.org, spend some time, and learn a lot. You can get an idea of what ERD is accomplishing in over 30 countries throughout the world. You can read articles and see pictures of ERD in action. You can learn about the "Gifts for Life" catalog, and about how buying Bishops Blend Coffee helps fund ERD programs. There is a wealth of information concerning how ERD has responded to last year's hurricanes. Finally, there is a place where one can donate to ERD online. I have not emphasized this option very much, but it is a rapidly expanding practice on the part of many Episcopalians.

Office of Disaster Planning

Our last article mentioned that it had been decided to establish an Office of Disaster Planning so that dioceses throughout the country are better prepared for natural or man-made disasters. That nationwide search has been completed and Richard Ohlsen has filled the position since early April. He is also responsible for ERD's multi-million dollar Hurricane Katrina response program along the Gulf Coast. Ohlsen was previously with the Federal Emergency Management Agency in New York. In that capacity, he was deeply involved in responding to emergencies including the September 11th World Trade Center attack, Hurricane Jeanne, and the crash of TWA flight 800. Our own Chaplain Rob Dewey knows Ohlsen, and stated that he felt it was an excellent choice.

Technology Institute in Haiti

You may recall hearing about the idea of establishing a post-high school business and technology institute in Les Cayes, Haiti. Haiti is an incredibly poor country with a high rate of illiteracy. Per capita income is just \$390 per year. Understandably, businesses have been reluctant to locate there because of the lack of trained potential workers. It was felt by many that the answer to this problem was the establishment of a school that would provide courses such as business management, computer technology, statistics, and English. Well, the Bishop Tharp Business and Technology Institute was officially opened last September and was inaugurated in early April. Today, it is educating 180 students, many of whom will soon be business managers and owners, helping to stimulate business in and around Les Cayes, Haiti's third largest city. The institute is named after the late Rt. Rev. Robert Tharp, who was Chairman of the Board

of Directors of ERD at the time of his death. Tharp was instrumental in making this dream a reality. Those of you who have made contributions to ERD's work in Haiti can take particular pride in this new venture. Contributions to ERD, designated for the Bishop Tharp Institute are needed and welcome.

ERD in Sudan

The situation in Sudan is far too complex to be reviewed thoroughly here. However, you should know that ERD has been helping at least some of the estimated two million people in the region who have lost their homes and are living as refugees, either in the Darfur region (the size of France) or in neighboring Chad. We had been working strictly through other ecumenical organizations, but in December, we received a license that allows us to send funds directly to Sudan. Working through the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, we are now providing critical aid at 35 locations to help displaced people in the Darfur region. ERD has

provided food, medicines, emergency health care and clean water. At a few refugee camps, we are supporting schools. Remember, these are refugees who were driven from their villages by the Janjaweed, government supported militias that killed and raped hundreds of thousands in the last three years.

There is a light on the horizon. As this article is written, peace talks between the rebels and the government in Khartoum seem to be progressing. This is only happening because of intense international pressure on both sides. There are still areas of disagreement, such as representation in the country's government, but the tentative agreement calls for disarming of the Janjaweed militias. However, even if these peace talks were to come to a conclusion right away, these people will need our help for some time to come. ERD will stay involved.

Many Thanks

In the last issue of "Jubilat Deo", we listed the 30

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For Whom the Church Exists

How we lead our churches is a reflection of what we believe the mission of the Church to be. Too many leaders believe, as evidenced by our actions, that churches exist solely to meet the desires of their members. While this is partially true and will be expounded upon in a moment, elevating the dysfunctional desires of members above the mission of the church is to waste precious resources and lose focus on the very reason the church exists. It is a common trap into which many leaders fall and it will kill your church.

For many years business leaders have extolled the necessity of clearly articulating an organization's mission. They do such a good job of it we tend to forget that it's not a new idea! Being faithful to an overarching mission (the "main thing") comes straight out of Scripture.

The Mission of the Church

As difficult as it may be to keep the main thing the main thing, we must remember the clearly articulated mission of the Church. Jesus says to us: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:18-20). This directive from our Lord is so important that the Church calls it the Great Commission.

It's striking how other-focused the Great Commission is: make disciples of others, baptize others, teach others. We, of course, are the disciple-makers, baptizers and teachers. Our focus, however, is on others. When we understand that our mission is not about us we are free to lead accordingly. Our actions – how we arrange our priorities and align our systems – will reflect this understanding. We won't ignore our members, certainly not, but by faithfully teaching them to obey everything that Jesus commanded we focus on meeting our members' spiritual needs.

The Deepest Desires of Members

The desire to worship our Lord together as a body, to hear the Word preached, to become mature in faith, to grow in wisdom and stature, to journey toward Christ-likeness, to belong to a community of believers, to have meaningful ministry opportunities and to have the sacraments properly administered: these are the deep spiritu-

the church will have a difficult time moving forward, both in size and depth. Avoiding this trap is one of the biggest challenges a church leader faces.

Other members strongly oppose any kind of risk taking, especially with the church's (read: "their") money. For example, a church decides not to build a much-needed new building until 100% of the funding is pledged, another splits over the sale of the rectory, another is divided over a proposed new staff position. Certainly we are called to be good stewards of the church's resources both now and for future generations. However, there is a big difference, as Bishops Salmon often explains, between "risk" and "risky". That difference is a measure of our faith and our willingness to discern God's vision for our future and act obediently. This my-focus is all too common and must be named and avoided.

The Responsibility of Leaders

If we believe that our church exists to meet every desire of every member, we are in a trap and may not even realize it. It is the sole responsibility of the leadership to get crystal clear about the main thing and ensure that the church's focus, its use of resources and alignment of its systems,

reflect it. If we are to lead healthy, vital churches we must keep the focus off of ourselves and on God and His purpose for the Church.

If you are interested in learning more about church leadership check the Lost & Found box in the next edition of the Jubilate Deo, or call me at the number below. If your church is led by mission-focused leaders please let me know, I'd like to share your story.

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Lost & Found

Thoughts on
Faithful and Effective
Church Leadership

The 2nd article in a series

al desires of our members to which we must give the highest priority.

Two Common Traps

Rectors and vestries must not get bogged down in the dysfunction of some members. Some people want their parishes to stay exactly the same as they've always been (while often giving verbal assent to the idea that the church ought to grow...a little). For example, a church fights over the use of space in the parish hall, another simmers over the leaders' decision to change the date of the annual bazaar, another splits when they cannot agree on the "right" style of worship. When this me-focus is not recognized and addressed properly by the leadership

Have you ever felt compelled?

Remember - We are One in the Spirit, One in the Lord.

By Cheryl Allen, Chair of World Mission

Have you ever felt compelled? I don't mean drawn to something, but actually compelled. As the chairman for World Mission, for the last week or so, I have felt compelled to write something for the Jubilate Deo. But I didn't know what. The normal items kept going through my brain, but nothing stood out. Today that changed. (Actually a few days ago things changed when I received an e-mail forward from a college student named April Dawson, but I did not recognize it at the time!) So what happened today? I met a godly man. Someone who has lived the gospel in a most personal way and stands to proclaim "Thanks be to God" in the most profound manner. He has been in our diocese for almost two years. I sense he is quietly but methodically

going about the business of being a Christian.

There is a project that some of you may have seen a letter talking about, come across your desk recently. A dream to fill a container, with things we take for granted that most churches and households have. You know the lists; flour, sugar, beans, rice etc. Altar linens, vestments, prayer books, bibles, etc. Tools and seeds for vegetable gardens, fans, furniture, etc. (The lists are available for the asking from him.) This man has already gotten donations of some items and donations towards the actual cost of shipping this container. And he has methodically gone about the business of helping his congregation to understand the importance of this work.

As I sat and listened, to the story of his life, then and now, about his family, and his congregation, I felt compelled to pass it on. This is what I am doing, but I am deliberately giving you only a taste. A taste because, I want you to call him, go and visit, make contact. Listen to him and then listen to Christ. Will you feel compelled to partner and help. We have so much, and yes we share so much. You have heard it said, the more you give the more you get. This is not just your mother speaking, it is the Christian way.

So who am I talking about? Father James Yarsiah and his church is St. Andrews Mission off of highway 61. The country is Liberia. The work is the gospel.

Thanks be to God!

Visit the Social Ministries Website

The Diocese's Department of Social Ministries launched an electronic newsletter in April 2006, announcing its new website www.socialministries.com and 2006 programs. If you would like to receive future editions of the newsletter, please email ed@socialministries.com your name and email address. Better yet, please send us a directory with email addresses of members of your church or social ministry organization so we can email them future editions of the newsletter. Email the directory to ed@socialministries.com or paper mail it to: Ed Dyckman, 126 West Shipyard Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

www.socialministries.com serves as a catalyst to inspire people of faith throughout South Carolina to help their neighbors in need.



