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The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Summer 2021

Bishop Coadjutor Candidates Announced

Edgar, Sturdy and Warner Named as Final Candidates for Consideration

By The Very Rev. John B. Burwell, Rector, Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg

On Monday, August 2, 2021 the Bishop's Search Committee presented the three final candidates for consideration for the next Bishop Coadjutor of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. In alphabetical order, they are:

The Very Rev. Charles F. "Chip" Edgar, III, Dean of The Cathedral Church of the Apostles in the Diocese of the Carolinas, Columbia, SC.

The Rev. Dr. Robert C. "Rob" Sturdy, Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets, St. Alban's Chapel at The Citadel, Charleston, SC.

The Rev. Christopher S. "Chris" Warner, Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island, SC.

The candidates were chosen during a long search process that began with the initial diocesan approval at the Diocesan Convention



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in 2020 and will culminate with the election of a new bishop at the Diocesan Convention in 2022.

The Search Committee, a mixture of clergy and laity, were chosen by diocesan election during the winter of 2020 and met for the first time in the summer of 2020. The Committee then met weekly by Zoom and met in-person at least quarterly. The Committee operated under the principle that God has already chosen our next bishop and that our diocesan election will simply reveal whom that person is that has been pre-selected by God.

The next step in the election process will be to provide the diocese with a series of what are called "walkabouts" to be held in various locations throughout the diocese. The walkabouts will provide an opportunity for the upcoming delegates to the election to meet and get to know the candidates. The walkabouts will be held September 13-16 in Georgetown, Florence, Charleston and Beaufort. Because of the limited size of the venues, only elected delegates will be able to attend these walkabouts.

Introductory videos, spiritual autobiographies and resumes will be available to all members of the diocese, on the diocesan website, www.adosc.org.

The Special Electing Convention is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant. The College of Bishops of ACNA will hopefully approve the election at their winter meeting in January, 2022 and God willing, the new Bishop Coadjutor will be consecrated at the Diocesan Convention, March 12, 2022.

Walkabouts to be Livestreamed

September 13-16

The walkabouts, in-person gatherings which allow the clergy and delegates an opportunity to meet with and ask questions of the candidates, will not be open to the public because of space limitations. The gatherings will be livestreamed, however. To view the schedule visit <https://adosc.org>. Links to view the livestreamed events will be posted on the website as soon as they become available.

Learn more about the Candidates:

View resumes, spiritual autobiographies and introductory videos at www.adosc.org.

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Why Attend Church?

By The Very Rev. John B. Burwell, Rector, Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg

This article first appeared in the newsletter of the Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg.

Why should you attend Church? Poor question, actually, because if you read this you probably are a church attendee. I am indeed "preaching to the choir."

But look beyond yourself for a minute and ask the question again. If you didn't attend, then why should you attend Orangeburg's Church of the Redeemer? Before you read on, think about the question for a second. What would you say?

Take a look at the top five reasons for attending church that someone sent to me. The sender did an internet search on "Why we should attend church." Here's what he found:

1. Because it is an act of obedience to God and it honors the Lord's day. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (Exodus 20:8).

2. Because we need to belong to a community of faith that includes our brothers and sisters in Christ who are trying to live out the gospel just like we are.

3. Because we will benefit from being taught and led in worship by others, rather than always depending on ourselves to read and study the Bible.

4. Because we need regular reminders of our standing in Christ, help in acknowledging and con-



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fessing our sins, and teaching about God's truth.

5. Because we need help in praying, tithing and fasting.

All five reasons sound reasonable and beneficial to me, but it all sounds like something that would be said by people who already go to church!

Those who don't attend church—any church—couldn't care less about acts of obedience, or trying to live out the gospel, or studying the Bible, confessing sins, and tithing. If they did care, they'd

be attending!

Perhaps you've heard me speak of "outward-focused versus inward-focused." I am convinced that to reach outsiders we need to be outward-focused. We (Orangeburg's Redeemer) simply have to make up our mind to make it about others. We must exist for those who are not yet members. It used to be that a church could simply open up the doors and people would come. That era no longer exists. Today's generation needs Christ as much as we did, but in order for us to reach them we have to walk in their shoes, not ours. Why should someone who does not yet attend The Redeemer begin to attend? What can we offer them?

Orangeburg's Redeemer can offer them Life with a capital "L." Real life. And we can give them a

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Christ-St. Paul's Welcomes Holtzhower as Rector

Institution September 26, 2021

The Rev. Kyle Holtzhower, who had been serving as the Assistant Rector for Discipleship at St. Andrew's Anglican Church in Mt. Pleasant, has accepted a call to serve as the Rector of Christ St. Paul's, Yorges Island, and will be instituted as their next Rector at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 26.

"My wife and I are so looking forward to getting to know the Christ St. Paul's family and sharing in the life of Christ together with them," says Holtzhower. "Stepping into a new ministry always comes with joys and challenges and I covet your prayers as we all begin this time together. We trust and believe, the Lord being our helper, God's kingdom will continue to grow in our lives and in our community. I'm also delighted to join the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, getting to know and partnering with other clergy in our mission to share the gospel and grow the kingdom of God."

Kyle and his wife, Kortney, have a daughter (Scotlyn, 3½) and a son (Banner, 11 months).



The Rev. Kyle Holtzhower with his wife, Kortney, and their children (Scotlyn, 3½) and (Banner, 11 months).

Kyle was ordained an Anglican priest in 2018, following seven years of active ministry in the Charlotte area. He served six years in the Air Force prior to pursuing his college education.

Kyle began at the church on August 2. In a note to the congregation, the Senior Warden and Chair of the Search Committee wrote, "The Vestry was unanimous in accepting the recommendation from the Search Committee, who was also unanimous in recommending Fr. Kyle. This brings to a conclusion an extensive 11-month search process and discernment. We look forward to our future with great anticipation, having faith in our loving God."

Bishop Coadjutor Candidate

The Very Rev. Charles F. “Chip” Edgar, III

Date of Birth: August 25, 1964

Family: Chip and Beth have been married for almost 32 years and have five children: Chase (Jessica), John (Amanda), Anne Tyler (Jacob Walhout), Mei Mei, and Liza. They have one granddaughter.

Current Position: Dean and Rector of Church of the Apostles, Columbia, the Cathedral of the Diocese of the Carolinas.

Personal Reflection on Ministry Highlights:

“I have loved each parish I’ve served these past 28 years, but my years in Columbia have been the most rewarding: from planting the church, to seeing it grow in size, depth, and influence. We have raised up and sent out more than a dozen priests to plant, restart, and pastor churches from Seattle to the Florida panhandle, and we recently planted a daughter congregation in Lexington, SC. I believe that in spite of all the challenges we see in the world around us, the Kingdom is advancing, and that the local parish is God’s ‘Plan Only’ for the redemption of the world.”

Past Work Experience: Rector, St Mark’s Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn, IL from 1997 – 2004; Canon Pastor at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Orlando, FL from 1994 – 1997; Curate at St Paul’s Church, Chattanooga, TN from 1993 – 1994.

Educational Background: STM in Anglican Studies from the School of Theology at the

University of the South, Sewanee, TN, MDiv. from Trinity Evangelical School in Deerfield, IL; BA in Physical Education from Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Diocesan or Additional Service: Standing Committee, Anglican Diocese of the Carolinas, 2018 – present (President since 2019); Delegate ACNA Provincial Assemblies, 2019 – present;

ACNA Liturgy and Prayer Book Task Force, 2010 – 2016; Bishop and Trustees, Diocese of Chicago (TEC), 2001 – 2003; Board Member Institute for Professional Youth Ministry, Orlando, FL 1994-1997.

Personal Interests: “I love to read, especially the English Christian writers (e.g. George MacDonald, GK Chesterton, CS Lewis), contemporary American novels, and have a budding interest in poetry. I play guitar (adequately) and am a wannabe triathlete.”

Where I experience passion in ministry:

“I have a strong background in pastoral ministry and parish leadership, but my passion is seeing people come to know and live out the grace of God through Jesus Christ in their lives. I want to see churches live out the values of the Kingdom of God in every area of life, and I want God’s people to know that they are loved by him, and secure in his grace and mercy. If we faithfully live in the freedom that comes from that deep, heartfelt knowledge, I believe that grace and love will flow out from our churches and transform our communities.”



The Very Rev. Chip Edgar and his wife, Beth, with their five children and their spouses.

In Brief

Dean Edgar is the Planting Pastor, Rector and Dean of The Cathedral Church of the Apostles (Diocese of the Carolinas) in Columbia, SC, where he has served since 2004. During that time, he oversaw the growth of the church from a core group of 25 to an average Sunday attendance of nearly 400. He served as the Rector of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Glen Ellyn, IL from 1997 – 2004; as the Canon Pastor at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke in Orlando, FL from 1994 – 1997 and as the Curate at St. Paul’s Church, Chattanooga,

TN from 1993 – 1994. He and his wife, Beth have been married for 32 years. They have five grown children and one granddaughter.

From his profile:

“I have a strong background in pastoral ministry and parish leadership, and a passion for seeing people come to know and live out the grace of God through Jesus Christ in their lives. I want to see churches live out the values of the Kingdom of God in every area of life.”

Bishop Coadjutor Candidate

The Rev. Dr. Robert C. “Rob” Sturdy

Date of Birth: April 26, 1981

Family: Married to Stephanie, since 2005; Children, David (13) and Genevieve (10)

Current Position: Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets at St. Alban’s Anglican Chapel at The Citadel, Charleston, SC.

Personal Reflection on Ministry Highlights:

“My most rewarding experiences in ministry have not been in church, but in the woods with the homeless, or in the hospital with the dying, in the counsellor’s office with the victim, with young people I was mentoring for ministry or theology, or in the café or college campus with the skeptic. In these moments disciples can have the transcendent experience of God giving the words that need to be said (Matt 10:19) and being made capable of kindness, compassion, and suffering that transcends natural ability (Gal 5:22-23). These are the moments that are most precious to me, and the one’s I’m most grateful for.”

Past Work Experience: Associate Rector, St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant, (2012 – 2017); Director, Ridley Institute (2012-2017); Rector, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach from (2008 to 2012); Curate, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, (2006 – 2007). Teaches the Systematic Theology Portion of the DMin program at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge,

PA. (2019-Present). Affiliated Researcher at the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit in Leuven, Belgium (2020-Present). Senior Researcher at the Institute for Post-Reformation Studies (2020-Present). Junior Researcher at the Institute for Post-Reformation Studies (2015-2020).



The Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy and his wife, Stephanie, with their children David and Genevieve.

Published Author: *Freedom from Fatalism: Samuel Rutherford’s (1600-1661) Doctrine of Divine Providence, Reformed Historical Theology Vol. 68.* Gottingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2021. I have contracted with Reformation Heritage Books to help with the publication of the first complete edition of Samuel Rutherford’s works, including the first English translations of his Latin works of scholastic theology, (Vol. 8, the English

translation of his *Disputatio Scholastica de Divina Providentia*).

Educational Background: Ph.D. in Historical Theology from the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit in Leuven Belgium, Dissertation: “Freedom from Fatalism: Samuel Rutherford’s (1600-1661) Doctrine of Divine Providence in Reference to its Scholastic Nature, Medieval Background, and Context in Early Modern Thought;” Master of Theology from the Reformed Theological Seminary in Orlando FL, a Bachelor of Theology from Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford; BA in English Literature from the Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina.

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In Brief

The Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy has been the Anglican Chaplain to the Corp of Cadets at St. Alban’s Anglican Chapel at the Citadel, Charleston, from July 2017 to the present. He served as Associate Rector at St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant from 2012 to 2017 and served as the Rector at Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach from 2008 to 2012. Prior to becoming their Rector, he served as their Curate from 2006 – 2007. Sturdy teaches in the DMin program at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. He is an active participant on the leading edge of international scholarship in the area of historical theology. He and his wife, Stephanie, have been married since 2005. They have two children.

From his profile:

“The Gospel teaches us that God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. But it is important to remember that God still loves the world and continues to demonstrate an enduring expression of His love for the non-Christian world. Evangelism and apologetics have been constant companions in my ministry and my preaching style is directed as much to non-Christians as to Christians. A rival passion to that of evangelism is the training of leaders, particularly in the realm of theological formation.”

Bishop Lawrence Highlights Cursillo in Video

Upcoming Weekend October 14-17 at St. Christopher

By Brenda Gonnella, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Summerville

Almost two years have passed since our last Cursillo weekend and we want to let you know that the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina 4th Day Cursillo is alive and well! We will be kicking

off a new season of Cursillo with the upcoming October 14-17, 2021 weekend. We’re excited and encourage anyone who has not attended a weekend to sign up now.

Bishop Lawrence has been a strong supporter of Cursillo in our diocese during his tenure as bishop, and in a recently-made video says, “I can’t tell you how many times I’ve heard lay people say having gone through the experience of Cursillo, ‘I’ve never felt so much love of

God, and of people, as I’ve experienced in this weekend.”

Now is the time to experience the love that so many others have felt, grow your personal relationship with Jesus Christ, make new friends, and become a part of the Cursillo community. For more information, contact Brenda Gonnella at brendaginsc@aol.com.

To watch the video where the Bishop shares why he supports Cursillo and describes three aspects of the ministry, visit <https://vimeo.com/572276297/2c54c37b41>



Confronting the “Big C”

St. Paul’s, Conway, Develops Program to Augment Stephen Ministry with Lay Pastoral Cancer Care

By Dr. Scott Johnson, St. Paul’s, Conway

Most, if not all of us, have been impacted in one way or another by cancer (the “Big C”), either through our personal experiences or those of our family, friends, neighbors, coworkers, or fellow church members. St. Paul’s, Conway, has an active ongoing Stephen Ministry program. We are making plans to interface and augment our Stephen Ministry with a specific lay pastoral cancer care ministry in the fall. Our emphasis will be in the areas of the spiritual, emotional, interpersonal and famil-

ial concerns of our clients: St. Paul’s members, family, friends and the community served by St Paul’s. The no-cost training and resources for this “Our Journey of Hope” endeavor is provided by the Pastoral Care Department of the Cancer Treatment Centers of America (CTCA) (cancercenter.com).

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (scdhec.gov) logged over 31,710 new cancer diagnoses in

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Bishop Coadjutor Candidate

The Rev. Christopher S. “Chris” Warner

Date of Birth: December 21, 1969

Family: Married to Catherine since 1993; Children, Anna (26), Caroline (23) and Nathan (22)

Current Position: Rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island and Daniel Island, SC.

Personal Reflection on Ministry Highlights:

My ministry has been an amazing journey in God’s grace; following Him and joining what He’s doing. Highlights include: The Men’s Hike Ministry – leading men to salvation and life change and teaching them to minister to others; Holy Cross – a multi-campus church is like a mini-diocese. I’ve been able to steward and lead it in depth of discipleship and mission, while maintaining unity; St. Christopher – its turnaround required courageous decisions, truth-speaking and visionary leadership; above all my family – my wife Catherine is thriving and growing in her ministry and our young-adult children walk with the Lord, serve the Church, and lead others to know Jesus.

Past Work Experience: Associate Priest, Church of the Holy Cross, (2011 to 2015); Rector and Executive Director, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center (2007 – 2011); Associate Rector, Church of the Holy Cross (2002 – 2007); Curate, Trinity Episcopal

Church, Columbus, GA (2000 – 2002); Analyst, Bank of America, Charlotte, NC (1997); Consultant, Broadway and Seymour, Charlotte, NC (1994 – 1997)

Educational Background: MDiv. with Honors, Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, PA; BA, English with Specialization in Creative and Technical Writing, University of North Carolina, Wilmington, Wilmington, NC

Diocesan or Church Service: Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, Anglican Missional Partnerships Committee, Anglican Communion Development Committee, Faith Formation Board of Directors, past-chairman of Recovery Ministries, chaplain to the Men’s Conference Board, chaplain to the Daughters of the King, Leadership Training Institute – all in The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina;

Participated in the revitalization of two congregations in the ADOSC (St. Peter and St. John, Charleston – which is now Good Shepherd) and Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg; Mission trips to Liberia, Turkey and India. Helped revitalize St. Christopher. Started the Men’s Hike ministry in 2003 that continues today in approximately 40 Anglican and non-Anglican churches and has affected several thousand men and their families.

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The Rev. Chris Warner and his wife, Catherine, book-end their children (from left) Anna, Nathan and Caroline.

In Brief

The Rev. Chris Warner has been the rector of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island and Daniel Island since 2015 and served as Associate Rector from 2002 to 2007 and from 2011 to 2015. He successfully led Holy Cross in a transition from a “seeker” model church to a relational and discipleship model church. Between his two terms of service at Holy Cross, he also served as rector and director of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. With a staff of 60, he transformed the camp to become a ministry of rest, restoration, and renewal. He and his wife, Catherine, have been married since 1993. They have three children.

From his profile:

“My call from the Lord is to teach, preach, pray and lead (Acts 6:4) and my purpose in life is to know God and make God’s glory known. This glory is the glory of the One and Only Son who is full of grace and truth (John 1:14). My passion has been to help people come alive in Christ, live from the Father’s heart as his beloved children, and then grow as disciples who make disciples of others. My great loves in this life are my wife Catherine and our three children: Anna, Caroline and Nathan.”

“The Big C”

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2020 (averaging 87 per day). Yearly, 10,780 South Carolinians die from cancer and its effects (daily, 29). The most common types of cancer in South Carolina are lung, breast (female), prostate (male) and colorectal, with lung cancer being the deadliest for South Carolina.

The coordinators of this program invite insight from other churches in the diocese who have such a cancer ministry program, and we would also like to share our experiences with other churches desiring to begin a program of their own. The contact person is Deb Wright (sassyfuss55@yahoo.com at St. Paul’s Church, 710 Main Street, Conway, SC 29526 (stpaulsconway.org).

What is a Bishop Coadjutor?

Taken from the e-news of The Well, Myrtle Beach

A Bishop Coadjutor is a priest who is elected by a particular diocese and consecrated to become the next bishop of that diocese when the diocesan bishop retires. The coadjutor serves as an assistant bishop until the retirement of the current diocesan bishop and takes over the diocesan responsibilities at that point. In South Carolina, Fitzsimons Allison was elected in 1978 to serve as Bishop Coadjutor until Grey Temple retired as Diocesan Bishop in 1980. Our Diocese is currently in the process of electing a Coadjutor to be ready to step into the position as our new bishop when Bishop Mark Lawrence steps down in early 2022.

The Church: Anything but “Normal”

Always Forward; Church Planting Conference this Fall

By The Rev. Todd Simonis, ADOSC Canon for Church Planting, St. Helena’s Church, Beaufort

As we have now entered the fall and many of us have returned to our “normal” church offerings, I want to encourage all of us to consider how the Gospel is anything but “normal.” To our flesh, “normal” brings with it comfort, routine and predictability. Yet, as I read the Gospels, Jesus’ encounters with individuals were anything but predictable. Twelve times we read in the Gospels that people “marveled” at Jesus.

When is the last time you “marveled” at God’s work? To recapture the “marvel” of the Gospel begins by recalling Jesus’ sacrificial love for us which then causes us to live with a faith that expects God to do marvelous works all around us.

That is why the planting of new churches is so important (and exciting). Planting a Gospel-based church cannot rely on the “normal.” Instead, it must be rooted in the power of the Gospel to bring “marvel” to individuals who never would have considered walking into our buildings.

If you want to learn more about church planting, Always Forward (the church planting “arm” of the ACNA) will be hosting a



JOY HUNTER

Worshippers gather under the oaks, Sunday, August 8, 2021 at Good Samaritan, a Summerville church plant.

conference in Greensboro, NC, from September 30 to October 2. Several of us from the ADOSC will be attending and we would love to have you join us.

For more conference information or to register, please contact me at tsimonis@sthelenas1712.org.

In the meantime, let’s not settle for “normal.” May the Holy Spirit stir in us a desire to marvel in the goodness and love of our Savior.

Lord, do a work in us, in our churches and in our communities that causes us to marvel!

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purpose for that life. And meaning for that life. And joy instead of mere happiness!

And we offer relationships. We have friendly people in our church who would really like to get to know them better. The Redeemer has all that to offer to them, right now. Above all, our church can offer them Jesus Christ. And through the Holy Spirit, they will gain a relationship with Him. And heaven. That’s what we can offer them.

We need to exist for those who don’t know Christ. And when we do—when we exist for those who are not yet here—The Redeemer will grow and we’ll be the ones who end up getting blessed.

And that’s why YOU should attend church.

Speaking to Those Who Haven’t Returned Since COVID Began

And now I want to speak to the nearly 20% of our congregation that hasn’t worshiped with us for over a year and a half now. The figure is correct—about 20% of those who used to attend prior to COVID haven’t come back to worship at least once a month. A few of the missing 20% came at Christmas 2020 and haven’t been back since, and a few others worshiped with us at Easter, back on April 4. A few more came to the installation of our Daughters of the Holy Cross. But overall, attendance figures show our 10:30 a.m. attendance at only 52% of what it was 18 months ago, and our 8:30 a.m. attendance is only 45% of what it was in 2019.

Many of our finest have simply quit coming.

“Earth to John: it’s summer—attendance is always lower in the summer!” True enough, but I’m quoting figures from spring—from Easter until the end of May.

I don’t say this to fuss or to preach or to make you feel guilty. I’m simply stating fact. This is where we are, at present.

It is my duty as your pastor to remind you that Sunday worship is not optional if you wish

to be called a Christian. I’m stating fact. There are at least 40 references to public corporate worship in the New Testament alone, and another 75 or so in the Old Testament. As previously mentioned, there’s Command #4 of the Big Ten: “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). If you want more, here are a few: Colossians 3:16, Hebrews 10:24-25 and 1 Timothy 4:13. If you want to hear it from Jesus Himself, try these: Luke 4:16, Matthew 6:33, and this rather sobering promise from Matthew 7:21-23.

A private Christian is a contradiction in terms. Church is not a place to go.

Worship at the 10:30 a.m. service has fully returned to the way we used to worship—processions are back, The Peace is back, Communion of both kinds is available (as well as one kind, for those who prefer), lay readers are reading and assisting at the altar...if anything is different today, it’s for the better. For instance, our choir just keeps getting better, we’re having guest musicians, and both Mike and I are working extra-hard these days to give you the finest sermons in town and unparalleled pastoral care. We’ve kept doing the daily meetings of Morning Prayer (except for Wednesday) and we are in the process of completely upgrading our video system so that Sunday’s live broadcast will be there if you have to be out of town.

And for those who still might feel they need extra precautions, our 8:30 a.m. worship still requires masks and social distancing for now. We believe we’ve covered every base you’ve told us you wanted covering. All we’re missing is you. Believe me, I DO miss you!

If you are no longer a regular attendee and you have a need, I have no way of knowing it unless you share it with me. Will you take a minute today to drop me an email? Simply write what you want, type in my email address: john@redeemerburg.org, and hit “send.” Thank you.

I truly would love to see you Sunday!

Dana Henry to Lead Anglican Women's Retreat October 1-3

Finding our Identities in Christ

Women from across the Diocese will gather at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center October 1-3, 2021 for a time of retreat and refreshment at the Anglican Women's Retreat.

Dana Henry will be speaking on "Finding our Identities in Christ," taking as her text Isaiah 43:1,

"But now, this is what the Lord says, 'he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'"

"I love the verse Isaiah 43:1," says Sunny Walker, President of the Anglican Women of the ADOSC. "Let's think about it. 'I have summoned you by name; you are mine.' We are His - God's! Isn't it wonderful knowing that we belong to God - no matter what? Living through this pandemic was difficult for all of us. Coming out of this pandemic may be just



ELIZABETH TELEP

Dana Henry will be the keynote speaker at our annual retreat

as difficult resulting in the loss of an identity for some. That's why I'm hoping you'll join me for the weekend of October 1-3 as Dana Henry speaks on "Finding Our Identity in Christ."

Our Speaker

Dana Henry is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Pennsylvania, in private practice (Hope Christian Counseling), with over 18 years of experience specializing in work with individuals, couples, and families. Dana has been married to The Rev. Dr. Bill Henry for 30 years, and they have three grown children and one awesome grandchild! Dana and Bill currently live in Sewickley, PA, where Bill serves as an Associate Rector at St. Stephen's Anglican Church. Together, Dana and Bill lead Steadfast, a ministry rooted in the Anglican tradition, which seeks to guide couples toward discovering and living into the beauty of marriage.

Learn more and register at www.adosc.org.

Introducing Sunny Walker

New President of the Anglican Women of the ADOSC

Bishop Mark Lawrence installed Sunny Walker as the new President of the Board of the ADOSC, along with the additional members of the board, at the Spring meeting April 24.

For many, Sunny will need no introduction. She grew up in this diocese.



JOY HUNTER

She graduated from Presbyterian College with two degrees (Elementary Education and Music.) She has served in various ministries within the diocese: Cursillo (Diocesan Secretary, Weekend Lay Rector- #140, and Ul-treya Lay Rector), The Daughters of the King (Diocesan Historian and Chapter Secretary), Faith Alive (Children's Coordinator). In the churches in which she's been a member, Sunny has served in various ministries including music ministry, lay reading / chalice bearing, Mission Council, Stephen Ministry, the Younger Episcopal Adults, and Youth Ministry.

Sunny has been a Special Education teacher for 27 years and is currently teaching in downtown Charleston.

She currently attends Church of the Resurrection in North Charleston.

"It's Time for the Church to Wake Up, Rise up, and Grow Up in His Word!"

Joanne Ellison Speaks at Anglican Women's Annual Gathering

By Catherine Jones, St. Philip's Church, Charleston

More than 160 women from throughout the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina joined with guests from the Diocese of the Carolinas and the Reformed Episcopal Church for the Annual Gathering of Anglican Women hosted by Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, April 24, 2021. The Rev. Joyce Harder, who serves as a Deacon at the church, welcome the group. Diocesan women's president, Patricia Smith presided.

With the theme "Faith Moving Forward," keynote speaker, Joanne Ellison, challenged listeners to cast aside troubles of the past and press on in the power of the Holy Spirit, establishing God's truth, opposing evil, and spreading the love of Christ, assured by His victorious power.

"It is time for the church to wake up, rise

"Her message was engaging, uplifting but unlike a typical motivational speaker she called us to action, to shed yesterday's regrets, drop any baggage, unclutter your life, focus on God and move forward with Jesus at your side while the Holy Spirit guides you..."

up, and grow up in His Word," said Ellison. "We need to face the music. The church is weary. I see churches are filled with people who are worn out from trying to bring the gospel to a hostile world. We are exhausted in our jobs and relationships. Our hearts, once

pumping strong, have flat lined."

"As the keynote speaker she had all of us sitting on the edge of our seats, listening, and thinking," said Cathy Strite of St. Paul's, Conway. "Her message was engaging, uplifting but unlike a typical motivational speaker she called us to action, to shed yesterday's regrets, drop any baggage, unclutter your life, focus on God and move forward with Jesus at your side while the Holy Spirit guides you..."

"The icing on the cake, was to be reminded of the strength and faith of women in the Bible, such as the women who stayed with Jesus to His death, the women who were the first to come to the tomb and the first to see Jesus resurrected. Women of faith can serve God and live in this ridiculously busy time and make change happen."

Outstanding project reports detailed contributions from the Praise and Glory fund to St. Alban's Chapel at the Citadel and the supplying of Bibles in Spanish to congregations in need through gifts to the Diocesan Periodical Club. In videos, the Rev. Rob Sturdy and the Rev. David Dubay expressed thanks.

Outgoing president, Patricia Smith addressed the group, thanking all who support women's ministries and sharing words of grace.

Allison Lawrence, the wife of our Bishop, spoke with deep feeling, expressing her love and thanks for blessings in the midst of travel on a difficult road. "Stay strong," she said. "You have what the world so desperately needs - Christ! He knows the way!"

Throughout the day, uplifting, worship music was provided by Chelsea Lawrence Hamshaw and her niece Sarah Lawrence.

Bishop Mark Lawrence again delivered a powerful message on the nature of faith - salvation and also continuing growth in the midst of difficulties. He urged women to "Reach out for the Promise! Live as the Bride of Christ!"

The Bishop installed new board members, including President Sunny Walker and six leaders. Patricia Smith presented the president's cross and gavel to Sunny Walker who addressed the group and urged the representatives to follow the board's recommendation and select support of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center as this year's project. A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously. She also encouraged everyone to come to the Women's Retreat, October 1-3. She then presented a gift to the out-going president. With music and benediction, the meeting was adjourned.

Videos of the entire gathering may be found at <https://www.facebook.com/angdiocesefsc>. See additional photos at <https://adosc.org/joanne-ellison-speaks-at-anglican-womens-annual-gathering/>

Bishop Coadjutor Candidate Warner

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Personal Interests: Spending time with family and friends, having adventures in the wilderness, traveling, running, surfing, hiking, reading military biographies and history, watching dystopian movies, learning to play golf, practicing Trinitarian spiritual direction

Where I experience passion in ministry: Seeing spiritual transformation in people's lives and in church systems; Collaborating with leaders to bring about Gospel growth; Empowering people for ministry; Praying in the authority and power of the Holy Spirit; Leading people to Christ; Helping other people learn to hear God for themselves; Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ; Leading others in healing and wholeness and care.



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Hope Scholars Academy

New University Model Christian Classical High School Planted in the Lowcountry

You've heard of church planting...but what about school planting? As we emerge from the pandemic, we see a lot of challenges. These challenges are not new, but the divisions and hopelessness of life in a post-Christian society are becoming more acute.