Divine Love is Given to You in Your Marriage Vows

Following is the homily given by the Rev. Don Armstrong, Rector of Grace and St. Stephens Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, at the marriage of Theresa Reynolds and Edward Salmon at the Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston, this spring. Edward is the son of the Rt. Rev. Edward L. and Mrs. Louise Salmon. It is reprinted here with Mr. Armstrong's kind permission.

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Let me begin by thanking you, Theresa and Edward, for asking me to preach at your wedding. This is an honor and privilege.

In the winter of 1972, when my wife, Jessie, and I were students at the University of Arkansas and were about to be married, then, Father Salmon, the rector of the parish where Jessie and Louise and I worshipped, told us that we needed to attend his premarital classes at the Episcopal Student Center. We did so; and they were in-

place God works His life into ours.

When Jesus said: "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh... what therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder." What Jesus was saying and establishing was the basic way that human beings were to exist together. And within this context he announces the means through which his own love would be established among us.

This is what Bishop Salmon means when he says that we love each other not as an end itself, but so that our children will learn to love, and thus love their own children. It is what the Prayer Book means in saying that your love together will be a sign of Christ's own love to this sinful and broken world.

One thing that Christian marriage demands and provides is Vows. You make "vows" before God about your relationship with each other. And that is what marriage is, a set of vows. A vow is more than a promise about what you "plan" or "want" or "intend" to do. A vow is a declaration of God's intent

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deed profound and insightful classes.

The next winter, Father Salmon told me that he was teaching pre-marital classes at the Student center and that Jessie and I ought to attend. I reminded him that we had attended these same classes just last winter: to which he responded that he had now been married to Louise for a year, and that he had a whole new perspective on the subject.

Marriage is a existentially complicated: and perhaps this is why I have never attempted to preach a sermon at a wedding until today.

Edward asked me yesterday if I was planning to be rough on him in the sermon; I suggested that it was a sermon and not a roast; he and Theresa both seemed relieved.

But in the midst of this wonderful weekend I do want to acknowledge just how serious this day really is; serious, because what you are about to do is the most profound thing a human being can do. serious, because marriage represents the most significant place that human beings are able to fulfill what God wants of them.

It's the most significant

—that is, saying that what you want is now handed over to and made the same as what God wants; in other words, you love to do what God commands.

"I solemnly swear before God..."; that is, from now on, God is the person whose desires regulate, own, this intention of mine. It's why a broken vow, as opposed to a broken promise, isn't just a lie or a failure; it's a repudiation of God's will, of God's desire. Because in a vow, you have said that God what wants is what you want.

So in your marriage vows you are vowing your lives together before God. That means that your life together now belongs to God. Not to you; but to God.

The Good News in this is that belonging to God: the whole of your relationship is now impregnated with the gifts of God's own self.



It's like when someone very rich buys a baseball team, the team then has the money to make the big trades and get the best players.

Because of your vow, team Edward and Theresa, is now owned by God: with all of His resources, all of his virtues, all of his power, all of his grace ready to be used in your lives together.

One of the gifts God gives in your marriage vows, is love: not your affection for each other. That's your love. But God's own divine love. So the measure of love instilled in your marriage is not the fickle and selfish love of fallen human beings—but the self giving love of God himself.

Divine love, is given to you in your marriage vows, and it comes into your life together, comes into all that will be: your failings and mistakes; your fears and angers and sorrows and it raises you up together and redeems you together.

So in your vow, it's not your love that you are promising, not your love that you are betting on, not your love that you are bringing to the table of marriage: It is God's love. His love, that you are receiving as a gift into your common life.

When Jesus says "If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love", this is exactly what he is saying. That is to say, if you understand that God's life is what is wrapped up in this life you are now about to share God's forgiveness, God's self-humiliation, God's love. So your new life together will be far more than a personal journey,

with its highs and lows; it will be a vision of heaven. Literally.

Theresa, when Edward was a little boy he would often spend the night over at our house with my son Zack. When it was time to go bed, they would both jump up and

surprise of profound happiness they could never have imagined or asked for on their own wedding day.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote to a young couple about to be married: "Live together in the forgiveness of your sins, for without it no human fellowship, least of all a marriage, can survive. Don't insist on your own rights, don't blame each other, don't condemn each other, don't find fault with each other, but take one another as you are, and forgive each other everyday from the bottom of your hearts."

Theresa and Edward—today you are embarking on more than a trip down the river of no return; in acts: of mutual self-giving, of humility before the other, of forgiveness itself, over and over you are placing yourself in the realm of God's own life.

To quote Bishop Salmon: You now have as your measure of goodness, God's goodness; your measure of love, God's love; your measure of forgiveness, God's own infinite forgiveness and mercy.

And this is not simply your vow. This is God's promise. God's unshakable promise to you both, and to all of us.

May His name be praised, and your life together be unspeakably blessed in Him.

Amen.

down insisting that I tell them stories about Zachariah and Edwardian going down the

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river of no return. I would then have to spin long and involved action adventure visions of these two heros battling against the forces of nature and darkness.

Well, today you are both headed down the river of no return. And it will be a wonderful and awesome journey full of the blessings, even in the midst of life, that God bestows on his people.

Not long ago, Jessie and I attended an engagement party for one of our daughter Melissa's best friends. At one point all the parents gathered around this young couple to introduce ourselves and give them marital advise. Interestingly, everyone there had been married over 30 years. And the discussion turned quickly into a group witness. A witness to the wonderful blessing and surprising joys that God had delivered into these relationships as they were faithful to their vows and God faithful to his. These long married couples were each expressive of the great

EFM Graduates

The Congregation, Vestry and Clergy of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, Pawleys Island would like to congratulate Margaret T. Wilson and E'Lane C. Rutherford for their successful completion of the four year theological education program of The University of the South, Education for Ministry. We are proud to send them out into the world as faithful ministers of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!



New NOEL Chapter St. Philip's, Charleston

By Sheryl O'Neal, *St. Philips, Charleston*

What is NOEL and what does it do?

A new chapter of NOEL has started at St. Philips, Charleston. Many will remember that N.O.E.L. was an acronym for the National Organization of Episcopalians for Life formed in the late sixties to oppose abortion on demand. Today NOEL is the only Anglican/Episcopal organization dedicated to ending abortion and euthanasia, to protecting embryos from research abuse, and promoting abstinence and adoption.

In a nutshell, NOEL's purpose is to affirm life from conception to natural death in the worldwide Anglican Communion. NOEL's mission is to advocate the sanctity of every human life at all stages. NOEL's vision is to stand for every human life as revealed in the Holy Scripture, and to equip people to develop a biblical response to issues that threaten human life.

We recall the Great Commission of Jesus, and we believe that God calls us to minister to people, especially to the poor, the weak and the vulnerable, in ways that affirm the sanctity of human life.

NOEL's most visible activity is publishing educational resources--brochures, newsletters, bulletin inserts and maintaining two websites: noelforlife.org and silentnomoreawareness.org so that others can learn about life issues and educate others. We also encourage and help those who feel called to life-affirming ministry, education or advocacy to find and develop outreach opportunities in their churches and communities. NOEL joined with Priests for Life to form the Silent No More Awareness Campaign which is a campaign that reaches out to women (43 million since 1973) who have had abortions and regret them to help them find healing through faith in Jesus Christ.

NOEL headquarters is located inside St. Stephen's Church, Sewickley, PA. The National Director is Georgette Forney who travels far and wide to encourage others to stand up and to affirm life in all its stages. In 2005, she was included in a meeting of spiritual leaders at the White House with President Bush who listened intently as she described her personal effects of post-abortion syndrome.

Although NOEL has a small paid staff, much of the labor is done by a host of volunteers. Other volunteers from around the world are called Life Coordinators because they feel called to take a stand regarding a particular life issue (i.e., abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research) so they facilitate chapter formation in their parishes and communities.

Even though you might not have an interest in taking a public stand on any of these particular life issues, you will be encouraged, enriched and educated by reading the NOEL newsletters because as Christians we need to uphold the sanctity of life as a form of worship to God, our Creator. Sign up for the e-newsletter at the website: noelforlife.org. Please contact Sheryl O'Neal with any inquiries about NOEL at 343-4343 or through St. Philips at 722-7734.