During the time of Daniel, when Israel was in Babylon, God spoke the words "For I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope,"

Jeremiah 29:11. As part of this promise, God instructed those in exile to plant gardens, live life and seek the welfare of the city in which they live.

In 2021, we hear the echoes of this hope not only for adults, but especially for the upcoming student generation. God has good plans for them, plans for their future, plans for them to make a difference in this world. God desires to raise up a generation that will stand strong and seek the welfare of the city and country in which they live.

Out of these words of hope, Hope Scholars Academy was born. Hope Scholars Academy is a University Model Christian Classical High School being planted in the midst of the Lowcountry. A University Model (UMSI) school combines the professional education and community learning of a private, Christian school with the flexibility and individualization of school at home. The focus of the school is standing alongside the parents in the discipleship of their children. Dr. John William Turner, Jr., author of *Character Driven College Preparation*, the UMSI authoritative guide, states: "The ultimate goal (of a UMSI school) is that of producing wholesome, competent men and women of character who make a positive difference for Christ in the next generation."

Students attend classes Monday, Wednesday and Thursday for core academics, electives and labs. On Tuesday and Friday, students work on teacher assignments with time to participate in internships, the arts, jobs or sports. This schedule

mirrors the rhythm of college life as they learn to manage their time and schoolwork on their own. Twenty years of studies from UMSI schools show that this model provides a seamless transition to college.

The dream for Hope Scholars Academy was placed this fall in the heart of Anna Goodwin Smith, a seasoned educator and college administrator. She was challenged to think and pray about starting a school in the Charleston area. After investigating current school options, Anna found a great need for an innovative Christian and Classical High school. "There are a lot of K-8's (kindergarten through 8th Grade schools) doing academically strong Christian education, but there are not a lot of Christian high schools—especially alternative ones. We also found there are many homeschooling parents who value the discipleship opportunities of homeschooling; but they need help—especially when it comes to teaching the upper-level sciences, math and literature."

As Smith and her husband, the Rev. Greg Smith, prayed through the dream, a team quickly formed to support them. Clark Thompson, an area Anglican and former non-profit director came on as chair of the Advisory Board. He states, "As a member of the Hope Scholars Advisory Board, I am delighted to see families find a place that offers a superb classical education and is committed to a true partnership with parents seeking a school that embraces their Christian faith and values." Clark is joined by



ANNA SMITH

Math/Science teacher Harrison Brown works with incoming sophomore, Colleen Gill.



ANNA SMITH

"I am excited to attend Hope Scholars Academy because of the integrated math and science lessons that use real-world application," says Cassidy Gill (above), an incoming sophomore. "The Christian-based curriculum will help me to grow as a Christian, while relating current events through the lens of a Christian worldview."

several local and national advisors who lead in their areas of expertise.

Hope Scholars Academy is under the umbrella of the NAUMS (National Association of University Model Schools) as a de-

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The Secular Creed

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Student Ministries

The biggest issues facing our society are divisive, especially between the generations. Hot topics such as gender and race have put some parents and their kids at odds. Many in our congregations have no idea how to speak about them. However, a book called *Secular Creed* may help us talk about these issues in a way that is thoroughly Biblical and rich in gospel truth. Author Rebecca McLaughlin has a gentle and convincing way of showing how Jesus transformed the way we view ethnicities, sexuality, gender, and the value of all human beings.



Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion seeks to address common objections to Christianity.

Rebecca describes the book this way: "It looks at 12 reasons not to believe in Jesus and argues that—if we look at them more closely—they stop being roadblocks and instead become signposts."

Confronting Christianity was featured as one of the only books about faith on the TED Talks Summer Reading List, and named a Book of the Year 2020 by Christianity Today magazine.

She then released a book for younger audiences titled *10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask (and Answer) About Christianity*. It was written in a way in which she would be comfortable with having her ten-year-old read it. Thus, it reads as more for pre- and early teens than for those in high school. McLaughlin gives us a glimpse of her purpose when she writes, "I don't want my kids to believe in Jesus just because I say so, or just because it's the largest and most diverse religion in the world, or just because going to church makes you happier, healthier, and more generous to others. I want them to see Jesus for themselves and to believe that what he says about himself is true." After reading the book, it's become

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Starting with commonly seen or heard slogans, McLaughlin addresses five ideas that offer a unique worldview. She refers to these collectively as a "secular creed": Black Lives Matter; Love Is Love; Gay Rights Are Civil Rights; Women's Rights Are Human Rights; Transgender Women Are Women.

In this concise little book of only 107 pages, *Secular Creed* will inform and enlighten people in our congregations. It's very readable for anyone in high school and above. I believe if everyone in our diocese over the age of 14 read this book, we would be very clear on Biblical perspectives regarding the most pressing issues of our day! *Secular Creed* can be purchased at The Gospel Coalition store or on Amazon.

Rebecca has recently written on similar themes. Her first book titled

Pray for Younger Generations!

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Student Ministries

Would you add the following (or similar) prayer to your routine? Add it to the Prayers of the People weekly in worship, and include it in prayers offered whenever groups in the church meet. Let's support our younger folk.

Generation Z, who currently span our elementary schools through colleges, are the least reached, least church generation in America today! Only 4% have a biblical worldview. Nearly 1/3 say

they have no trusted adults in their lives. 45% feel as if no one understands them.

The gospels remind us that Jesus had compassion for the lost, "because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." And he assures us, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:36-38)

LORD, we pray that the truth that has been entrusted to us and the lessons we have learned will not be hidden from the next generation. Grant us every grace we need to make known to our children, even the children yet unborn, the path that leads to life.

Make us a generation of parents, grandparents, and church members who will teach younger generations your ways and how to walk according to the truth, so that they might set their hope and confidence in you and not forget your good works. May we be a generation who brings good news to each successive generation so that all may know your truth and the gospel of grace. Amen.

Bishop Coadjutor Candidate Sturdy

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Diocesan or Church Service: Leadership Team of Kardia, Church Planting Network for the Diocese of the Carolinas, (2021-2017); Examining Chaplains, Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina (2007 - 2011); Executive Council, Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina (2007 - 2012); Board of Directors, The Mission Society (2008 - 2010); Chaplain to Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford Intercollegiate Christian Union (2003 - 2006)

Personal Interests: I enjoy going on evening walks and coffee dates with my wife, Stephanie. I'm an avid reader. I paint, play the guitar, surf, cycle, and rock climb. I have a weakness for Cajun food. I'm obsessed with Outlaw and Cosmic Country. Like many parents, I cherish time with my children.

Where I experience passion in ministry: Jesus said that he came "to seek and save the lost" (Luke 19:10). The lost we find in the Gospels are the moral failures (Luke 7:36-50), the traitors (Luke 19:1-10), the sick (Matt 8:1-4), the vulnerable (John 8:1-11), the desperate and downtrodden (Matt 9:36), among others. These are the castaways of church and society. Jesus exhibited a passion for such people that could not be extinguished, even by the cross. Jesus still has a passion for such people, and shows this through his body, the church. I experience passion in ministry when the passion of Jesus burns in me and the church to seek and save the very same people he has always shown special affection for.

Going for Glory

By the Rev. Mark Avera, Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston

I don't know what gets you choked up, but I get teary-eyed and emotional over the strangest things. I watched a few minutes of the opening ceremony for the 2021 Tokyo Olympics—the part where the athletes from various countries parade in, bearing their country's flag and wearing the colors and garb of their homeland—and I found myself getting stirred up. The athletes were all wearing masks due to the coronavirus, there were no fans in a stadium which would normally hold nearly 50,000 people, and it was somewhat anticlimactic. Yet there I was getting all soupy. "What is going on?" I asked myself.

Part of it was seeing the exuberance of the athletes from Italy, one of the countries devastated by the virus. There they were. Part of it was seeing outrageously tiny countries that you've never heard of like Nauru (population approximately 11,500) getting their moment in the spotlight with their two athletes. But then I realized: it's all about glory. We all have this deep longing for glory in the pit of our being, and international competitions like the Olympics are all about glory. It's a different kind of glory, to be sure, but a picture nonetheless of that glory for which we were made.

The athletes at the Olympics are all champions in their own coun-

tries. They have disciplined themselves, made sacrifices, overcome all sorts of obstacles, and trained with a focus and determination that is hard for most of us to imagine. Perhaps it's something they feel when they do what they do best—something of the Creator's pleasure in them. Eric

And so it will be that one day, when the saints who have persevered in their faith to the end (or, as some have thought it better to phrase it, those that have been preserved by God's grace) will gather before the glorious presence of our God. The Ancient of Days will be there, as will the glorious and victorious Lamb of God seated on His throne, together with the seven-fold Spirit. There will be the four living creatures, the cherubim and seraphim, and myriads upon myriads of angels and archangels. Full house! The saints will come from every tongue, tribe, and nation bringing their peculiar offerings, their unique cultural gifts of praise to the Lord of their salvation. They will come as those who have overcome, those who have withstood temptation and trial, those who have fought the good fight and finished the race, those who have borne witness in their day. They were emblems of God's glory in this life, and they will gather, not to receive a medal of gold, silver or bronze, or a garland wreath, but to receive the crown of eternal life. They will gather not to receive the applause and praise of men, but to receive the commendation and invitation of their King: "Well done, good and faithful servant! Enter into the joy, the peace, the life—the glory—of your master!"



Olympian medal winners bask in glory. (2017)

SIMON CONNELLAN, UNSPLASH

Liddell, the Scottish missionary to China, who competed in the 1924 Paris Olympics, and whose story is so well-captured in the movie Chariots of Fire, said, "I believe God made me for a purpose—for China. But He also made me fast. And when I run, I feel His pleasure." So maybe it's something like that which drives Olympians (whether they realize it or not). Maybe it's the desire to perfect the gifts they have and to see how far they can be pushed and developed. Maybe it's a longing to be the best in some area, to know that they have what it takes to stand against others, who are the best from their countries. Maybe it's the desire to showcase their talent on an international stage before the eyes of the world, and grab just a few moments of (there it is again)...glory.

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JESSICA WILLIS

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Beach Baptisms for Holy Cross

By Jessica Willis, Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, Daniel Island

On June 6, several dozen Holy Cross parishioners walked or piled onto golf carts to gather at Station 26 on Sullivan's Island. A bright blue tent greeted each group as they climbed over the dunes onto the warm sand. This was the first time many of the Holy Cross folks had gathered beyond a Sunday morning in over a year due to COVID. People came from both of our campuses and almost all of our services were represented. Kids were running and playing, while many sat to enjoy conversation together while eating their lunches. Celebration was mingled in the salty air.

We had the honor of welcoming four new members into Christ's holy Church that Sunday afternoon, through the sacrament of baptism. Each of their stories and spiritual journeys are different, one under a year old (with family surrounding), a teenager, and two adults.

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Not only is it a fun afternoon of fellowship and playing on the beach but, most importantly, the celebration of new life, and witnessing these initial steps of faith is amazing. We gathered together at the water's edge for a simple service of baptism. This was filled with beach goers walking by, priests being splashed by waves and kids digging in the sand. Each candidate was introduced and went through the traditional liturgy of baptism, and then we, the congregation, joined them in affirming our own baptismal covenants with waves lapping at our toes. Then, one by one, the candidates waded out in the water for immersion. Upon the conclusion, our whole group circled around the candidates and their families to pray. There is something so powerful to making this very public declaration of faith together.

Holy Trinity Classical Christian School Launches \$7 Million Campus Vision Campaign

Campaign Will Fund New Center for the Arts, Athletics, and Fellowship

By Kelly Newnham, Director of Communications, Holy Trinity Classical Christian School, Beaufort

In a recent communication to parents, grandparents, and key stakeholders, Celeste Pruitt, Director of Advancement for Holy Trinity Classical Christian School, shared details of their Campus Vision Campaign, including the exciting news that more than \$5.4 million has already been pledged towards the campaign's \$7 million goal.

A building for Arts, Athletics, and Fellowship will be the centerpiece of Phase I of Holy Trinity's long-term campus vision plan. This new structure will include performing arts classrooms, a full-size stage, a weight room and competition gymnasium, multi-purpose spaces, and, perhaps, most importantly, space large enough for the entire Holy Trinity community—students and their families—to gather for chapel, celebrations, and other fun events.

In Holy Trinity's first nine years, they have invested heavily in establishing top notch academic, arts and athletic programs, and that investment is paying dividends. They are now ready to begin to build on that foundation by starting work on their long-term campus vision plan. In August of 2020, Holy Trinity was able to purchase their permanent home



at 302 Burroughs Avenue, right in the heart of the city of Beaufort. This enables the school to be accessible to both neighborhood children and to those current families who drive in from neighboring counties.

The Campus Vision Campaign is led by a team of amazing volunteers, and is co-chaired by Barbara and Bishop Alden Hathaway, Sharon and Mac Sanders, and Gloria and Chuck Dalvini, all selfless, dedicated volunteers who serve Holy Trinity with joy and enthusiasm. Director of Advancement Celeste Pruitt remarked "The target of this campaign is to enhance our ability to nurture the bodies, minds

and souls of every Holy Trinity student as well as to foster a welcoming atmosphere for those coming to our campus for sporting events, student activities, and fine arts performances. We desire to make our neighborhood more beautiful and to contribute to the life of the city of Beaufort."

"We love our Holy Trinity family and can't say enough great things about this wonderful school," said Sharon Sanders. "We made our commitment in honor of founding Headmaster Rev. Lawrence and every single teacher and administrator that has dedicated their lives to serving our children and grandchildren every day and for the bright future they'll enjoy because of this place. God bless Holy Trinity Classical Christian School. We believe the Campus Vision Campaign will serve as the catalyst for even greater things over the next many years to come at Holy Trinity."

Celeste Pruitt added, "We are so close to a critical \$6 million milestone which is needed to get shovels in the ground. Our goal is to secure a construction loan this summer and

begin the project in the next school year so that we can occupy the space the following academic year."

Founded in 2012, Holy Trinity Classical Christian School is an independent, non-parochial school which serves more than 375 students in the Beaufort community. Their inaugural graduating class of 19 students in 2020 were awarded over \$3.5 million in scholarship offers, had four of Beaufort County's five National Merit Scholarship Finalists, and nine Palmetto Scholars. This year, Holy Trinity will graduate 21 students and expects to eventually cap enrollment in Pre-K through 12th grades at 450-500. Holy Trinity has purposely set its tuition rates low in order to keep the school accessible to any family who desires a classical, Christian education for their child. Since 2012, Holy Trinity has awarded over \$7.5 million in additional tuition discounts and need-based aid which is made possible through generous donors.

Those who want to learn more about Holy Trinity or who want to make a gift are invited to visit the school website at <https://www.htccs.org/campus-vision-campaign/>

Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

MEN AND THE CHURCH

Virtual Men's Summit October 9 John Yates, Sr. to Speak on "Faith in the Home"

Men, save the date October 9, 2021 for the upcoming Men's Summit featuring John Yates, Sr. pastor and author, who will speak on "Faith in the Home". John Yates, Sr. has



written several books including "How a Man Prays for His Family" and "Raising Kids with Values that Last".