Day of Healing Prayer at St. Michael's Church *Saturday, July 22 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.*

Topics: **Infertility, Miscarriage, Stillborn, Abortion Issues**

Ministry of prayer and the laying on of hands, Holy Communion for Generational Healing. To register: send your name, address, phone number with a \$10.00 registration fee to Day of Healing Prayer, 71 Broad Street, Charleston, SC 29401. For more information, contact Jean Corbett, Rector's Assistant for Pastoral Care jcorbett@stmichaelsch.urch.net

Couples! Head for the Beach!

Diocesan Couples Conference August 4 - 6

It's time to register for the seaside paradise retreat known as St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center for the 8th annual Diocesan Couples Conference on Seabrook Island. The summer will be about over and the kids almost ready for another school year, so we ought to recharge, restore, and renew one of the most important relationships of all, our marriage! The conference begins on Friday, August 4 and concludes with lunch on Sunday, August 6.

This year promises to be another wonderful and blissful event as we are honored to have The Rev. & Mrs. Richard Belser as our keynote presenters.

Rick and Anne Belser Keynote Speakers

Rick and Anne celebrate their 14th anniversary this year and are blessed to have raised six (now grown) children in a blended family in addition to five grandchildren. Rick serves as the Rector of St. Michaels, Charleston since 1986. Formerly he was Rector of St. Johns, Johns Island for 11 years. He served at St. Johns-Shandon, Columbia and was Vicar of St. Pauls, Fort Mill. He has also served as a member of the Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, Chairman of the Commission on Ministry for 14 years and a five time Deputy to the General Convention. Rick graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary in 1969 and was instrumental in bringing the Cursillo and Kairos movements to this diocese. Anne graduated

from USC with a degree in English and Theater. She was active in Charleston's Dock Street Theater and served as a Sunday school teacher for several years. She was also a youth group advisor and a courtroom clerk with The Hon. Sol Blatt, Jr. for 9 years. Together, they share in a cross-cultural ministry

group settings, reflective free time, healing and worship opportunities plus sound teaching from Rick and Anne, all secured in an environment of love and confidentiality. And of course, the customary motto of faith - "all may, some should, none must" cordially applies. Come expecting a fabulous weekend,



of international missions that God continues to water, bless and prosper where they have responded collectively to short term calls in such places as Northern Argentina, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, China, the Ukraine and Singapore.

The scriptural text held to be consistent with the mission statement of the DCC is found in Gen. 2: 24. Rest assured Rick and Anne will open up the scriptures, your hearts and your lives to teach, exhort, and inspire each couple in strengthening your relationship with each other as you deepen your mutual relationship with Christ together. Join in the fun and laughter, and share in the joy of the Lord as we celebrate this weekend together.

Couple participants will be pampered throughout the weekend with periods of discussion within small

equipped with open hearts and minds, some comfortable clothes and a worn Bible to see what God will do toward expanding and enriching your marriage. It promises to be an unforgettable getaway for all seasons of marriage between a man and a woman.

Cost of the Weekend

The conference fee is \$285.00 per couple, which includes all meals and lodging. A non-refundable deposit of \$45.00 must be included with the application and will be credited to the total registration fee. Couples should plan to check-in between 4:30 pm and 6:00 pm on August 4th. Dinner begins at 6:30. Due to space limitations and the high appeal of this conference, a prompt reply is encouraged. See the accompanying registration form and make your plans today!

DIOCESAN COUPLES CONFERENCE, August 4-6, 2006

Husband's Full Name: _____
 Wife's Full Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephones: (daytime) _____
 Telephones: (evening) _____
 Parish: _____
 Special Facilities Required? _____ Any Dietary Restrictions? _____
 Special Nicknames: (Husband) _____ (Wife) _____
 Anniversary Date: _____ Yrs. Married _____
 Additional requests or information: _____

Deposit of \$45.00 must accompany registration--checks payable to: Couples Conference Total fee is \$285.00 per couple. Deposit is credited toward registration. Mail to: Couples Conference, C/O Wm. L. Kitchens, Sr., 750 Stiles Drive, Charleston, SC. 29412

Please bring a copy of your wedding picture to donate.



News from Saint Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Planning your Vestry Retreat? We know just the place!

Did you know that Saint Christopher wants to serve and welcome your vestry, wardens, and clergy? In addition to a perfect location, we offer a great rate of only \$67.50 (\$34.50- lodging & \$33- food) per person which includes a nights lodging and 3 full meals, based on double occupancy. There are additional charges for meeting space.

And, if you can come Sunday, Monday, or Tuesday nights the price drops to \$57.50 per person for the same services listed above.

Now is the time to plan! Call Tara Glenn at 843-768-0429 to make your reservation for the next two years.

Where's Norm?

Be the first to answer correctly and win a two-night stay for two at Camp St. Christopher.

Norman Ross, Executive Director for Saint Christopher, frequently visits parishes throughout the Diocese. Do you know the church in front of which Norman is standing?

It is an Episcopal Parish in our Diocese. If you recognize these doors, send your name, address, phone, and church name to be entered to win a 2 night stay for 2 guests at Saint Christopher. Send your answer to Norman Ross, "Where is Norm Contest", Saint Christopher, 2810 Seabrook Island Rd, Johns Island, SC 29455



Who Uses Saint Christopher?

This is a question frequently heard around the dioceses and asked of Norman when he visits local parishes. To give a scope of the services and guests served, he has picked the end of April as an illustration. Eight individuals and families on personal retreats, including a priest and his family from our Diocese, the national board of the Episcopal United Thank Offering, Our Diocesan Beginning Experience program, a Presbyterian Cursillo Celebration, the Episcopal Church Global Mission Group, our Diocesan Bishop's Search Committee, our Diocesan Spiritual Directors program, Our Diocesan Bishop's Search Committee, a group from St. Bartholomew's Parish, a meeting of our Bishops and Deans, our Diocesan Great Weekend Youth Ministry, and over 600 primary aged students attending the Barrier Island program.

Golf Tournament

Retired Reverend Canon Michael Malone recently brought the Cranmer Golf Cup, named in honor

of the first Protestant Arch Bishop of Canterbury to Saint Christopher. Playing at the Seabrook Island Golf Club, the participants including our own Fr. Ted McNabb in addition to a full team from the United States challenged the team from Great Britain.

Save Your Gas Money!

Did you know that guests attending the Seaside & Family Camp programs at Saint Christopher this summer have the option to save gas money. Yes, once arriving on campus, they may park their car and quickly walk to every event. This includes lodging, meals, worship and chapel, the beach, and social events. For Seaside the events include a behind the scenes tour of the center's operation, while for Family Camp you can view the famous Seabrook Island July 4th Parade from our entry gate. If you are not yet registered for either of these events, please contact Tara Glenn (Owen- Tara just got married!) at 843-768-0429. Space is limited.

We will repeat the same savings at Thanksgiving. Watch for an announcement of this popular retreat in the next issue of the Jubilate Deo.



Charles Moore III

Charles Moore III, as a Saint Christopher facilities technician for over 10 years, thoroughly knows the ins and outs of his position and supports the ministry of Saint Christopher. He would like readers to know that Saint Christopher is a wonderful place, and that he enjoys the people, staff, and what he actually works with in a literal sense.

He is not only a strong and loyal Christian, but a devoted husband and father. As one of five, he is no stranger to large families. He continued the large family tradition with three children of his own: Jamol, Amber, and Charles IV. His wonderful wife, Monalisa, is a nurse practicing in the area.

Charles feels that everything he does at Saint Christopher is about ministry. One of the things he enjoys is the excitement and challenge of a position that forces him to constantly learn new things and meet new levels of success. While much of his work is behind the scenes, guests, youth and adult, are able to rest secure and cared for because of his dedication and skills.

One of his favorite moments at Saint Christopher was when he was recognized for the countless hours, often late into the early morning, that he spent working on the old lift station. His superiors rightly named the new lift station after him. Charles is indeed one of those members of the staff who help to make Saint Christopher the place of service it is today and will be in the future.



Yvette Frasier

Yvette Frasier is part of a loving kitchen staff, and her favorite thing to do at work is chop! Well, almost her favorite thing. More than that, she loves to meet the guests at Saint Christopher.

This John's Island native adores her two children, 18 yr. old Tyesha, and 14 yr. old Darius. She is a part of a large family, with a sister, Pamela, and 4 brothers, Bryant, Gary, Andre, and John.

The next time you're at Saint Christopher, and you meet Yvette, you will know a few things about her beyond her job. She loves reading Bible study books and watching TV comedy shows like *Cheers* and *What's Happening*. Yvette sings alto in the choir at Wesley United Methodist Church. Shrimp fill her with delight! Seattle, Washington is her favorite place to visit, and Ruby Tuesday's is her favorite restaurant.

We are very grateful to have Yvette Frasier on our staff, and we thank her for her loyalty and hard work. She certainly helps us to fulfill our ministry of serving our guests.

Episcopal Relief and Development News

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congregations (a record number) in this diocese that had supported ERD during 2005. Once again, our thanks go out to each one of these churches. Many of those churches give something to ERD every year, but others were spurred into action only because of the devastation of Hurricane Katrina. Please encourage your rector to give support to ERD this year. Even if there are no major Katrina-like hurricanes this year, ERD will need our financial support in 2006. If your church was not listed as a donor, you may have to give to ERD on a direct basis. Gifts can be sent to ERD, PO Box 12043, Newark, NJ 07101. You can designate that your funds be used for a particular project, or in a particular country where you have a special interest. You can be assured that approximately 92% of every dollar you donate will be used to help people in need. Some members of our diocese make a gift every month. Clearly, their priorities are straight and I am sure that gives them an immense feeling of satisfaction.

If you have any questions or would like to talk about ERD, I would be happy to hear from you.

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Moving Rock, Mixing Concrete, Painting...

Campus Ministres Team Serves in the DR

By The Rev. Shay Gaillard

On Monday March 12 at 5:30 in the morning, after being blessed the previous day by the Bishop, the ECM (Episcopal Campus Ministries) Mission Team, met in a parking lot outside of the dormitories at Coastal Carolina University. The parking lots were all empty, a sign that Spring Break was in full effect. For the nine students and three adults that made up the ECM team, an amazing life-changing journey lay before them.

The first flight to Atlanta was delayed due to weather, but all other connections went well. When we arrived in Santo Domingo in the middle of the afternoon, three of the team had just completed their first flights and eight team members were in a foreign country for the first time. By God's grace and the answer to many prayers, all luggage was present and all connections were made. A bus carried the team across the heart of the island and into the mountains to the Campamento Transfiguracion located in the village of Pedregal. As the weary team gathered for Compline Monday evening, there was a deep awareness of God's presence and goodness.



The work of the mission team centered in two areas for the week: to build relationships with the people of the community especially the children and to aid in the construction of the new church/school building. Tuesday morning began with a walk through the community led by Pablo, the camp caretaker, and Liz, a team member who is well known in the community of Pedregal. The team began to get acclimated to their new surroundings. They also began to understand what a difference a church/school would make in the community. The children of the village eagerly greeted our team and immediate friendships were formed.

The construction work quickly found its way into a routine. There was painting to be done, rock to be moved, sand to be lifted, and concrete to be mixed. The team worked hard and long each day to add to the wonderful building going up to the Glory of God and to better the community. There were always plenty of hands to help as the team worked on the site. Part of the ministry involved learning to work side by side with whomever God brought to the work site. We were honored to work on finishing the chancel area of the new church where the altar would soon be.

On Friday, our last full day in the country, we varied our schedule to focus on the children in the community. Led by St. Paul's Conway's own worship leader Tim Underwood, we had a fun-filled morning with about eighty youth from



the community. There was singing "en espanol" as well as crafts and sports. Each child left the camp that morning with cookies and fun memories of a team that really cared for them.

The team spent Friday afternoon being refreshed at a local waterfall and reflecting on the journey. That evening Fr. Shay celebrated communion in the balcony of the new church. As we looked up to the mountains and looked down to the village, we were acutely aware of the awesome God we serve. At that final service, team members shared what the opportunity to serve in this way had meant to them. There were very few dry eyes.

Saturday morning came early, the team was sent off by the now familiar noises of roosters, cows, dogs, and frogs. We departed for one more adventure before our flight back home. We spent the morning in Santo Domingo seeing a little bit of city life in the Dominican Republic. We were reminded of the long Christian history of the island of Hispanola when we saw the Catholic Cathedral in Santo

Domingo built in 1511 by Christopher Columbus' son. A long day of travel complete with delays and changes in Atlanta ended with the team being dropped off by a van in that same parking lot that we departed from only six days earlier. By God's grace we arrived home safely but not the same.



A Matter of Life and Death

The Rev'd. Shay Gaillard, *Assistant to the Rector, St. Paul's, Conway*

In a recent conversation with Georgetown Deanery clergy, Bishop Salmon referred to the current clash over truth in our culture and in our church as "a matter of life and death." Those words have echoed in my head and heart ever since that day. I immediately drew the connection between Bishop Salmon's grave words and how true they are for the defenseless in this culture, particularly the unborn. Of all of the groups that are under assault to be judged and marginalized by this relativistic culture, the unborn are least able to organize and speak up for themselves. In 2004 nearly 1.3 million abortions were performed in the United States; each one a tragedy for the Christian who affirms that all of life is a gift from God.

As our church plunges ever closer to the General Convention that will

determine the fate of the Episcopal Church, is it not amazing that there is little to no talk of the rights of the unborn? We care for so many minorities. It is just another sign that we have abandoned the Biblical worldview. Remember the words of the Psalmist, "for you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb," (Psalm 139:13). The divine "knitting" that occurs in the womb is just one of the many reasons that no one should take a life from the womb except the Author of life.

On the 12th of January, the Executive Committee of the Episcopal

Church vote to formalize the relationship between ECUSA and the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice. This move effectively

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made the Episcopal Church a partner in abortion and promoting abortion rights. This move not only contradicted the General Convention's stated position on abortion (1994), but it did so without the "process" many seem to value when it is convenient. A former priest in this Diocese, The Rev'd.

Patrick Allen protested this move on the floor of the Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee. Since then, several Dioceses have passed

resolutions concerning this unusual, irregular, and immoral affiliation.

I urge my friends and colleagues in the Diocese of South Carolina not to forget the unborn in your prayers and your teaching; I urge our deputies to General Convention to speak out and vote against any further movement away from Biblical truth; and I urge the Diocese of South Carolina to act in its next Diocesan Convention to disassociate itself fully from this decision of the Executive Committee. The sexuality debate has consumed the church for many years now. Abortion is every bit as serious a symptom of the same illness that we saw manifested at General Convention 2003. A Biblical worldview demands that we are balanced in our defense of truth and consistent in our love for the "least of these." It is a matter of life and death.

The Bishop's Journal

◆ **March 1-Ash Wednesday.** Up at 6:00a.m. Read the office, prayers and quiet time. 9:00-Bachman Smith and Ted Halkyard. Attended morning Eucharist. 5:30-Presided at the Cathedral Imposition of Ashes and Celebrant at the Eucharist.

◆ **March 2**-Up at 6:30a.m. Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:00-Much to do in the office today. 11:00-12:15-Laura Wichman Hipp and Dean William McKeachie. 2:00-Ira Johnson, Bishop Skilton. 4:30-Home for the evening. Supper with Louise.

◆ **March 3-** Up at 7:00 a.m. Read the office. 8:30-Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:15-By the office to answer mail, etc. Lunch at home. 1:30-Drove to Walterboro for celebration of the 300th Anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Parish (Colleton County) at the Court House. 4:00 p.m. -Gov. Mark Sanford there, addressed the gathering. I also addressed the gathering and gave the Benediction. 6:00-Wonderful Bar-B-Q Dinner. 7:30-Drove back to Charleston.

◆ **March 4**-Up at 7:30 a.m. Read the office. Worked on future sermons. Took the rest of the day off.

◆ **March 5**-Up at 6:30a.m. 8:30-Drove to Pon Pon Chapel near Jacksonboro. 10:30-Celebrant and Preacher at the 300th Anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Parish. A Grand Morning. Drove by Mike Malone's home to leave the St. Bartholomew's Silver. Drove to Georgetown to meet with the Chancellor, Ben Moore and Sam Hines. Drove to Holiday Inn Express Pawley's Island.

◆ **March 6**-Holiday Inn Express Pawley's Island. In court all day. Planning Session in the evening.

◆ **March 7**-Holiday Inn Express Pawley's Island. In court all day. Evening planning session.

◆ **March 8**-Holiday Inn Express Pawley's Island. In court all day. Planning session in the evening.

◆ **March 9**-Holiday Inn Express Pawley's Island. In court all day. Negotiation session at All Saints Pawleys in the evening.

◆ **March 10**-Holiday Inn Express Pawley's Island. In court until 2:30. Drove back to Charleston, met with Nancy Armstrong over budget to be presented on Tuesday. 6:30-Home for the evening!!!