The Summit will be simulcast to the churches

throughout the Diocese in order for men in our local churches to join together for this program.

Men may attend the Virtual Men's Summit by either contacting their local Parish or online through a link to be provided for the event. Attendance questions can be directed to Russ Gantt (rgantt@gmail.com) or Les Sease (lsease@coloursandpapers.com).

John Yates, Sr. will provide two talks focused on Faith in the Home and he will set the stage as our 2022 Christian Men's Conference speaker. This will also be a time of prayer for families, praise, worship, testimonies, and small group discussion. Summit time is from 8:30 am to 12 noon Saturday, October 9. The Diocesan Men's Ministry Leadership Team is very excited about this upcoming event and eagerly looks forward to John Yates' encouraging words about men's faith leadership in the home.

10th Annual Behold the Man Men's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Oct. 23-Nov. 5, 2021

The 10th annual "Behold the Man" pilgrimage will take place October 23-November 5, 2021. This experience of a lifetime leads men on a journey to reclaim biblical manhood by walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

The foundation of this 13-day men's pilgrimage includes two essentials: the theological and biblical narratives of Israel, and the sacred Holy sites of Jesus' earthly life. The curriculum adds a unique, experiential, adventurous and challenging men's spiritual retreat to the land of Jesus, as we together Behold the Man.

Dr. Peter Walker, the acclaimed and highly respected Holy Land specialist, professor and author, is our Course Leader, with Jay Crouse, Diocesan Coordinator for Men's Ministry.

To learn more contact Jay Crouse at jaycrouse@aol.com. or visit <https://adosc.org/ministries-and-departments/mens-ministry/behold-man-pilgrimage/>

The Christian Men's Conference will be held February 25-27, 2022

Darlington Church Ministry Provides Ramps, Porches for Those in Need

By Matthew Robertson, Florence Morning News

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On Saturday morning, June 5, Joe Ervin and Frank Stoda gathered at a home on East Hampton Street in Darlington with a mission to accomplish — finish replacing the front porch on the home.

The pair are part of St. Matthew's Church's ramp ministry but gladly stepped up to replace the front porch, which had collapsed and

Matthew's deacon, on the saw delivering the needed lumber at the right size.

Ervin said the group usually turned out a bigger crowd but there really wasn't enough room for any more to work.

"What we like to do is find people in need of a wheelchair ramp, if they're having trouble getting into their houses, we'll build their wheelchair ramps," Ervin said. "If they can afford the materials we let them pay for the materials and we do the work for free. If they can't afford the materials we try to chip in ourselves or we have people give money to the church in the name of the wheelchair ministry, or the ramp ministry, and then we pay for the ramps that way."

Saturday's build was only the second time the group has been at work since the COVID vaccines came out and pandemic-related restrictions were eased.

"We're hoping to gear back up," Ervin said.

Ervin said he didn't have a firm number on how many such projects the ministry had tackled, but it was more than 20.

The St. Matthew's group is one of several in Darlington to tackle ramp projects and they all coordinate their efforts.

"It seems like we can always find somebody who needs a ramp," Ervin said.

"We just took a ramp down that we built for somebody at Christmas; they didn't need it anymore. They had broken their foot and it healed," Ervin said. "We took that ramp down and repurposed it on another ramp. A group from the Presbyterian Church took it and moved it."

Ervin said he doesn't expect to be terribly busy in the near term, either in Darlington or in southern West Virginia when the church takes a mission trip this summer.

"With lumber prices what they are, we are limited right now with what we can do, unless somebody has the money to buy the materials," he said. "Materials are four times as expensive as they were last year."

Ervin said people in need can contact the church office or the council on aging, which has the ministry's number.



MATTHEW ROBERTSON

Above: The Rev. Frank Stoda, who serves as a Deacon at St. Matthew's Church in Darlington, measures a board to go onto a porch being rebuilt by the ramp ministry of St. Matthew's.

rendered the home's front door mostly useless.

The ministry had the framing for the porch already in place, which left Ervin in the porch calling out measurements and Stoda, St.

COVID Challenges Ministry at the Citadel

Staff and Volunteers Express Thoughtful, Intentional Care for Cadets

By The Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy, Chaplain, St. Alban's, The Citadel

The following is taken from a letter sent to supporters of St. Alban's ministry.

The past year has been a challenge for all of us. As a friend and supporter of St. Alban's Anglican Chapel, and a valued member of our St. Alban's community, it is important for you to know how the past year has challenged our community here at The Citadel, and how the student members of St. Alban's Anglican Chapel have met these challenges. Though you have not been with us in person, we know that through the "varieties of gifts" given by the same Spirit, you have been with us in your thoughts, prayers, and generosity. You and I, our volunteers and students met these challenges together, albeit in different ways, according to God's variety of gifts.

In many ways our calling of radical hospitality, evangelism, pastoral care, and patient discipleship did not change at all. But our commitment to these callings certainly deepened this past year.

Hospitality: We offered free meals on Monday evenings for our communion service and Thursday evenings for our Christian education during the entire year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, our partner churches were not permitted to serve home cooked meals. This meant our food costs were the highest on record since I began as the Chaplain of St. Alban's. Nevertheless, I'm thankful we could offer this expression of hospitality. And this expression broke past the walls of our community. Leftover sandwiches and pizza were taken back to the barracks and shared with students in need as an expression of the love of Christ. As the pandemic wore on, and more students were placed in quarantine housing, I was happy to learn that St. Alban's cadets were delivering meals from the chapel to cadets in quarantine housing. I heard from

many cadets that this thoughtful, intentional expression of Christian care and charity by St. Alban's cadets was especially meaningful.

Evangelism: Sharing the Gospel with this generation of young adults is a serious commitment. Many of the students we work with have little to no Christian background, so



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Ashley Cranfil, is the Senior Warden at St. Alban's.

the Christian faith must be explained, questions answered, criticisms and objections patiently met, and relationships must be invested in. None of this is easy during a pandemic! But our staff, students, and volunteers went above and beyond in actively reaching out and sharing the Gospel with those who had not heard it or accepted it. The fruit of this work was conversion and these conversions led to baptisms, which were celebrated on both our fall and winter retreats. As per usual, the cost for all students was subsidized. Some students, due to severe financial hardship, attended retreats for free.

Pastoral Care: The deepest need of the pandemic years was pastoral care. Our students suffered from loneliness, depression, and anxiety at rates I had not seen previously nor could have imagined. Where the needs of

cadets exceeded the care and training of our staff, we were able to work with local, licensed professional counselors to help with the mental health of our students. If the students could not afford this counseling, we provided financial assistance in full. I believe our open door and work with local counselors was a literal life-saver this year for more than a few cadets.

Patient Discipleship: Since we work with many students who have no Christian background, the work of Christian discipleship is long, patient, and committed work. Our open door means we are meeting with six to eight cadets one-on-one every day. However, throughout the week, we meet with many cadets in groups to explore the Christian faith, study the Bible, or focus on a significant social issue from a Christian perspective. Few people are willing to accept the entirety of the Christian faith all at once, and our students are no exception. But we are committed to walking with them through their stumbles and objections as they draw nearer to Christ. Our staff, in particular Cassie Dodds and Tripp Koon, are exceptionally gifted at demonstrating the patience and grace of Jesus towards the students.

Though a demanding year, I am prouder of the work we did this year than any other. St Alban's Anglican Chapel was there for the students, their families, and The Citadel at a moment of great need. We served our cadets and our community in a Christlike way, and for this I am extremely grateful. This was made possible by the gifting nature of our Christian community, of which you are a part. Without the gifts of your support, concern, prayers, and generosity, we could not be able to fulfill God's call upon St. Alban's Anglican Chapel. So once again, you have my sincere gratitude. May God bless you in the coming year, and may the coming year be a "normal" one.



MATTHEW ROBERTSON

Eve's Fun Park Dedicated

New Playground Given Through Generous Donation by Eve Evans

By The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence, Executive Director, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center



JOY HUNTER

Children attending GrandCamp enjoy one of the additions to Eve's Playground following the dedication service.

The happy sounds of children have gone out into all lands, and their voices to the ends of the world." So echoed the antiphon for the dedication of "Eve's Fun Park," the new children's playground on the campus of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Monday evening, June 21. What did it take to dedicate a playground? A red beach bucket of Holy Water, aspergillum fashioned from palm fronds, a gathered group

of children, a bishop, and a new playground warranting dedication in memory of a generous benefactor.

Bishop Fitzsimons Allison presided over this special dedication, which also honored Eve Kinloch Evans. Eve had long ago included St. Christopher in her estate planning by designating it as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. She and her husband, Jimmy Evans, were longtime friends of the Allison's, so it was

especially poignant to have Bishop Allison and his wife, Martha, be able to participate in the dedication. Family of Eve Evans were also in attendance, including two of her three sons. While her bequest was undesignated, the replacement of the children's playground was much in need and the timely bequest provided a means of accomplishing it. When Executive Director Bob Lawrence asked Chris Snedeker, son of Eve Evans, what he thought about using the funds for a playground and providing a naming opportunity, Chris didn't hesitate in suggesting that his mother would love it and that it should be called "Eve's Fun Park." So it is.

The gathering on June 21 was intentionally scheduled to coincide with the opening of GrandCamp, to provide an eager group of children to officially inaugurate the use of a newly dedicated play area. The happy sounds of children were indeed heard! It is hoped that they will continue to be heard from the hallowed grounds of St. Christopher for generations yet to come. The generosity of people like Eve Evans continue to provide the resources that allow for the maintenance



JOY HUNTER

The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, Chaplain at the Prayer Center at St. Christopher (center), blesses the equipment as Bishop Fitzsimons Allison prepares for his final remarks during the dedication.

and care of a ministry that began through the generosity of earlier generations.

Have you made provisions for St. Christopher in your estate planning? Is it included in your regular charitable giving? If it is, you are truly sharing in the building of God's Kingdom by supporting a ministry that has been leading people to Christ Jesus for generations. I encourage you to join with others in support of St. Christopher in whatever is possible from your own financial resources. For further information about estate planning options for St. Christopher, contact Bob Lawrence at blawrence@stchristopher.org, or your own financial planner.

Be Still and Know God: A Reflective Retreat

Meeting God through Silence, Solitude and Scripture

By Sue Farley, Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

If an opportunity arises to attend a retreat at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center on Seabrook Island, I encourage you to participate. If the Rev. Elizabeth Bumpas offers "Be Still and Know God" retreat again, I hope you will do all you can to attend.

A dozen of us attended Bumpas' "Be Still and Know God" retreat June 4-6, 2021, which was held mainly in the Prayer Center. The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, Chaplain of the Prayer Center, welcomed the group before dinner and shared information about the Camp and Center.

Before coming, we were urged not to bring a laptop, a novel to read, or anything that would become a distraction from focusing on the presence of God. We were also

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encouraged to turn off our phones while attending.

Bumpas, who is an assisting pastor at St. James Church on James Island, held four sessions in the Prayer Center after dinner each evening and after breakfast Saturday and Sunday. She introduced us to a way to worship entitled Lectio Divina. It was a way to rest in God's presence, which allowed us to be more attentive to God through silence, solitude and scripture.

Silence was encouraged all Saturday after lunch until dinner. Many of us spent an hour in the Prayer Center listening to soaking sacred music. Other optional activities were walking the trails, swimming or sitting on the beach. There was free time to find a spot to meditate and rest in God's presence.

Lectio Divina is a way of being still and worshipping through scripture. Bumpas chose the scripture readings prior to each session. The chosen scripture was read once, then read a second time, whereby we were to listen for a word or phrase that spoke to us. During the third reading we were to reflect on what the chosen word or phrase meant for our life.

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Volunteering at St. Christopher

By Nancy and Jay Miller, Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island

Fellow Anglicans! A great service opportunity awaits you as the hands and feet of Christ. We recently completed a volunteer tour of duty at the kitchen at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island.

We spent about 2 1/2 hours from 5:45 to 8:15 in the kitchen and dining hall. Some shifts are shorter depending on the number of people they have to serve that evening.

We helped to serve dinner, clean up and set up for breakfast the next morning. It requires no skill, just a willingness to take instruction and be helping hands. The staff is very organized, works alongside of you and is grateful for the help.

We live on Seabrook Island and attend Church of Our Saviour. Karl Burns our rector, encouraged Small Groups to get involved. We were the first to volunteer so we provided some guidelines for our fellow parishioners which hopefully, will be helpful to all others volunteering.

We encourage you to check your calendars for days you are free and then call the Rev Bob Lawrence,

Director, at (843) 768-0429 to see when he needs you.

If you don't want to wear a lovely black hairnet, as we did, you will want to wear a baseball cap. Masks are also required. Comfortable tie shoes or strapped sandals are best because you are standing and moving during the volunteer time.

The kitchen is located on the left just before the Conference center sign. Parking for the kitchen staff is marked and on the right directly across from the dumpster. You can enter through the back door of the kitchen. The kitchen staff is great and provides the food for the campers and instructions for the volunteers.

We're sure some of you are very familiar with the camp as former campers with lots of good memories. If you are not familiar with the camp, please come out and discover this wonderful Christian experience.

You will feel blessed to be able to provide helping hands to the staff as they interact with guests at St. Christopher.

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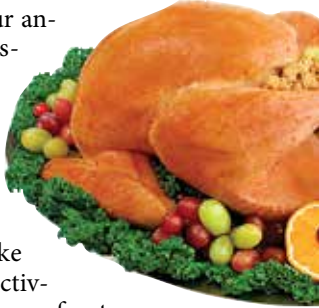
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Three Generations Find Rest on Retreat at St. Christopher

By The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, Chaplain, The Prayer Center, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

The "Find Rest, My Soul" retreat held July 30 - August 1 at The Prayer Center at St. Christopher was designed to create a summer space where participants could come away for rest, prayer, and reflection. What we had not planned was that the retreat would draw three family members who came away together, from three generations: grandmother, mother, and daughter!

Ann Shower, Beth and Kaiti Kirby from Servants of Christ Anglican Church in Gainesville, Florida, leapt at the opportunity to retreat together - before the school year kicked into high gear, sending Kaiti off to Agapé Year in Pittsburgh with SAMS missionaries, Nate and Erica Twitchell and Beth back into the classroom as a teacher of preschoolers with special needs. Kaiti's younger, pre-teen brother, Aidan, claims much of this loving family's year-round care as a child with autism. Ann lives with her daughter's family to assist with

Aidan's care and supervision; her prayerful presence centers this family as they spiral out in all directions.



Above: (from left) Ann Shower, Kaiti Kirby and Beth Kirby

These three women eagerly embraced a late summer retreat from the swirl of their family life.