◆ **March 11**-Up at 7:00a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at home. 9:45-Drove to Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island. 10:15-12:30-Met with John Burrwell, Boo Penniwell, Tom Murray, Gail and Davis, Gus Anderson. Drove back to 50 Smith to pack. 3:30-Drove to Holiday Inn, Island Waterway. 6:15-Tripp Jeffords and Leslie, Shay Gaillard and Tara picked me up to go to dinner. Delightful evening. 9:30-Back at the end.

◆ **March 12**-Holiday Inn Inner Coastal Waterway-Myrtle Beach. Up at 6:00a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at the Inn. Drove to St. Paul's Conway. 7:45-Preacher at the Eu-

charist-Tripp Jeffords the celebrant. 9:00-Preacher at the Eucharist-Shay Gaillard the celebrant. 10:00-Met with the adult class. 11:00-Celebrant and Preacher at the Eucharist, confirmed a large class. 12:30-Delightful and delicious reception in the newly remodeled parish hall. A good morning significant congregation all morning. 1:45-Drove to Resurrection Surfside. 3:00-6:00-Met with Bob and Pitter Caswell. Drove to the Holiday Inn Express Pawley's Island. Stopped by Murrells Inlet and visited with Ruth and Wharton Gaul, then to Pawleys.

◆ **March 13**-Holiday Inn Express Pawley's Island. Up at 6:30a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at the Inn. 9:30-Court house Georgetown. In court for the rest of the day until late afternoon when Judge Cooper gave his preliminary decision. Drove back to Charleston.

◆ **March 14**-Up at 6:45a.m. Read the office. 8:00-Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:30-In the office-last minute details before Council meeting. 10:30-2:15-Meeting of the Council of the Diocese. Back in the office. 4:30-Home for the evening.

◆ **March 15**-Up at 6:30a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:00-In the office. 10:00-Bishop Skilton. Lunch in the office. 2:00-Drove to St. John's Mission to meet with Dallas Wilson. 4:00-Bachman Smith, Catherine Boykin. 6:00-Richard Kobush.

◆ **March 16**-Up at 6:00a.m. Read the office. 7:30-Breakfast at the Harbour Club with George Tompkins, Bob Fogel and Brad McKay. 9:15-Home to pack. 10:30-Bishop Skilton drove us to Kanuga stopped for lunch in Columbia. 4:00-Arrived in Kanuga. Met with Bishop Wimberly, Bishop Lipscomb, Bp. Skilton, etc.

◆ **March 17 - 19** -Kanuga. House of Bishops meeting.

◆ **March 20**-Kanuga. House of Bishops meeting. 2:00-Flew to St. Louis via Atlanta.

◆ **March 21-23**-St. Louis, MO. Family time- R&R.

◆ **March 24**-Up at 5:00a.m. Dr. Wallace drove me to the airport. 7:00a.m.-Flew to Charleston via Atlanta. 12:15-arrived Charleston, Debbie Barker picked me up and took me to get my automobile. 1:45-In the office-a good stack of mail. 2:30-Dick Coen, Arthur Wilcox, Keating Simmons. 3:15-Elizabeth Penniwell. 4:00-6:00-A number of calls related to an emergency upstate. 6:30-Home.

◆ **March 25**-Up at 6:30a.m. Breakfast at home. 8:45-Drove to St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant. 9:00-Greeted the Growth Conference and said the opening prayer. 9:30-Boo Penniwell drove me to St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville. 11:45-Arrived St. Bartholomews. 12:00-2:30-Met with the Rector Michael Ridgill and the vestry. Rags Cox, S.W., Gretchen Holbeck, Candy

Bishop Gadsden Dedicates Chapel



Friends and family of the Bishop Gadsden Episcopal Community celebrated the consecration and dedication of our new Chapel on April 15, 2006. This Easter weekend was especially significant as it marked the 156th anniversary of the service held by founder Bishop Christopher Gadsden establishing the Episcopal Church Home. The service also marked the 20th anniversary of the groundbreaking for the present-day location of the community. Over the past 15 months General Alex Grimsley, capital campaign chair, and many very generous donors have successfully raised over \$2.3 million for the construction of the chapel as a gift to the community. This project has been a long-cherished dream for the Bishop Gadsden Community to serve the special needs of our population and also speak to all of the faith which has been the cornerstone of our community.

The Chapel at Bishop Gadsden sits at our front entrance and was designed by W. Daniel Beaman, AIA, President of Cummings and McCrady Architects, Inc. The architecture of the chapel is Georgian Colonial style and replicates "chapels-of-ease" that would have been familiar in the low country in the 18th century. The 'tabby' used for the exterior walls, a mixture of oyster shells, lime, sand and water, has created what our chaplain called a "pearl within oyster shells" as he described the beauty of the chapel. The lovely "Stations of the Cross" surround the interior of our chapel and are 19th century from a church in Paris and our 19th C. pulpit from a church in Chicago. An eleven-circuit labyrinth, patterned after the one at Chartres Cathedral in France, offers another opportunity for spiritual reflection and is the centerpiece of the adjoining meditation garden.

The construction of this chapel was a great financial commitment for the Bishop Gadsden community and would not have been possible without the generosity of our residents and friends. We wish to sincerely thank all of those for their continued support in helping to make this long-held dream of having a chapel for our community a reality.

Holcombe, Donnie Rainey, Doug Shaffer, Brian Brizbaum, Rolfe Godshalk, Janet Hall, Alice Rumph, Gregg Welborn. 3:00-Boo drove me back to St. Andrews, then I drove home. We had a good opportunity to visit about her work in Congregational Development. 6:30-Home for the evening.

◆ **March 26**-Up at 6:00a.m. 7:10-Drove to St. Paul's, Yonge's Island. 8:00-Preacher at the early Eucharist Fr. Craig Borrett is the celebrant. 9:00-Delicious breakfast. 9:30-Met with the adult class. 10:30-Celebrant and preacher at the Eucharist, confirmed a fine class. 12:00-special reception in my honor-wonderful food including a whole Salmon!! Great time. 1:30-3:00-Opportunity to visit with Fr. Borrett. 3:00-Drove to 50 Smith. Took a nap-home for the rest of the day.

◆ **March 27**-Up at 6:45a.m. Read the office. Breakfast at home. 9:00-In the office-several calls. 10:00-Tripp Jeffords and Ed Kelaher. 12:00-1:30-Tripp Jeffords and Ed Kelaher and Guerry Green. 2:00-4:00-Letters, etc. 4:30-Home for the evening.

◆ **March 28**-Up at 6:30a.m. Read the office 7:45-Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:00-In the office-working on a paper to be presented

in May. Lunch in the office. 2:15-Drove to Holy Comforter, Sumter. 4:00-Arrived Holy Comforter, met with John Barr. 5:00-6:30-Talked with the leaders of ministry at Holy Comforter-a group dedicated and blessing the congregation. Talked about focus on the Main Thing - Jesus.

◆ **March 29**-Up at 6:30a.m. Read the office. 7:45-Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:15-In the office. 10:00-Charles Jenkins, St. John's Johns Island re: seminary. 12-Planned Giving meeting and lunch in the Cathedral Parish Hall. 1:30-Home to meet Louise and the dogs arriving from two weeks in St. Louis. Great to have them home. 3:30-Back in the office. 5:00-Home for the evening.

◆ **March 30**-Up at 6:45. 8:00-Breakfast at the Harbour Club with an old friend from Texas. 9:45-In the office. 12:00n-Lunch with Mark Boutan. 2:00-Cheryl O'Neill. 4:15-Dennis Maynard. 5:30-Home for the evening.

◆ **March 31**-Up at 7:00a.m. Read the office. 8:15-Breakfast at the Harbour Club. 9:15-In the office for a while to answer mail, make some travel arrangements. 11:00-Home and off for the rest of the day. April 1-Up at 8:00a.m. Breakfast

at home. Took most of the day off. 6:00-Louis and I took Andrew and Ellen O'Dell out to dinner. A delightful evening for us.

◆ **April 2-**Up at 6:00a.m. 7:15-Drove to the Cathedral. 8:00-Celebrant and Preacher at the early Eucharist at the Cathedral assisted by the Dean. 9:00-Preacher at the Eucharist-The Dean is the celebrant. 10:00-Met with the young people being confirmed – and their parents. 11:00-Presided and preached at the Eucharist, confirmed – Fr. Andrew O'Dell the celebrant. 12:30-Greeted a few at the reception, drove to the airport. 2:04-Flew to Fayetteville AR via Atlanta. 6:30-Arrived Fayetteville, met by Bishop Buchanan and Dr. Singleton, who drove us to Eureka Springs for dinner. 9:30-To bed.