Their stated desires for this retreat: to rest, to *be* rather than *do*, to listen to God, to lay down the daily challenges that come with caregiving - even for a short time. They offered reflections on their retreat experience after returning home:



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"The experience of rest was what I most needed and I have come away actually rested in a very deep and meaningful way," said Ann Shower. "The beauty of nature, the peace of candlelight, the presence of the Holy Spirit - all contributed to the deep rest I experienced. The second blessing ... was having my daughter and granddaughter with me. How wonderful to be away from the daily life of hurry and worry, to enjoy each other ... It is a memory I will keep forever!"

Beth: "The Find Rest retreat was the most relaxing weekend retreat I have ever attended. Most retreats have a busy schedule of talks and events, with a little free time. This retreat focused mainly on rest, with a rhythm that would start with a meal, a session of Scripture/teaching/prayer that was high quality but not lengthy, and then an opportunity to process/pray/have quiet time/rest until the next meal. This was a perfect end to a busy summer/prelude to a new school year. The intergenerational aspect of our retreat sort of happened by accident but was a bonus! Hav-

ing both my mother and my daughter at the retreat with me was an awesome experience, and it certainly made our sharing time able to go deep quickly. St. Christopher is a wonderful place with welcoming staff and a beautiful campus. There were definitely "God moments" throughout my time there, some as a result of the program and some that simply happened. I look forward to visiting again!"

One of those God moments for Beth happened as she stepped inside the small prayer room to kneel before the cross during Compline. Since Friday afternoon she had carried a rock with her, symbolizing the weight of the burdens she carries in life. She was ready to hand over her burdens to Jesus by laying them down at the foot of the cross, she noticed another stone there, one with a cross inscribed on it and a scripture on the opposite side: "I will restore to you the years the locusts have eaten" (Joel 2:25). God tenderly spoke to her through that word, assuring her that God sees how she has poured out her life in caring for her son and that her call to ordained ministry would one day find fulfillment. That prayer stone went home with her to be kept as a reminder of her God-encounter.

Ann: "The experience of rest was what I most needed and I have come away actually rested in a very deep and meaningful way. The beauty of nature, the peace of candlelight, the presence of the Holy Spirit - all contributed to the deep rest I experienced. The second blessing of this time was having my daughter and granddaughter with me. How wonderful to be away from the daily life of hurry and worry, to enjoy each other and for all three generations to experience this together! It is a memory I will keep forever!"

Kaiti came away with new insights into challenges faced by her mother and grandmother as they stretch slim resources of energy to care for the whole household. Since the retreat, Ann and Beth have noticed Kaiti pitching in to help more with Aidan's care and with everyday chores. Although Kaiti has participated in many parish and diocesan retreats, this was her first "adult retreat" and she expressed gratitude for everyone's personal sharing that recognized and included her as an adult.

Kaiti: "Sharing a retreat with my mom and grandma was really cool. It's not often that I hear about the things they're struggling with spiritually - usually I'm coming to them with all my questions and problems! It meant a lot to be able to share that time of openness with them, and also to enjoy God's presence with them. I always love spending time with them away from the craziness of the house, and this was the perfect opportunity. Going into the weekend I didn't know that it was just going to be the three of us, so it was really nice having that intimacy."

Ann sums up their retreat experience with this invitation: "I highly recommend an intergenerational retreat for any families who want to simply enjoy God together and enjoy one another in a new and vital way."

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We were to respond after the fourth reading to how God had spoken to us. This process helped us to remain in the presence of God while we were led into a deeper understanding of the scripture readings. Journaling throughout each session helped the participants focus on being still and being more attentive to God.

The camp staff did an excellent job preparing our rooms and the food for each meal. COVID protocols were in place which made it a safe environment.

After lunch on Sunday, Bumpas held a closing Eucharist to end the weekend. Overall, it was a precious weekend thanks to Bumpas and the camaraderie of the participants.

Coming Home to Camp

Post-COVID Experience at Camp St. Christopher "Feels Like Heaven"

By Ann Claire Gaillard, Summer Camp Assistant Director, Camp St. Christopher

There's a popular worship song, "Coming Home," by Housefires that says "And It feels like coming home for the first time in a long time, it feels like coming home." This line stands out to me as I reflect on this summer at camp. Camp has always been a home to so many, but this summer, in particular, it has doubly seemed so. It has been a home in the sense of the familiarity of camp and getting to be



"Our summer camp home is but a small taste of what we know is to come in heaven," says Ann Claire, above right, with her sister, Mary Foster, who also worked at Camp this summer.

in a place that is comforting and allows us to grow, and it has been a home in the sense of being where our spiritual family is gathered. Truly, this summer has felt like one massive family reunion.

After a year when camp looked very different, with day camp and a staff of four people, there was much anticipation leading

up to this summer for staff, counselors, and campers alike. We all waited anxiously to see if COVID restrictions would lift and how we could have camp while keeping everyone safe. With every relaxation of restrictions and recommendations there was much rejoicing in the camp community, as we looked forward to a summer on the tail end of this pandemic.

We were more than ready to come home.

As we came home this summer to camp, there have been many famil-

iar faces coming through the check-in line at registration, mixed in with quite a few new faces all eager to see how the Lord will move over their time here. In addition to the campers who know and love camp and have been coming for years, younger siblings of long-time campers are getting their chance to come and experience the fun. Children who

came for day camp last summer are now truly getting to experience the fullness of Camp St. Christopher.

Finally, it would be a complete oversight not to reflect on the correlation between our summer camp home and the home in heaven that is to come.

Our summer camp home is but a small taste of what we know is to come in heaven. As we have studied this summer about our One True King, we have walked through the acts of Jesus during Holy Week that allow us to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven forever.

- Both here and in the future, we will sing praises to the Lord with people from all over, with different gifts and backgrounds united under Christ.

- Both here and in the future, we will worship the Lord with full abandonment for what the people around us may think.

- Both here and in the future, we will learn to love the Lord in new and deeper ways as He draws close to us.

Our prayer is, as our summer memory verse says, "At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Philippians 2: 10-11) And for that we can say, "Thanks be to God!"

Who Will Love and Care for Me?

By Mary Tutterow, Author of "The Heart of the Caregiver"



My husband and I have been caring for our daughter, who has cognitive and physical challenges, for nearly 30 years now. During that time, we also cared for my mother-in-law through cancer and dementia. I've got to be honest, caring for people who are sick or disabled, no matter how much you love them, is hard work.

When the care is 24/7, as it is in our case, it's downright exhausting and overwhelming. Bathing, feeding, meds, doctor's appointments, therapies, errands—all on top of our own schedules and needs. It's enough to make even the most loving and patient saint snap.

We have often looked around and wondered, when we become weak and vulnerable, who will care for us? Will we be able to take care of each other? Will family step in and help? Will we have the financial

resources to pay for outside help? Would we want to participate in institutionalized care (programs, homes, care systems)?

Each day, 10,000 boomers turn 65. And over the next 30 years, the population of older adults will nearly double—growing from 48 million to 88 million, with the largest percentage increase among those 85 and older.

In addition to our own concerns, America is experiencing a caregiving crisis. It's been a problem for quite a while, but was brought

to the forefront during the pandemic.

In her article for NextAvenue.org, Jodi M. Sturgeon, president of PHI, a nonprofit committed to improving quality care for older adults and people with disabilities, said, "We are facing an extraordinary demographic shift that will create new challenges for our society and demand new policy solutions. Each day, 10,000 boomers turn 65. And over the next 30 years, the population of older adults will nearly double—growing

from 48 million to 88 million, with the largest percentage increase among those 85 and older. This shift will profoundly impact families all across America." Those stats don't even include those caring for relatively younger people struggling with chronic illness, disabilities and mental illness.

From whence will our help come?

Our hope is in the Church, that the body of believers will see the need and respond in love and power as Jesus teaches us. It's not the job of the government or institutions to care for the most vulnerable members of our families and communities. The Lord's plan is for His people to be aware of their neighbor's struggles and allow themselves to be moved to the point of personal

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sacrifice. (See Jesus' parables of the Good Samaritan in Luke 10:25-37 and The Paralytic on the Mat in Luke 5:17-20.)

Jesus teaches us throughout scripture that our primary role as believers is to love and care for each other (John 13:34).

We are not to just say we love one another, but to use our gifts and talents to care for each other—especially our family members and other believers.

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Isaiah 58:6-7

Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10

Jesus teaches that we are all part of One Body, and what benefits one, benefits us all (1 Corinthians 12:26, Romans 12:4-5). As a matter of fact, when we care for one another, it is our Lord we serve (Colossians 3:24, Matthew 25:34-36).

As we look at these new challenges for our society that will profoundly impact most families, how will we, the Church, respond? In coming articles, I will reveal what our Lord says about how we are to care for one another and offer constructive ideas for building a culture of care. I will also shed light on community resources that can come alongside to help you and the families you encounter.

In the meantime, open your eyes and your heart to family members and neighbors who are struggling with the care of a spouse with cancer, a child with disabilities, a parent with dementia and ask yourself, if it were you (or perhaps it has been), how would you want others to care for you. Then put your empathetic and compassionate response into action, in the wonderful Name of Jesus.

Mary Tutterow is the author of *The Heart of the Caregiver*® study series, written for anyone feeling overwhelmed by the responsibilities and emotions of caring for someone. Mary and her husband, Winn, have two adult children and live in Mt. Pleasant, SC. For 15+ years, Mary has been leading online and in-person small groups for caregivers—as well as workshops, webinars and retreats. Mary has been featured on numerous podcasts, vlogs and talk shows. To learn more visit www.TheHeartoftheCaregiver.com. You can email her at theheartofthecaregiver@gmail.com.

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veloping school. "This gives us two years of coaching and development to become certified," says Smith. "Once certified, we will be COGNIA accredited under the NAUMs.

Hope Scholars Academy is a place where "every teenager can find their unique place in God's grand story, surrounded by a community of teachers, parents and peers who love and support them," stated Anna Smith, Head of School. They will be challenged with an academically strong classical curriculum balanced with innovative teaching styles and contemporary communication—producing students both rooted and relevant.

A foundational focus of the school will be the Bible and Worldview classes taught by The Rev. Greg Smith, former chaplain to The Citadel. Anna Smith continues, "We're so concerned about the students who are leaving the church during high school and college. George Barna has found that this generation (aged 15-25) is the first generation to not return to church post-college. At Hope Scholars, we seek to root our students in the Bible and also give them an understanding of the culture around them. In our Bible and Worldview classes, we'll talk about the big issues of the culture, all under the umbrella of Scripture. As a distraction-free school—no cell phones, tablets or personal computers allowed during the school day—we'll sit around the table in discussions, teaching the students to listen,



ANNA SMITH

"I am overjoyed that Hope Scholars Academy will be having monthly service projects where I can continue to give back to my community," says incoming sophomore, Cassidy Gill (center), chatting with math/science teacher Harrison Brown, and her sister, Colleen Gill.

engage and winsomely interact with each other and the culture."

These Socratic discussions will take place in classes on every subject. As a classical school, Hope Scholars is grounded in all that is good and beautiful in the world. Students are taught to be seekers of truth and beauty as they study every subject. History and Literature are taught in tandem so the students can see God's actions throughout history and how His people responded to those actions. Whether reading Shakespeare, Chaucer, or Augustine, students annotate source documents and then participate in rhetorical discussions applying the lessons to today's world.

The sciences are taught with an understanding of the wonder of God seen in the

universe. Through a logical exploration of the cosmos down to an understanding on cellular level; students will see that all life begins with God and all wisdom comes through him.

To combat the despair, disengagement and confusion of this cultural moment, Hope Scholars will also foster healthy emotional connections through the House System. The House System places students in "family groups" for social and faith-based activities. In their houses, the students will learn to pray for each other, participate in friendly competitions with other houses, and also interact as beacons of light in the world by meeting the needs of people in the Charleston area through monthly community service days.

Incoming sophomore Cassidy Gill states, "I am excited to attend Hope Scholars Academy because of the integrated math and science lessons that use real-world application. The Christian-based curriculum will help me to grow as a Christian, while relating current events through the lens of a Christian worldview. Finally, I am overjoyed that Hope Scholars Academy will be having monthly service projects where I can continue to give back to my community."

Another exciting aspect of Hope Scholars Academy is the student-focused Discover U course that Anna Goodwin Smith is creating. A passion of hers is helping each student understand who God created them to be and how to find their calling in life. She says, "We graduate students who are lost and unaware of the bigger call of God on their life. In the Discover U classes, we will begin with the foundation of the student's identity as God's

child. That supersedes any identity that the world can give and undercuts the current gender identity confusion. Out of that identity, we will help each student understand their unique gifting and purpose in the world. We will utilize personality tests including Myers-Briggs, the Strengths Finder and others along with group exercises. We seek to graduate students who are aware of God's call on their life, have foundational Bible and worldview training to stand strong against the culture and will lead in whatever sphere of influence God places them."

To begin the school year, Hope Scholars Academy is hosted a prayer and commissioning service along with a Lowcountry BBQ for prayer partners, donors and school families to attend on August 16, the evening of the first day of school at Cooper River Baptist Church in Park Circle.

To learn more about Hope Scholars Academy go to www.hopescholarsacademy.org. You can contact Anna Smith directly at anna@hopescholarsacademy.org. If you are interested in donating to support Hope Scholars Academy general operating fund or provide a scholarship for an area student, please check out the donate tab on the website. Hope Scholars has a generous benefactor who is currently matching dollar for dollar every contribution to the school.

Finally, Anna Smith and the Hope Scholars Academy faculty and board request your prayers. This is a needed outreach to an increasing lost generation, which can only be planted in a healthy manner with the prayers of many.

It Takes a Village

Conway Church Provides Community for Parents

By Sean Richardson, Youth Pastor, St Paul's, Conway

Seven years ago, my life changed forever with the birth of our first child—our son, Banks.

The reality that I was the primary spiritual leader of my new child's life hit while in the hospital. What was I supposed to do? Was I equipped to raise this other human, another sinner, in a way that would point him to the Savior? I am a youth minister. I get paid to point other sinners to the Savior. But, all of a sudden, I was facing a new situation and I needed help. Being part of a church, how many times had I heard, or even said myself, that parents (especially fathers) are the primary spiritual leaders of their children?

It's a statement that I still hold to be true; however, over the years I have come to realize that becoming my child's spiritual leader takes work. I am a sinner. A selfish sinner. And honestly, my children can often be an inconvenience. Pointing them toward Christ is difficult, and parents like me need help learning to become the kind of spiritual leaders God desires of us.

In her book *Sticky Faith*, Kara Powell discussed some of her research, which found that 80% of high school seniors who were committed to and engaged in the life of their churches during high school walk away from their faith once they leave their parents' home. She also found that parents had the most influential role in their children's lives.

These two pieces of information are vital for parents to understand if they want to raise children who love Jesus. Statistically speaking, my children are more likely to walk away from their faith when they are no longer directly



The Village recently enjoyed a bowling outing, one of the ways they build community.