◆ **April 3-**Hillspeak, Eureka Springs, Arkansas. Up at 6:45a.m. 8:00-Breakfast. 8:45-11:00-Executive Committee meeting of the Anglican Digest. 11:00-Dr. Singleton drove Bishop Buchanan and me back to the northwest Arkansas Regional Airport. 1:00-Flew to Charleston via Atlanta. 6:15-Arrived Charleston. 7:00-Supper with Louise.

◆ **April 4-**Up at 6:45a.m. Breakfast at home. 9:15-In the office. 10:00-Floyd and Leona Finch to discuss the dedication of the new chapel at Bishops Gadsden. 12:00-Lunch with Bill Maddux and Bob Faith, two Porter-Gaud parents from St. Andrew's Mt. Pleasant. 2:00-4:30-Ted McNabb. 5:00-Home for the evening.

◆ **April 5-**Up at 6:30. Read the office. 8:00a.m. Breakfast at the Harbour Club with Bishop Allison and Bishop Dickson. 9:30-In the office. 10:15-David Dubay. 12:00n-Lunch with Bob Fogel –Senior Warden and Brad McKay, Junior Warden of old St. Andrew's Church. 2:00-Back in the office. Much paper work to do. 4:30-Home. 6:00-Louise and I drove to the home of Dow and Fiona Sanderson for a lovely evening and delicious dinner. 9:30-Home.

◆ **April 6-**Up at 6:15a.m. 7:30-Breakfast at the Variety Store with the Deacons-Thomas Simmonite, Jr., Edward Rosenleib, Edward Davis, Chip Holmes. 9:00-In the office. 10:00-11:15-Catherine Warner. 11:30-Drove to Club on Kiawah for meeting with Pat Finn, Marshall Huey and

the vestry of Church of Our Saviour. 12:00-2:15-Met with vestry-Rose Septer, Arthur Booth, Barbara Blasch, Mike Glasgrow, Norm Hartsel, Susie Keefe, Brad Munday, Ginny Orban, Chip Smith, Dennis Hampton. 2:30-Drove back to the office. 4:30-Home. 6:00-Nancy and Craige Borrett and Jackie Boineau came to 50 Smith. We went out to dinner at 7:15. 10:00-Home.

◆ **April 7-**Up at 5:30a.m. 6:30a.m.-Drove to Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant. 7:00-9:00-Met with Ted McNabb and members of the Finance Committee. Keith Rumril, Robert Wiltshire, Allen Shelly, Bill Humphrey, Bratton Fennell, John Crowley, Sherry Resh, Roy Seay, Tanis Manseau, administrator. 9:00-10:30-Ran some errands. 10:30-In the office. 12:15-2:00-Harbour Club-met with Nancy Armstrong, Linda Bunting, and members of the Insurance Committee-John Ivans, Chair, John Crowley, John Wallace, William Paddock, Haden McCormick. 2:00-2:45-Haden McCormick. Drove by the office to sign some letters, then home. 6:00-Some friends from St. Louis came by. Louise went to dinner with them. I stayed home with my dogs.

◆ **April 8-**Up at 7:30a.m. Read the office. Needed some quiet time for prayer to prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week. Spent the entire day at home. Quiet time for prayer is a great gift.

◆ **April 9-**Up at 6:00a.m. Read the office. Quiet prayer time. 7:30-Drove to St. Philip's Church. 8:15-Blessed the Palms for Palm Sunday. Preacher at the Eucharist. 9:30-Led the adult class in the parish hall-great crowd. 10:30-Blessed the Palms for Palm Sunday, Confirmed a large class-(33) and preached at the Eucharist-Standing room only for Palm Sunday. What a wonderful morning. 12:30-Delicious reception in the parish hall. 1:30-Louise and I went to a delightfull reception at the home of Ashton and Lavonne Philips-glad to hear Ashton is out of ICU. He remains in my daily prayers. 2:30-Home to 50 Smith Street. Took a nap. Home for the rest of the day. My mostly Great Dane is not doing well because of his back leg!

◆ **April 10-**Up at 6:45. Read the office. 9:00-In the office-letters to answer calls to make. 10:15-11:15-Dallas Wilson, Nancy Armstrong. 11:15-Drove to Summerville. 12:00-1:15-Lunch with Hal Fenters. Drove back to the office. 1:45-4:30-Many details to settle. Home for the evening. Took a long walk.



Grace Church Charleston Annual Tea Room

Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston will be hosting their 15th Annual Tea Room beginning on Monday, May 29th and running through Friday, June 9th. They will be open on Saturday, June 3rd. The doors open at 11:00 and close at 2:00.

Their menu includes she crab soup, tomato soup and okra soup; chicken salad, shrimp salad and Greek salad; chicken sandwiches, shrimp sandwiches, pimento cheese and peanut butter and jelly for the children.

Don't leave without dessert. It is the high point! Following lunch, take a tour of this beautiful gothic church and then follow the signs to the gift shop.

All proceeds go toward outreach in the community of Charleston.

Remember Your United Thank Offering



More than Just Fun! Vacation Bible School!

| Name of Church | Dates & Times | Theme | Age Range | Contact | Cost | Deadline |
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| St. Philip's 142 Church Street Charleston | June 5 - 9 | Great Space Adventure | 4k - 7th Grade | Riley Watson 722-7734 | \$15 | No Deadline |
| St. Michael's 71 Broad Street Charleston | June 5 - 9 9 a.m - noon | Fiesta! Kids Fired up About Jesus | PreK - Rising 5th graders | Lynn Lawrence | \$15 | May 14 |
| St. Peter & John 1393 Miles Drive Charleston | June 5 - 9 | Son Treasure Island | Age 3 - 11 | Barbara Mobley 744-7217 | No Charge | Not given |
| St. Paul's 316 West Carolina Summerville | June 12 - 16 Presch. 9 - noon Elem. 9 - 2p.m. | Fiesta! Kids Fired up About Jesus | K3 - K5 1st-5th gr. | Cathy Jacobs 873-1991 | \$25 (includes t-shirt) | June 4 |
| Christ Church 2304 Hwy 17 N Mt. Pleasant | June 19 - 23 9:30 - 12:30 p.m. | Son Treasure Island | Rising 1st- Rising 6th | Lori Sims 884-9189 | Donations Encouraged | June 7 |
| Holy Cross/Faith Memorial Pawley's Island | June 26 - 30 8:45 - noon | On the Farm Growing with God | 3 - 10 yrs old | E'Lane Rutherford 237-3459 | No Charge | Not given |
| Saint Helena's Beaufort | June 26 - 29 5:30 - 8 p.m. | Viva en Cristo! Live in Christ! | Whole Family | Sherry Hall 522-1712 | \$15 | May 31 |
| Saint James 1872 Camp Road Charleston | June 26 - 30 9 - noon | Holy Land Adventure | Age 3 - 5th graders | Mary Ellen Doran 795-1623 | No Charge | June 18 |
| Holy Cross 299 Seven Farms. Daniel Island | July 10 - 14 9 - 11:30 a.m. | Treasure Quest | Age 3-rising 1st graders | Ginger Bergstrom 883-3586 | \$15 1st child \$10 add.child | July 5 |
| St. Paul's Conway 710 Main Street Conway | July 31-August 4 5:30 - 8 p.m. | Trading Places | K4-5th graders | Dawn Rider 248-4706 | No Charge | July 26 |
| Old St. Andrew's 2604 Ashley River Rd Charleston | August 6 - 10 Evenings, TBA | Treasure Seekers | Age 3-10 | Jean McGraw 766-1541 | No Charge | July 31 |
| Holy Cross 2520 Middle Street Sullivan's Island | August 7 - 11 9 - 2 p.m. | Great Excavations! | 2nd - 5th Grades | Ginger Bergstrom 883-3586 | \$25 1st child \$10 add. child | August 2 |

Above and Beyond What We Expected

Reflections on the Grow Conference

By Peter Rothermel, *Coordinator*

Department of Christian Faith Formation, Diocese of SC

It's hard to believe that the Grow Conference with Dr John Townsend happened over a month ago. So much planning and praying went into it and then, bam; it's over...but is it? Was this just another conference that came and went? I don't believe so. Our hope and prayers continue for the fruitfulness of this conference to be felt for years to come.

We thank the Lord that so many came to this conference, and we are thankful to all who ventured out to this event. We had a large variety of people attend. This included people from all types of backgrounds. Churched and unchurched, priests, pastors, counselors, teachers, youth ministers, children's ministers, small group leaders and vestries... over 50 churches and 33 churches from our diocese. So we reached the people we had hoped to reach.