SEAN RICHARDSON

under my influence living in my house. This is terrifying, and it's the reason that in 2018, St. Paul's Conway started The Village, a ministry that exists for three main purposes: to equip parents to be the spiritual leaders of their families; to connect parents with other parents who are also learning to become spiritual leaders in their families; and to encourage these parents to share Christ's love in their homes and communities. During the fall and spring, The Village meets monthly to share a meal and a teaching. Here are some of the topics we have discussed in previous meetings:

- What is Truth?
- Praying for your Child(ren)
- Your Child's Love Language
- Godly Conversations with Your Child
- Capturing God's Word
- Relationships that Matter
- Intentional Parenting Series by Doug Fields

While the parents meet together, our children also meet together. We have an amazing group of volunteers who help with the children. On any given night, there might be

30 kids, infant through high school, and these adults love each child individually. They send the kids mail to let them know how special they are. They play with the kids on the playground and in the wood chips. They help to calm the bad tempers and the tears, and they encourage kindness and love. And our kids love them back. It's an amazing thing when your children want to invite these volunteers to their birthday parties. It's these kinds of relationships that help to build a child's sense of belonging within their church.

During the summer we spend less time focused on teaching and more time on fellowship and connecting with one another. This is an important aspect for both the children and the adults, especially since COVID's interruption. All of us have missed lots of opportunity for normal interaction with others in the last year and a half, and The Village was intentional about trying to get families together to share a bit of normalcy. From beach days to berry picking to bowling, we come together to connect with each other and grow in our friendship with each other, all with the goal of aiding and encouraging one another in parenting our children toward the only one who can save them.

The Village is not a failproof way to raise children who love the Lord. We can plant seeds and we can water those seeds, but God must give the growth. The Village is simply a ministry that helps parents plant seeds together and water seeds together so that we can be encouraged during these important and formative years in our children's lives.

A Tribute to C.S. Lewis

Who Was C.S. Lewis, Why He's Still So Influential, and Two Ways to Get to Know Him

By Ken Hagerty, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant

Let us suppose we find ourselves in a beautiful citadel city, founded in ancient times, and still vibrant. We are guided to the City Hall, which is open and through which doors open into a variety of rooms, all lit and open. In the rooms we see chairs, fires, and wonderful meals prepared for our visit. (5/25*)

Our host and guide loves to explain the mission of this ancient city, how we can be invited to live there, and its abounding future. He is C.S. Lewis, describing the joys of what he calls "mere Christianity."

But our guide also tells us that our universe is engaged in a great civil war. The part of the universe we live in is "enemy-occupied territory," controlled by the rebel. (3/10), (1/13) He tells us that Christianity is the story of how the rightful King has landed in disguise (just as Lewis's own Aslan did in his Narnia stories). That King is now calling on us to participate in a secret campaign to undermine the rebel. (12/7).

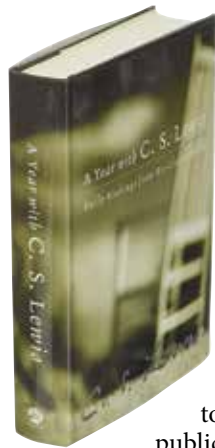
But why all the secrecy? And why hasn't the "rightful King" already invaded in force? Lewis says a logical guess for the delay is that "He wants to give us the chance of joining His side freely. Because when the author walks onto the stage, the play is over. God is going to invade, all right. But it'll be too late to get on His side then. (12/7) So C.S. Lewis says that today is the day we need to choose whether we'll support the Resistance, or the turncoat Vichy government. (2/4)

This little parable is drawn from the writings of C.S. Lewis, and reflects his style. In his deep and eloquent biography, *C.S. Lewis A Life*, Oxford don Alister McGrath says Lewis represents an approach to the Christian faith in which the mind, heart, reason and imagination are brought into creative interplay, with different audiences in mind.

Like Lewis, McGrath began his career as an atheist "before discovering the intellectual riches of the Christian faith." He says "Lewis has become that rarest of all phenomena—a modern Christian writer regarded with respect and affection by Christians of all traditions."

Who Was C.S. Lewis?

Skimming just the highlights of his life: Clive Staples Lewis (1898-1963) was born in Belfast, Ireland. He abandoned his early Christian faith in boarding school and became an atheist. He was coached in logic and writing by a brilliant, materialist tutor. In 1916 Lewis won a full scholarship to University College, Oxford. He then joined the British Army, was wounded in action in France, and returned to Oxford. He earned a rare "Triple First," graduating with "First Class Honours" in Classical Languages and Literature, and then English Literature. He met his friend and colleague J.R.R.



Tolkien in 1926. Tolkien appealed to Lewis's love for mythology to help him return to Christianity, which he did in 1931.

After publishing a book on Christian apologetics, *The Problem of Pain* (1940), Lewis was invited to give a series of BBC wartime broadcasts to explain Christianity to the public. It was "England's darkest hour" and C.S. Lewis became "the voice of faith" for the nation. He later edited those talks into his most famous book *Mere Christianity*.

Lewis's great gift for inventing fictional stories and characters that explain faith from entirely fresh perspectives led to the immensely successful *Screwtape Letters* in 1942, and his world-famous *Narnia* book series for children in 1950.

In 1956, Lewis married Helen Joy Davidman, who was dying of cancer. She had a dramatic, but temporary remission, and they enjoyed several years together before she died, in 1960. Lewis published his achingly honest *A Grief Observed*, in 1961. He died on November 22, 1963.

C.S. Lewis wrote more than 30 books in three streams: scholarly works, Christian apologetics, and fiction for children and adults. Alister McGrath says, "Lewis has made the most difficult transition an author can make. He is read by more people a generation after his death than before it."

Given the broad range of Lewis's writing, many people would love to find a way to survey his writings a bit at a time, every day, in a way that would allow them to locate and retrieve his most important teachings, as needed.

A Year With C.S. Lewis

The publishers of many of Lewis's books have come to the rescue with a small book that mines the crux of eight of Lewis's most important books and essay collections: *The Abolition of Man; The Great Divorce; A Grief Observed; Mere Christianity; Miracles, The Problem of Pain, The Screwtape Letters; and The Weight of Glory*. Because Lewis often returned to the same topics in several of his books, Patricia Klein, the editor, has performed the daunting task of finding those passages, and grouping them together by topic. Then she spread them into 366 daily readings of one page or less.

Take pride, for example, C.S. Lewis is an authority on some crucial topics that American pulpits often skip. Ask yourself how many sermons on spiritual pride have you ever heard? Yet Lewis sees pride as the main obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. (3/22)

It was C.S. Lewis's powerful explanation of pride in *Mere Christianity* that brought President Nixon's cynical, tough-guy fixer, Chuck Colson to tears, and then to Christ. But how many people with *Mere Christianity* on their shelves could find that passage to share it? *In A Year*

With C.S. Lewis, the daily entries on pride from *Mere Christianity*, *A Grief Observed*, *The Screwtape Letters*, and *The Problem of Pain* appear together from March 19-April 4.

The *Year With* book is bursting with what Lewis calls "the good infection." He says "Good things as well as bad, are caught by a kind of infection. If you want to get warm you must stand near the fire. If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into the thing, that has them." (2/11)

And does this little book ever reward re-reading! Returning year after year to passages we've read before is like a new visit with an old friend. New windows keep opening, and the pleasure never ends.

C.S. Lewis was given a memorial stone in the Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey, near stones for Chaucer and Shakespeare. The inscription distills the faith of this great man: "I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen, not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else." (11/6)

Ken Hagerty became a C.S. Lewis zealot reading *A Year With C.S. Lewis* every day for nine years. Ken and his bride of 52 years, worship at Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant. © 2021 Ken Hagerty

* Dates in parentheses refer to daily entries in the book *A Year With C.S. Lewis*.

The Rev. Janet Echols Named Diocesan Director of Deacon Training

Bishop Mark Lawrence has appointed the Rev. Janet Echols, Rector of Saint Matthew's, Fort Motte, to serve as the new Director of Deacon Training.

Echols comes with experience not only in teaching in theological settings but also with experience in recruiting teachers, building teams and developing educational programs. She taught Pastoral Theology for 3.5 years at Ridley Hall in Cambridge and ran the Perspectives course at Trinity School for Ministry in Pittsburgh. She taught public reading and worship at Union Biblical Seminary in India and also taught Cross Cultural



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Communication at Jeffery Seminary in Indonesia. While a full-time student at Trinity, Echols ran the Jan Term program and started the June Term program.

"I'm thrilled to be able to come alongside those preparing for ordained ministry," says Echols. "The prospect energizes me! Some of my most rewarding times in ministry have been mentoring and pastoring men and women training to serve the Lord."

Echols will step into the shoes vacated by the Rev. Canon Dr. Mike Malone. For the past 15 years, Canon Malone has overseen the transformation of more laity -- men and women -- to the Holy Order of Vocational Diaconate than anyone in the history of the diocese. Malone retired in 2020.

Death of The Rev. Jim Workman

August 26, 1948 – June 12, 2021

Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rev. James Kelly Workman, who is a former Pastoral Associate at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, in your prayers. Jim died on June 12, following a traffic accident in Mt. Pleasant. Jim is survived by Beth Workman, the mother of his children; Rob & Lisa Workman of Greenville; Matthew and Theresa Workman of Raleigh; and Kelly Workman Tick of Johns Island and seven beloved grandchildren. After graduating from Covenant College on Lookout Mountain Georgia, and Reformed Theological Seminary in Jackson, Mississippi, he served



God and His people as a pastor of churches in Florida, Virginia, Arizona, South Carolina, and was the founding pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church in Cary, North Carolina. Jim studied the Bible and taught from his philosophical heart that sought God's answers

for life's questions and wonders. Jim was known to many for his sincere joy in life, and his fun nature and affection for others yielded too many friendships to number. A service celebrating his life was held on Saturday, June 26 at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, SC.

People News

Dr. Lorna Baker, who has served as the Director of Music Ministries for Christ Church for 30 years stepped down May 30. The Rev. Ted Duvall, Rector, wrote, on recognizing her contribution to the church, "I can say that for me personally, my sorrow to see Lorna step down is only matched by my gratitude for the over 30 years that she has so faithfully and effectively led all of our musical offerings. For 10 of those years, I have been blessed to enjoy, appreciate and be lifted in spirit by Lorna's musical gifts, leadership and faith. She has my heartfelt thanks and best wishes for the next season in her life!"



The Rev. Jeff Bennett, who was ordained to the transitional diaconate at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston on May 1,



has accepted a position at the Center for Christianity and Scholarship at Duke University as their Director of Community Life. Speaking about the position, Jeff wrote, "This is really a dream job in which my academic and ministerial interests overlap. I'll get to hang out with college students, ask deep questions with them about life, existence and God, all while I pursue my PhD at The University of Edinburgh. Deo gratias." Jeff and his wife, MaCall, will live in Raleigh, NC, while he pursues his degree through distance learning.

The Rev. Laura Bowman will be serving at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island over the next six months. Laura was recently ordained a Transitional Deacon in the ADOSC. At the request of our Bishop, she will serve an internship at Holy Cross so she can gain more experience in a church setting that is different from her home church. She's from Grace Parish near Myrtle Beach which is very small - so as she serves at Holy Cross she'll be able to experience the breadth of large church ministry. God willing, Laura will be ordained to the priesthood in early 2022. Laura received her M.Div from Trinity School for Ministry. She is a widow and a retired SC State Trooper.



The Rev. Drew Collins, who serves as a Chaplain with Intrepid Hospice, has accepted a call to serve as the Rector of St. Andrew's Anglican Church (REC in the Diocese of the Southeast) in Savannah, GA. "They are a faithful and devoted group of God's people and I look forward to seeing what God does there—purely



by his grace and solely for his glory," said Drew. Though he intends to continue working part-time with Intrepid, his first day at St. Andrew's was May 2, 2021.



Please keep the Rev. Ed die Driggers, who serves as a deacon at Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston, in your prayers. Recently a scan revealed cancer in his bones. He began chemotherapy on June 3. In a note to the congregation he wrote, "Through prayer God gives me the authority to go into the day looking forward to tomorrow and not looking back on yesterday. God has gifted me with his armor and your prayer will strengthen it immeasurably."



Please keep the family of the Rev. Ron Greiser, Rector of Church of the Resurrection, Surfside, and his wife, Sanna, in your prayers. Ron and Sanna's granddaughter, Emery Elizabeth Greiser, who was born on July 15 tragically and totally unexpectedly went to be with the Lord 45 hours after her birth. The memorial service was held July 26. Keep Emery's parents, Trey and Trish Greiser and the entire family in your prayers.



The Rev. Richard Grimbball, who serves as the Associate for Pastoral Care & Healing Prayer Ministry at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, will be returning to graduate school at Charleston Southern University full-time to complete his counseling degree and become a Licensed Professional Counselor. Beginning May 3, he transitioned to part-time staff at St. Michael's while also connecting part-time with Life Resources Counseling Center. In a note to St. Michael's he wrote, "As one of our clergy has noted on numerous occasions, we live a called life, and when Jesus calls we drop our nets and go."

The Rev. Canon Dr. Kendall S. Harmon, who had served on staff at Christ St. Paul, Yonkers Island, since 2002, stepped down from his role at the church effective Pentecost Sunday, and accepted a call to serve part-time on staff at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, and Daniel

Island. In writing about his time at Christ-St. Paul's, he said, "I wouldn't change an iota for all the world...You all have loved me and my family and prayed for us and there is no way fully to put into words what that has meant." Kendall serves as the Canon Theologian of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. He holds degrees from Bowdoin College, Regent College, Vancouver, B.C., and Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. In 1993 he was awarded his D.Phil. from Oxford University. His ministry emphasizes preaching, teaching, and writing and he runs a widely followed blog, Titusonine. Kendall is married to Elizabeth, an Assistant Professor in the College of Nursing at MUSC, and they have three young adult children. At Holy Cross, Kendall will preach at both Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island campuses. He will also teach this fall, as the church seeks to increase their theological depth and knowledge.



Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rev. Donnie Hayes, Vicar and Priest-in-Charge of Christ Church and Church of the Advent (respectively) in Marion, in your prayers. Donnie's son-in-law, Justin White, age 39, died of COVID August 5, 2021. He was a 15-year veteran of the Port Orange Police Department, a devoted husband to Donnie and Cynthia's daughter, Carlyn, and the father of four children. The Church of the Advent has set up a scholarship fund for the children, see page 15.



Dr. Levi Henkel accepted a call to serve as the Director of Music Ministries at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, beginning Sunday, June 6. Levi, had been the Music Pastor for St. James Evangelical Reformed Church and the Assistant Conductor of Southern Seminary's Doxology Vocal Ensemble in Louisville, Kentucky. He has a Bachelor of Music from Wheaton College, a Master of Divinity from Southern Seminary in Louisville, and a Doctorate of Worship Studies from the Institute for Worship Studies in Florida. Levi and his wife Anna have a daughter, Makinley (9 months).



The Rev. Jeff Jacobs, who serves as a priest at St. Paul's Church, Summerville, has been invited by Archbishop Samy Fawzy to be a priest in the Diocese of North Africa, beginning in

September 2022. Jeff and his wife, Kristen, had earlier been accepted as candidates to serve in that Diocese with SAMS. In a note to St. Paul's, Jeff wrote, "We are so blessed to be partnering with SAMS, a sending society that helps people like you partner with God's work overseas. We have three main goals in view: 1. We will be working indefinitely with the Anglican Province of Alexandria as a priest in a church, leading services in both English and (eventually) Arabic. 2. We hope to plant new churches for locals and expatriates alike. 3. We hope to provide basic needs, pastoral support, and discipleship for the thousands of refugees who have fled to North Africa, many of whom are from Christian homes."



The Rev. Josh Lake has accepted a call to serve at the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, focusing on adult discipleship, while serving in worship and the preaching rotation beginning mid-July. After 15 years of pastoral ministry among our Baptist brethren, since January of this year Josh and his family [wife Bethany, children: Lydia (11), Cohen (10), Charlotte (9), Marah (7)] have been on "a grand adventure," traveling the western United States while living in a Winnebago (with their dog). Josh was recently ordained in the Diocese of the Carolinas (ACNA). In addressing his ministry objectives, Josh explained: "It is my goal to lead God's people to passionately pursue God and to be wholly devoted disciples who themselves make disciples of Jesus." Josh and his family will be residing in the clergy house on the historic campus of the church.



The Rev. Joe Lawrence stepped down from his position on staff of St. Helena's, Beaufort, to accept a position as Upper School Dean of Holy Trinity Classical Christian School. The Founding Headmaster, the Rev. Chad E. Lawrence, wrote in a letter to Holy Trinity parents, "As Holy Trinity has grown in the range of grades offered, as well as in the size of our student body, we have anticipated this new position that will provide oversight, vision, and shepherding of the Upper School faculty and student body. We have prayed that the Lord would provide the person of His choosing for this important position, and in His graciousness He has provided. So, we are pleased to formally announce that the Rev.



“Rekindle the Gift of the Holy Spirit”

Clergy Gather in Person for Renewal of Vows Service

By Joy Hunter, Editor

The day was bittersweet,” said the Rev. Tripp Jeffords, Rector of St. Paul’s, Summerville, speaking of the Renewal of Vows service held at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston, May 18, 2021. “Knowing this was the last renewal of vows under the fine leadership of Mark Lawrence brought with it a bit of sadness.”

The service, which is held annually, will be the last one at which Bishop Mark Lawrence, who has served as the Diocesan Bishop since 2008, will preside. He will be retiring early next year.

At the same time, the service was joyful. For many, this was the first-time since the COVID-19 pandemic began in which those vaccinated were able to gather without masks or social distancing.

“It was an amazing day of worship for me,” said Jeffords. “To see fellow clergy and laity all together, singing to the glory of God, gave me chills.”

“It was great to be back together,” adds the Rev. Canon Todd Simonis, Diocesan Canon for Church Planting, and Associate Rector at St. Helena’s, Beaufort. “You get used to

seeing people virtually for so long it was great to be able to give them a hug.”

In his sermon, the Bishop reflected on the encounter between Elijah and Elisha in 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14 where prior to Elijah being taken up to heaven Elisha asks for a “double-portion” of Elijah’s spirit. During the encounter Elisha picks up the cloak which had fallen from Elijah as he was taken up to heaven.

Lawrence urged the more than 60 clergy present to pick up the “mantle of Elijah,” and to “rekindle the gift of the Holy Spirit” that had been bestowed on them by the laying on of hands at their ordinations.

“Where is the God of Elijah?” he asked, “Where is the mantle that fell from the prophet?”

In speaking of the time just after his own conversion he said, “If I told someone about Jesus it wasn’t because I wanted my church to grow. If I prayed for the healing power of Jesus in the life of someone it wasn’t because I thought in some way or another word would get out that would make the congregation I’m serving grow. It was only because I wanted them to know about Jesus...”

In reflecting on how clergy can lose their sense of call when sub-



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merged into the business of church he said, “... sometimes, I look back and think how did I get so deep into the institution that I’m not in those places anymore?”

“Don’t you dare retreat into the institution and not commit yourself to the spiritual gift that is within you by the laying on of hands,” he said.

“Our bishop’s message was a clear call to move forward with a fresh, new anointing of the Holy Spirit for the journey ahead,” said Jeffords. “He was passing the mantle

of ministry with a powerful call for us all to be evangelists of the Good News of Jesus Christ. My favorite phrase was that we are to ‘gossip the Gospel’ everywhere we go.”

Reflecting on the day, Simonis said, “It wasn’t just about getting together, it was about responding to the call to go back on mission. That was really encouraging.”

Listen to the Bishop’s Address at <https://anchor.fm/adosc/episodes/Rekindle-the-Gift-that-is-in-You-Renewal-of-Vows-Sermon-e118v7a>

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Joseph A. Lawrence has answered this call. “Prof.,” as he is affectionately called around here, and his wife, Joette, and their three children, Samantha, Sophia, and Andrew are no strangers to the Holy Trinity community. But, as a gifted teacher, strong proponent of classical Christian education, and dedicated under-shepherd to the Good Shepherd, we are most confident and hopeful for the future of our school as Dean Lawrence develops this brand-new position.” Dean Lawrence graduated summa cum laude from Franciscan University of Steubenville with a major in English Literature and a minor in Philosophy, and graduated from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA with a Masters of Divinity.

The Rev. Donnie McDaniel has stepped down from his position as Associate Rector at Old St. Andrew’s, Charleston, and accepted a position in the Charleston County Sheriff’s Office.



In a note to the congregation, Rector, the Rev. Marshall Huey wrote, “This is a good move for Father Donnie, as this position with the Sheriff’s Office will afford him state health and pension benefits. Father Donnie has served us

faithfully, and I appreciate his ministry for the Lord during his time as Associate Rector here at Old St. Andrew’s.”

Kenneth Padgett recently accepted a call to serve as the Pastoral Assistant at Christ the King-Grace, Waccamaw, Pawley’s Island. Kenneth was born and raised in the South Carolina Lowcountry. He and his wife, Rebecca, (married 13 years) have two daughters, Easley (10) and Lyla (6). Ken-



neth served 11 years in the US Navy and Air Force. He completed his undergraduate studies at The College at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and received his Master of Arts in Old Testament at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Kenneth is currently a PhD Candidate in Biblical Studies at Trinity College, Bristol (UK).

Ryan Pagels has accepted a call to serve as the Director of Traditional Music Ministries and organist at Church of the Holy Cross on the Sullivan’s Island campus.



In a note to the congregation, Rector, Chris Warner wrote, “Ryan is a man of faith who has served the Lord through traditional worship in the Baptist, Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches. In addition to the organ, he is a conductor, composer,

vocalist, voice coach, and pianist. Beyond his church ministry, he recently served as Assistant Artistic Director of the Cumberland Choral Arts in Fayetteville NC, as well as Collaborative Pianist at Methodist University. He has also performed as a guest soloist in organ and harpsichord with the Fayetteville Symphony Orchestra. I’m very much looking forward to how God will use Ryan to shape and build our Traditional Music ministries. We will be working together to grow the choir, re-launch our children’s choir, as well as to increase creativity and traditional music and worship offerings at Holy Cross.” Ryan’s first Sunday leading was July 4.

Paul Reese has accepted a call to serve as the Director of Music at St. Michael’s Church, Charleston. A gifted organist, choir conductor, and teacher, he has a Master of Music in Organ Performance from Westminster Choir College, and Baccalaureates in Organ Performance and Bible from the Philadelphia Biblical University (now Cairn University).



Not only gifted as an organist, he has also performed as a violinist with his college symphony orchestra and as a baritone at PBU and Westminster. Although Paul has an evangelical and Presbyterian background, he most recently served for over eight years within the Anglican tradition. Paul and his wife, Trisha, are expecting their first child in July. His first Sunday at the church was June 13.

The Rev. Matthew Rivers, Rector of St. John’s Chapel, Charleston, was honored by the Charleston Police Department at the beginning of this year, as their 2020 Citizen of the Year. We apologize for the delay in relaying the news. Congratulations, Matthew! Matthew and his wife, Henrietta, both graduated from Trinity School for Ministry in



November 2018. Henrietta serves as a Chaplain at Porter Gaud School.

The Rev. Nathan Weaver accepted a call to the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, beginning July 1. Though his primary responsibility will be as the Spiritual Director for the faculty, parents and students of Cross Schools, Nathan will be assisting with worship services and, as his schedule permits, preaching at the church. Nathan comes to the Cross from the Diocese of the Armed Forces



and Chaplaincy of the Anglican Church in North America, having transitioned from the United Methodist Church while serving in West Virginia. Nathan and his wife Lauren are passionate about: “reaching the lost with the Good News of Jesus Christ,” “encountering the love of God in worship,” “personal and community transformation through small groups,” “teamwork and mentoring,” and “serving in a church that will allow them to live without parental regrets.” With their one-year-old son Ezra, Nathan and Lauren are looking forward to “developing deep community roots” after settling into the home they have purchased in Bluffton Park.

Patrick and Danielle Wieber recently started working as the Missions Interns at Christ the King Grace Waccamaw in Pawley’s Island.



Patrick and Danielle are both from Jacksonville, Florida. They became close friends in high school, and eventually reunited years later, after Patrick completed four years in the United

States Marine Corps and Danielle finished a college internship with the Walt Disney Company. They married in April 2019, and welcomed their first child, Jane, in March 2020. For the last two years, they have been mentored and followed the call as full-time NAMS Missionaries, to spread the Gospel of Jesus in Exmouth, England. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has placed their move across the pond on pause, but thankfully God’s ways are always higher. In their time at Christ the King Grace they will give close attention to children’s and youth ministries, gaining more experience for when God calls them overseas.

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GrandCamp “Makes a Difference...”

GrandCamp Reunion 2021: We will not hide, we will tell!

By Cheryl Cargill, St. Paul's, Summerville

What a fabulous week for all the grandparents and their precious treasures, our grandchildren!” wrote Darla Wier, after attending the 2021 session of GrandCamp at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center with her two grandchildren. “I am so grateful and thankful for the outpouring of love for all of us, and the reassurance that we are not in this alone, but surrounded by God’s love and His blessings. I look forward to using all I have learned when talking with and spending time with my grandchildren and blessing each one of them. Please know that all you do makes a difference in all our lives, and will be passed on to the next generation.”

This was just one of the many comments that came flowing back to those of us who organized the week away, in which a small group of 23 grandparents and their precious grandchildren gathered at St. Christopher, on the banks of the north Edisto River on June 21, for a true GrandCamp Reunion. It had

glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.”

We were reminded of how we can find the Lord in creation, in Scripture and in one another. Grandparents, together with their grandchildren, sang praises led by the incredible Rich Giersch. They played on the beach, prayed,

and learned bible verses together, enjoyed s’mores by the firepit and had a Hawaiian Night talent show!

Charlie and Karen Young wrote to tell about some of the fruit from GrandCamp: “Our grandson, Face-Timed us this evening to tell us that he had accepted Christ this afternoon, while attending a WindShape



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“What a fabulous week for the grandparents and their precious treasures,” wrote Darla Wier (shown above with her grandchildren) know that all you do makes a difference in all our lives...”

my grandchildren’s faith, and they learned about mine.”

After the week together Candace Brace put together a photo memory book including the Bible verses everyone memorized, songs they learned and reminiscences from the “Blessing,” which is one of the highlights of the week.

There was hilarity in the gathering, as well. During the talent show some of the children surprised their grandparents with their impromptu performances.

“I’ve never laughed so hard!” said Barbara Bailey, whose young grandson switched his plan from rollerblading to humming just before he went on. She recorded it and has enjoyed it, along with the loud clapping he received afterward, over and over again.

Her granddaughter experienced a special blessing when Peter and Jackie Rothermel, who were enjoying a restful break on the beach, invited her to sing the song she hadn’t been able to sing at the talent show and she just belted it out for their enjoyment. “The Lord used that precious couple so mightily, said Barbara. “It just blessed our socks off!”

Perhaps Wanda DeLorge summed it up best with, “We both agreed, this was an amazing GrandCamp week, the best one yet!”

Needless to say, we are all looking forward to GrandCamp 2022, June 19-24, 2022! Watch for registration to open after Thanksgiving.

camp at his church. I wanted to share this wonderful news with the team because all of you worked so diligently to share the gospel with all the children (and adults) last week. We praise God for his mercy and thank you for your commitment! We are so grateful!”

Helen Clarkson wrote, “It was an incredible experience for my clan. I learned new things about



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During a “get-to-know-you” activity grandchildren and grandparents give their name and tell one thing they love to do. Then later others are asked to recall both.

been two years since we were able to get together in person and this week certainly did not disappoint! We were blessed with great weather, a fantastic group, and an awesome message!

Kudos to Peter Rothermel for writing a wonderful curriculum based on Psalm 78:4, “We will not hide them from their children, but tell the coming generation the

The Church Mouse Thrift Shop Carries on Through COVID

St. Luke’s, Hilton Head Island, Retailer Adapts During Pandemic

By Sarah Partlow, St. Luke’s, Hilton Head

The Church Mouse thrift shop exists as a Christ-centered shop, to provide usable goods to the people of the community at reasonable prices, assist people in need buy “pass-through goods,” and provide funds to non-profit Christian Missions, Christian outreach and local non-profit organizations, as requested in Jesus’ name.

For the past 18 months, throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lord has showered His grace on our thrift shop in ways we could not have imagined. Through it all, we have been mindful of Ephesians 3:20: “Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us...” as we’ve watched in awe, as God has worked.

When COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the World Health Organization in early March of 2020, every aspect of our lives was dramatically impacted, and so it was for the Church Mouse on Hilton Head Island.

There were so many unknowns. How did the virus spread? Who were the most vulnerable? As we struggled with these questions on a personal level, we also wondered whether people would be comfortable coming back to the Church Mouse to shop. This concern was compounded as we wondered

whether we would be able to provide grants in 2020, or match funds for the monthly Saint Luke’s Outreach Programs. Many were fearful.

The Church Mouse closed in mid-March, when only essential businesses and services were permitted to stay open, and would not reopen until May 15—two months later! However, that time was not wasted. For the staff, volunteers and leadership of the Church Mouse, it was a time of reflection, planning, research, hard work, renewed hope and, most importantly, prayer.