In so many ways the conference experience was above and beyond what we had imagined. Dr. John Townsend was humorous and engaging. He spoke of powerful truths with relatable illustrations in a way that brought the bible to life and challenges to our hearts. The power of the Spirit of the Lord was evident and many commented on the reality of His presence. The conference ran smoothly, the weather was great and the feedback positive. There are many stories to tell of how God showed up, but we share only a few today.

We also want to thank

the Grow Team and the team of approximately 70 volunteers who created a warm and welcoming environment for all who attended. Today, I simply want to share that the experience of working with the Grow Team gave me—us—a wonderful taste of how the Body of Christ can work together for the Glory of God.

It was an awesome experience to see how God put together this team of people from different churches. Each one came together and found an area of responsibility and did their part to contribute to the bigger picture. Team members were committed and passionate about their part and this made our planning meetings flow. It was hard work and sacrifice by all, but the end result has been WOW—above and beyond what we had hoped for. Lives were touched by the Living God.

Bathed in prayer for months, team member Anne Heart gathered a group of people together to meet monthly and commit to praying for the conference daily. No doubt, this was a vital element. Vision was cast for the Hospitality team, that people would feel showered with God's love. And the vision was caught and multiplied. The vision for publicity was through a personal touch of phone calls, letters and visits. Registration, administration, location, food, ambiance, flow, time, parking, connecting points, prayer room...all of these pieces came together to work in harmony

for our King. Ephesians 4:16 came to life, and I will never forget this taste of the body working together. May it be just the beginning of a season of deeper connectivity in our diocese and beyond.

Thanks to the Grow Team members:

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Over 70 individuals volunteered with the Grow Conference. Her they assist in registration.

Beaufort; Cathy Jacobs, St Paul's, Summerville; Denyse Steen, St Thomas', North Charleston; Anne Hart and Mary Ellen Doran, St. James', Charleston; Ned

Simmons and Amy Smith, St. Michael's, Charleston; Catherine Jones St Philips', Charleston; and to so many others... Thank you!!!!

The following e-mail demonstrates how the Lord answered our prayers in ways "Above and Beyond:"

To Peter c/o Department of Christian Faith Formation:

I just wanted to write a personal message to let you know just how much my friends and I enjoyed this past weekend at the John Townsend conference. (I spoke to you for a short minute during one of the breaks.)

I cannot tell you just how much we could FEEL God's presence the moment we walked in the front door on Friday evening. The people were warm, friendly, and genuine...every single one of them!

My 3 friends and I (ages between 51--61) had pre-conceived "notions" of what an Episcopal church would be like. Peter, WE WERE SO WRONG! If we learned nothing else at the conference, it was that God opened our eyes to the many ways he uses ALL of us. And, the so called "labels" i.e. denominations, are those man-made barriers we have erected that do nothing but inhibit HIS work.

Your church is ALIVE! What a blessing to experience it first hand. We had a chance to talk with a young, precious 22 year old. She was just finishing up her Year Team commitment. There was such a genuine joy in her face and her enthusiasm for the Lord was, again, tangible. She even took the time to take us upstairs to see "The Upper Room" where the young people go to pray, to examine "self" and to just "be" in the presence of the Lord.

We also spoke to a few of your church members over lunch on Saturday. They were so open and visibly excited about what their church was doing. And, their love for the Lord Jesus Christ was again, REAL. We were so blessed!

John Townsend was all that I hoped he would be, (this was the first time I had been to one of his seminars.) His topics were very timely for me and each of my friends. I know it took a lot of work on your part to prepare for a conference of this size. Please know, you ALL did a tremendous job.

Again, thank you for a wonderful weekend. On our way back to Northeast Tennessee, we just spoke again and again of all that God had taught us and how our eyes were opened to HIS truth.

Thank you Peter! God bless you!

More on the Grow Conference

Life Changing Growth

By Denyse Steen – DCFF St. Thomas

When Peter Rothermel placed a copy of How People Grow in my hands and mentioned Dr. John Townsend was coming to Charleston in March of 2006, I thought to myself, "I should read this." After reading it I can honestly say this book was the most eye-opening book I have ever read! For me, it was like reading cliff notes for the Bible!

God's plan for me was in action and I had no idea! Three or four months ago a friend of mine asked if I would like to "grow" with her by working through the Grow Workbook together. I had never done anything like that with anyone before so I thought, "Sure!" Today, I can tell you the grow book has changed my life! It truly is a step-

by-step manual for getting through the "stuff" in your life the Biblical way.

When we started the workbook, we decided we already knew there were issues and feelings we needed to bring to the surface and to the ears of each other – but we wondered (more like worried) what would happen to us if we took that step into the "unknown!" What would the "unknown" look like?

I actually have the beginning of an answer to that question now! I have learned no matter what you are going through, if you do these four things whole-heartedly, you will begin to heal and grow just as I am. Try to concentrate on making God your only Source, walking with Jesus, keeping His Spirit indwelling in you, and relying on the Body of Christ. You will see for yourself that your raging river of problems and troubles will become a babbling brook. Once you take that



Directors of Christian Education Cathy Jacobs (St. Paul's, Summerville) and Walt Miller (St. John's, Johns Island) at the "How People Grow" conference.

step across, you will see that God has been shining His grace on you and that you were never really alone.

Just imagine...it will become your turn to help others grow in Christ – just as he commanded!

Unpacking Boxes

By Amy Watson Smith, Department of Christian Faith Formation, Diocese of SC

Ouch. I put the book down. He's got to be crazy if he thinks I am going to do this! This was my first reaction to reading the book, *How People Grow: What the Bible Reveals about Personal Growth* written by Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend. The 'he' I referred to was Peter Rothermel, coordinator for the Department of Christian Faith Formation of the Diocese of SC. I had just accepted a position (late July 2005) with the diocese as the Administrative Assistant for the department. Peter had given me a copy of the book and encouraged me to read it in preparation for a conference our department would present in March 2006. The 'ouch' mentioned above was my reaction to the few things that surfaced after reading the first few chapters of *How People Grow*. I promptly put the book down. A month passed before I had the nerve to pick it up again. This isn't going to be quite as painless as I thought.

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trouble. From the first pages of this book, Drs. Cloud and Townsend stress that the growth process is meant to be done with other people. God did not intend for us to grow alone. He wants us to be in relationship with him and with others. I had been leaving out a crucial piece of the process—the body of Christ. The trouble was that I was a self-proclaimed, self-sufficient, independent, I-don't-need-anyone's-help kind of person. Obviously this was not good news to me. But I didn't see any way out of this situation. It was my job, after all, and Dr. Townsend would be arriving in Charleston in just a few short months. I had to finish the book and get on with planning the conference. I

needed some help! Well, it would be nice to say that I turned to my dearest, closest friend for help, but in reality it was someone with which I had only just gotten to know. Still I felt that God had brought us together for a purpose, so I took a leap of faith. I asked her to read *How People Grow* and to meet with me regularly to talk about and process what we were reading. Thankfully she took a pretty big leap and agreed. While this may not seem like such a big deal for some people, it was a HUGE step for me. I did not like admitting that I was over my head and needed help. The miraculous thing is that God immediately did something transformational in me.

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card, sins that need to be forgiven, lessons that needed to be learned. I began to take the contents out of each box, one-by-one, carefully turning them over, assessing and evaluating, with the help and encouragement of my new friend, whether they were treasures or trash. I realized that some of the things in these boxes didn't even belong to me and needed to be returned to their rightful owners.

Into the Light

Intellectually I knew that God wanted me to bring these things out of the darkness and into the light. But I imagined that this light would be like that given off by a single, bare light bulb: harsh and condemning. What I came to learn, however, is that the light he asks us to walk in is more like that given off by a lamp covered with a shade: soft, comforting, yet bright enough to reveal the truth. When I began to unpack my boxes, the

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contents were brought into the healing, loving, saving light of Jesus Christ—reflected through the warmth, acceptance, and compassion of my new friend. "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son, purifies us from all sin" (1 John 1: 9).

Three months into this journey, I can honestly say that I am a different person—truly a new creation. As I continue to experience this new, deeper, more honest relationship with my "growth partner," I realize that I want more of my established relationships to grow in this way. This experience is having a ripple effect in every area of my life.

I still have many more boxes to go through. But—through the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the support of the body of Christ—I am now able to look at some things that had been hidden away for far too long. And I am even taking some of them out, putting them on the shelves of my life and integrating them into this new creation—the person that God wants me to be. Praise be to God.

Reading at a Snail's Pace

Over the next few months, I moved through the book at a snail's pace, reading one chapter and then putting the book away for a month or more. I was familiar with the authors, trusted their reputations, and believed the material to be theologically orthodox and biblically based. The text was engaging and the case studies allowed me to glimpse how their principles applied to real life. Yet I just couldn't seem to get through the book. By early January, I was beginning to panic. The team for the



Dr. John Townsend, author of "How People Grow" and featured speaker at the Grow Conference is pictured with DCFF Coordinator, Peter Rothermel.

Cleaning Out the Boxes

I liken the experience of going through this growth process to the process of cleaning out a closet or a room full of boxes. My room is full of boxes—boxes full of memories, experiences, lessons learned, things I have done, and things done to me. While I know what a few of these boxes contain, the contents of many are a mystery. They are all

upcoming conference was hard at work and plans were moving forward at a brisk pace. And I still hadn't gotten through the book! What was wrong with me?

Growing Alone

Finally it became clear to me what was causing me so much

nicely sealed up—and frankly, that is the way I had intended to keep them. But something began to happen to me. As I began to develop this new friendship through the growth process outlined in *How People Grow*, I began to open up some of my boxes. I realized that some of them contained things that I wanted to keep—memories or experiences that I didn't want to dis-



St. Andrew's Year Team member Jonathan Senior takes a much-deserved break between duties. Year Team members provided invaluable assistance and coordination for the Grow Conference.

We're All On the Same Level

One of the most wonderful experiences I've had lately took place in a small group at my church, Saint James Episcopal. My wife and I, along with another couple were studying *Changes That Heal* by Dr.'s Henry Cloud and John Townsend. This book is about how we can better understand who we are by trying to understand the experiences and relationships that have affected us, primarily within our families.

One of things that I discovered through using the Cloud and Townsend material was that by being brought up under the guidance of a domineering father I had been greatly affected. It has influenced who I am and how I interact with others, especially men who are authority figures in my life. Cloud and Townsend helped me to see and believe who I am in Christ and to not see myself as a child anymore when faced with an authority figure.

After that a simple hand gesture has helped to change my life. Dr. Cloud taught that when I feel unworthy or less important that I simply put one hand higher than the other. With the lower hand representing me, I should raise it to the same level as the other hand, representing the authority figure. It may seem silly, but this simple instruction along with great teaching has helped me to accept myself as an adult who is equal on the same level as any other.

I would greatly encourage everyone to take full advantage of any resource by Dr.'s Henry Cloud and John Townsend. Their teaching along with my small group has made my life a better place. Thanks be to God!

Michael McIntyre
Youth Minister
Saint James Episcopal Church

Canterbury House Receives Grants

The residents, staff and the Board of Directors of the Canterbury House are pleased to announce the receipt of two recent awards. The first is a grant from the Charleston Exchange Club for \$6316. This grant was made possible from the revenue produced by the Exchange Club's Annual Coastal Carolina Fair. Grant funds are earmarked to offset costs of the Canterbury House cafeteria and to provide meal subsidy as needed. Proceeds of over \$500,000 were distributed to 64 community non-profit agencies/organizations at the Exchange Club's annual Community Service Day luncheon on April 13th. The well-attended event was held at the Citadel Alumni Center. Exchange Club President, Dennis Lott, III presided over the award luncheon and introduced the recipients.

Secondly, Canterbury House has been notified of a \$3000 grant award from the Enston Home Endowment. This endowment established a grant program to offer financial assistance to organizations that provide housing to the elderly. These funds are administered

through the Mayor's Council on Homelessness and Affordable Housing - City of Charleston. Canterbury House will use these funds to provide rental subsidies to five of our most worthy residents.

Our Mission at the Canterbury House is to provide safe, comfortable and affordable housing for our residents while promoting their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Our Goal is to keep our seniors healthy and living independently with supportive services.

Canterbury's unique supportive services, programs and amenities are made possible through grants and donations. Won't you be a part of our exciting senior ministry at Canterbury House? Your contributions can make a significant impact on the lives of so many. To make a donation, please call Peggy M. Pye at: (843) 722-2351 or mail them to Canterbury House, 175 Market Street, Charleston, SC 29401.

York Place's Richardson Award Presented to Col. Thomas F. Gallagher, Sr.



From left: Mrs. Becky Gallagher, Cheryl Gallagher Lobb and Mrs. Henry B. Richardson.

The award was presented at Founders Day 2006. This year the York Place Board of Trustees chose Col. Thomas F. Gallagher, Sr. as the posthumous recipient of the 2006 Henry B. Richardson Award. Col. Gallagher is the past vice chairman of the Board of Trustees, having served on the Board for four years. During this time, "Mr. Tom" gave of his time, talent, and love to the advancement of the York Place Mission. A career Army officer and dedicated Christian, Col. Gallagher used his leadership and love of family and children to assist York Place. He courageously departed this life on September 27, 2005.

Tom was born and raised in Illinois. The day after he graduated from West Point, he married Rebecca

Bell-Isle and began their life together. As an Army officer, Tom completed two tours in Vietnam and served with distinction in numerous locations for more than 27 years. He was an active member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island, SC, serving on and leading many committees. Tom and Becky have a son, Thomas, Jr. and a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and Jerry Lobb of Montgomery, Alabama.

Mr. Tom began his "bridge building" early in his years on the York Place Board. He felt it important that a connection be made between St. Luke's and York Place. This began slowly and culminated in the first annual St. Luke's-York Place Bible School in the summer of 2004. More than 30 adults and children from St. Luke's came to York Place in July of that year for 6 days and led a Bible School for the Campus. Mr. Tom's bridge was built between St. Luke's and York Place, but more importantly, he built upon the strong foundation of the bridge between York Place and Christ. This Bible School has led to an annual Christmas party given by St. Luke's and of course, the on-going Bible School. Mr. Tom continues to touch all of us at York Place and will always be a part of our hearts.



We'll Miss You!

Children from Old St. Andrew's Parish Church are pictured with Father George Tompkins who retired from Old St. Andrew's Parish Church for medical reasons after serving for 19 years.

The Calendar

June 2006

June 1-4
June 17
June 21
June 30-July 2

Cursillo 143
Gateways to Holy Trinity Gala
General Convention Begins
ECW Retreat

July 2006

July 4
July 5-9
July 7
July 22
July 19-23
July 24-30

Independence Day
Daughters of the King Triennial
Deadline for Jubilate Deo Submissions
Day of Healing Prayer, St. Michael's Church
Cursillo 144
HS Mission Trip, Operation Asheville

Pilgrimage of the Apostle Paul's Journey from Malta to Rome - 12 Days in Malta & Italy

We want to invite folks from throughout the diocese to join us for an exciting twelve-day pilgrimage, November 2-13, to the countries of both Malta and Italy where we will follow the journey of the Apostle Paul from Malta to Rome. This trip is intentionally off the beaten track with ample opportunities to savor the richness of the cultures of both the Maltese and the Italians. We welcome the opportunity to share this wonderful experience. The trip will be limited to a maximum of 24 participants. To obtain a trip brochure please contact either of us at St. Michael's in Charleston at 843-723-0603 or email, bob@stmichaelschurch.net or lynn@stmichaelschurch.net.



The Rev. Robert (Bob) S. Lawrence, *Associate Rector*
Mrs. Lynn Howard Lawrence, *Director of Christian Formation*
St. Michael's Church, Charleston

Leading in South Carolina *Continued from page four.*

the incoming Bishop is the acquisition of properties and keeping pace with the growth in South Carolina. He has worked to leave the diocese financially strong in order to be able to handle these issues. Money that was being paid on the interest on loans to several churches will be freed up this year and that will come back into the diocese. When Salmon began serving, the annual income for the diocese was 9.6 million dollars. Last year it was over 30 million dollars. This is the resources needed to significant work for the gospel. This is a sign that the congregations are generating the resources that they need to do evangelism and outreach and to grow. The new bishop will come into a diocese that has developed a clear identity. While perhaps not all are on the same page, the diocese itself is clear on who it is and the mission it is serving. The next Bishop must be ready to engage in the model of congregational development that has

been established and is successfully growing strong, healthy congregations.

Bishop Salmon has enjoyed a fruitful season in the diocese of South Carolina. He has added to the heritage of a long line of faithful orthodox bishops. His faithfulness to serve the Gospel has affected countless lives. Looking back at where God has brought the diocese and understanding the history of God's faithfulness reminds us how to pray for our Bishop and for the servant God has chosen to serve us next.

By Catherine Warner

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