Keeping Everyone Safe and Healthy

With so much uncertainty, we knew it would be essential to provide a safe and comfortable environment for our volunteers, staff, customers, and donors once we re-opened, so our staff embarked upon a massive cleaning and sanitizing of our retail space. We also prioritized the installation of an ultra-violet light system within the HVAC system, which kills bacteria as air circulates. This turned out to be a critical and timely decision, since the availability of these systems became scarce and cost inflated. As time progressed, we installed plexiglass at the cashier

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Remembering Parishioners Who Died of COVID-19

Heavenly Father, help us to entrust our loved ones to your care. Though sorrow darkens our lives, help us to look up to you, remembering the cloud of witnesses by which we are surrounded. And grant that we on earth, rejoicing ever in your presence, may share with them the rest and peace which your presence gives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Augustus George Grove, St. Helena’s, Beaufort (March 30, 2020)

Gloria Hord, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach (April 23, 2020)

Amelia “Toots” deSaussure Barnwell Harper, Holy Cross Stateburg (May 20, 2020)

Louise Deaton, Holy Comforter, Sumter (July 25, 2020)

Patricia “Tricia” Freeman, St. Luke’s, Hilton Head (August 8, 2020)

Danny Floyd, Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island (November 28, 2020)

Tommy Coxe, Saint Matthew’s, Darlington, (December 28, 2020)

Charles “Chuck” Aydlette, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant (January 1, 2021)

William “Billy” Turner, Holy Cross, Stateburg (January 8, 2021)

Anna Marie Davis, Holy Comforter, Sumter (January 12, 2021)

Carolyn “Mazie” Chambers, Holy Trinity Windermere, Charleston, (January 14, 2021)

George “Jim” Schneider, St. Luke’s, Hilton Head (January 15, 2021)

Lucy Trask, Christ’s Church, Mount Pleasant, January 16, 2021

John Rhodes, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach (January 17, 2021)

Doug Whittle, St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Summerville (February 27, 2021)

Adair McKoy, St. John’s Parish, Johns Island (March 21, 2021)

John Howard Williams, Old St. Andrew’s, Charleston (July 20, 2021)

We invite you to add the names of individuals from your parish who have died as a result of the COVID-19 virus. To do so, visit the diocesan website www.adosc.org or email jhunter@adosc.org.

Come Back Home

Having Joined the Ranks of “Baptized Pagans,” We’re Ready to Return to Church

By The Rev. Canon Mike Malone



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Nearly two years ago the COVID-19 virus hit us like Pharaoh caught those 10 plagues. We were unaware and unprepared. Ann and I knew we were at particular risk, so we hunkered down week after week, as it stretched into months seemingly without end. One place where we needed to be absent was Sunday morning church.

We discovered some options on the internet mainly from Charleston but it felt artificial, like being at the movies with a very small screen.

The fact is, Christians don’t do very well when flying solo and living in silos. We lose any sharp edges and can grow lazy and disengaged. All too quickly, what had been even minimally habitual could be gone. We were joining the ranks and numbers described as baptized pagans. We had not gotten an “F” but rather an “Incomplete and absent.”

But having gotten our shots, in the last weeks we have been trying to come back. At first it has been rather difficult because of having to start from scratch, from dead stop, requiring a very low gear with some pushing and panting. But each week will be an improvement. The choir will be back, the acolytes will be back, communal Holy Communion will be back, the congregation will be back.

We will increasingly be back, as necessary, wearing masks and washing hands and keeping distances. So can you. So we are hoping to see you again soon and in a pew. Come back home.

COVID Scholarship Fund



The Church of the Advent, Marion, has set up a scholarship fund for the children of Justin White. Justin, age 39, (son of the Rev. Donnie and Cynthia Hayes) died of COVID August 5, 2021. He was a 15-year veteran of the Port Orange (FL) Police Department, a devoted husband to Carlyn, and the father of four children. To contribute, mail your gift to The Church of the Advent, PO Box 888, Marion, SC. 2957, noting “Justin” in the note section.

Help Change Lives in Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo

Join Holy Trinity Windermere in Partnering with Bisoke and Furaha Balikenga

By Kelly Hood and Julia Marshall, Holy Trinity Windermere, Charleston

Ministry is not, typically, something we can do alone. We need relationships with partners who will come alongside us, support us, and encourage us. Jesus knew this and, “Calling the twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.” (Mark 6:7)

The Rev. Bisoke Balikenga and his wife, Furaha, have gone out “two by two,” supporting and working alongside one another. They are partners in marriage, in faith and in their service to their community in Bunia, Ituri Province, Democratic Republic of the Congo.

However, beyond the support and camaraderie two working together can draw from one another, they need support from the Church—from those of us who (although we are unable to walk beside them on the mission field) can support them from afar, through our financial contributions and prayers. With this in mind, Holy Trinity Windermere invites you to join us, as we partner in ministry with Bisoke and Furaha Balikenga.

The Ministry

The town of Bunia now hosts three camps for displaced people who are fleeing their villages and countryside to escape civil war, human atrocities, starvation, and devastation. The ISP camp and Kolomani camp, east of Bunia, have 25,000 families and 13,000 families, respectively. The third camp is seven miles west of Bunia, and has 6,000 families.

Bisoke and Furaha have developed two organizations to help: the Bunia Children’s Hope Center (BCHC), founded in 2004, which educates orphans and places them in foster care; and The Peace Center, a site near the third camp, which provides ecumenical church services, counseling, reconciliation seminars, education, housing for the most vulnerable and food, when available.

The Opportunity

What is our part in this?

In January, Holy Trinity Windermere formed a committee to discern God’s call to us in this partnership. Thus far, we have been expanding our partnership by sharing the story of Bisoke and Furaha and their people through updates and prayer requests. We have also been actively listening as the Holy Spirit urges us to do more.

With Bisoke and Furaha’s input we have identified two physical needs, which involve fundraising. Here are the opportunities before us:

Provide funding for a well for the BCHC

- Currently, the school buys barrels of water at a cost of \$100 each, to ensure safe



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The three ladies (seated) had been abused and are now living in the Peace Center. “Please pray for these women,” says Bisoke. “There is much suffering.”

water on the school grounds for drinking and washing hands.

- One water tank lasts three to seven days.

- Two wells are needed at the school, but our goal is to fund at least one at a cost of \$11,500.

- We have approached Water Mission. However, they do not serve this area for safety reasons.

- The Anglican Relief Development Fund (ARDF) has offered to match up to \$7,000, and New Wineskins has pledged \$1,000 for this effort.

- If you wish to help us with this, donate through ARDF. ardf.org/bisoke-bunia-drc. You may also send a check, made out to Holy Trinity Windermere with “Water for Bunia” in the subject line to: Holy Trinity Windermere, 95 Folly Road, Charleston, SC 29407.

Provide \$500 per month for food, for the camp near the Peace Center

- This will serve the most vulnerable at this camp.

- With this money, Bisoke thinks 500 people could be fed a simple meal twice a week each month consisting of porridge, cassava, beans and rice.

- To meet this monthly goal, we have developed a program called Hearts for the Congo. This is a monthly subscription service that provides funding for food costs.

- We invite you to become a monthly subscription member for a cost of only \$25.00 per month.

- As a member, you will receive a monthly newsletter documenting the journey of Bisoke, his congregation, the orphan school, and the Peace Center. Members will also receive a quarterly package in the mail with an originally designed Hearts for the Congo shirt. Wear it proudly and spread the word about Hearts for the Congo!

- Our launch date for this project is August 1. Sign up here for early access: <https://mailchi.mp/532a98ce1ef7/early-access>

We ask you to prayerfully consider joining us in supporting Bisoke and Furaha, and the people of the Congo. We are thankful that, by God’s grace, the Lord has brought us alongside them, to help and support them in accomplishing the plan and provision He is working out in their ministry, and in their lives.

To learn more, we invite you to view our informational video, Pray for Peace in Bunia, at https://youtu.be/rJOWN0Gwt_8.

Holy Spirit, we pray that you would guide us to do our part, in your strength and for your glory.

As Bisoke reminds us, “God is in control. God is working when we cannot see.”

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station and jewelry counter, and provided face shields to volunteers and staff. All CDC guidelines were carefully followed as we made our re-opening plans. And, importantly, we established our own safety protocols, which went above-and-beyond the CDC recommendations.

We are happy to report that, once we re-opened, we didn’t have to close the shop again; most importantly, our staff members remained COVID-free!

Financial Success

The Lord has also blessed us financially through the pandemic. Through a PPP Loan and a Small Business Loan (both offered

through the Federal government) we were able to keep our dedicated staff on the payroll. We were even able to make other much-needed investments in the store. The Small Business Loan, coupled with our overall healthy financial footing pre-COVID, afforded us the opportunity to purchase the lot next door for parking—critical for future growth. We were also able to complete construction of an additional receiving dock with minimal expenses, as GrayCo donated all lumber associated with the project and Choate Construction donated the labor. (We are very thankful to both these companies!)

In addition to all of these financial blessings, our sales have sky-rocketed since re-opening. During the first full month (June

2020), our sales were \$46,304—and in March of this year, our sales were over \$85,000! God is so good!

God and His People – With God All things are Possible

Throughout the last 15 months, we have continually acknowledged that this has been God’s hand at work. Working through our donors who have given in abundance! Working through our selfless, dedicated, hard-working, and talented staff and volunteers! Working through our Management and Board members to provide sound leadership! And, finally,

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Daughters of the King Fall Assembly September 11

The Daughters of the King Fall Assembly will be held September 11, at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. In addition to the meeting portion of the gathering, the day will include prayer, worship and an opportunity for private reflection and directed meditation with the Rev. Sandy Kerner. They are also excited to have the Rev. Bob Lawrence as their preacher. Visit <http://www.doksc.org/> for registration information and plan to join them, as they gather again for the first time in almost two years!

The Secular Creed

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my conviction that everyone in our diocese should read this by the time they are 13.

If you are interested in a discounted bulk order on these latter titles, you can get them from Crossway.org by signing up for a free Crossway+ membership which gives you at least 30% discount on books and bibles.

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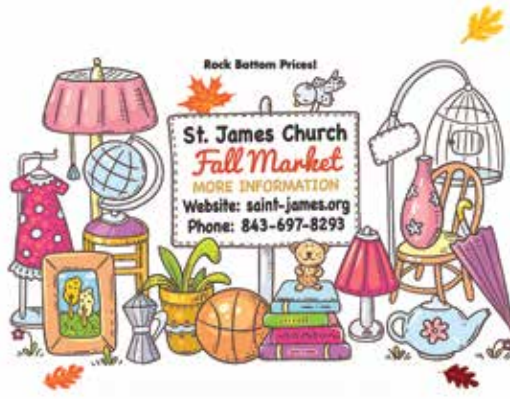
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Saint James Fall Market – “Largest Ever!” September 24-25

On Friday, September 24, 2021, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saint James Church, Charleston, will host a preview gala for their annual Fall Market in the Ministry Center (1872 Camp Road). Members of the congregation and community may call (843) 697-8293 to purchase tickets for \$20, beginning August 1. Each ticket will provide access to a full barbeque dinner (from their award-winning chef), live music, an opportunity to bid on fantastic silent auction items, as well as preview thousands of items, paying double the amount listed on the sticker prices, ensuring you'll get them before they're gone (still a huge bargain). This “sneak peek” event is an opportunity to shop the sale prior to the doors opening to the public the following day, enabling you to obtain the items you most desire. This year's Fall Market is slated to be Saint James' best yet, with their annual beloved



items; plants, jewelry, furniture, children's items, holiday décor, books, antiques, artwork, baked goods, crafts, and much more at rock bottom prices. There will be merchandise appealing to everyone. Lunch, as usual, may also be bought during the event to keep shoppers browsing and fellowshiping. The doors to the ministry center for the Fall Market will open to the public, with no entry price, at 8 a.m. Saturday, September 25, and the sale will close at 2:00 p.m. All items can be purchased this day at the ticketed price. Be on the lookout for upcoming newsletters from ADOSC for the Venmo link to purchase BBQ Gala tickets.

All proceeds will go completely to missions, charities, and church needs. Bring your family, friends, and fellow parishioners to help support the largest sale Saint James has ever hosted.

The Importance of Researching Good Relationships: ARDF Partnering with Anglican Relief and Development

By Christine N. Jones, Director of Mobilization, ARDF

We all want to be generous. We see needs and we want to help, whether it is someone struggling to rebuild a home after a hurricane, or a child being denied access to education. It is almost always a personal story that tugs at our heart.

ARDF has three core values that serve as the foundation for our project selection process.

Yet at the same time, we want to be smart about where we help. We want to be sure that our efforts are making a difference and are not squandered.

Often, those of us in North America have no direct way to evaluate this. We are too far away, too unfamiliar with the local culture.

However, ARDF does! Built into our model is rigorous evaluation. This is because we work through locals on the ground with whom we have a trusted relationship through the Anglican church. All reputable organizations evaluate their projects. But at ARDF, we combine evaluation with solid relationships. It is through relationships that lives are changed.

What's the Process?

ARDF starts with places where the Anglican church has a strong presence. We ask local church leaders to identify the needs in their own community and to describe the plans they have to meet these needs.

They then submit an application to ARDF and we research the feasibility of the project. Not all applications get funded, and because we need to raise funds for each project approved, it might take some time for the project to be completed.

However, because of this rigorous process, our projects inevitably have a meaningful impact. The local church is the implementer and they are there for the duration. So more than just providing clean water, agricultural training, or access to education, each project builds long term relationships and demonstrates how a relationship with Jesus fulfills the ultimate need.

When you partner with ARDF, you can trust that the money is going where it is directed - to well researched projects that meet a demonstrated need. Currently, 100% of funds donated to development projects go to implementation.

Read about our current and past development projects at <https://ardf.org/all-projects>, and sign up for our monthly e-newsletter to receive the latest testimonies.

Job Openings Around the Diocese

Read more about each of the jobs listed below by visiting adosc.org/about/employment-opportunities/

Full Time Positions

- Pre-school Director Position, Prince George Winyah Parish Church, Georgetown, SC
- Receptionist and Information Specialist, St. Michael's, Charleston
- Student Ministry Director, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Greenville (Diocese of the Carolinas)
- Pastoral Care Minister, St. Michael's Church, Charleston
- Rector, The Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter
- Director of Food Services, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center
- Director of Student Ministries, St. Jude's, Walterboro

Part-Time Positions

- Bookkeeper, The Church of the Good Shepherd Charleston
- Director of Children's Ministry, Holy Trinity Windermere, Charleston
- Holy Trinity Windermere is seeking a DCM to coordinate volunteers to teach chil
- Part-Time Student Ministry Director, Old St. Andrew's, Charleston
- Part-Time Director of Children's Ministry, The Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul, Charleston
- Minister of Music, St. John's Chapel, Charleston
- Assistant Teaching Positions, Good Shepherd Day School, Charleston

St. David's School Celebrates 50th Anniversary

In honor of St. David's Day School's 50th year of service in Cheraw, on June 4, 2021 the church and the day school came together in celebration. Their outdoor event consisted of live music, a petting zoo, Monica's Italian Ice truck and a picnic of hotdogs and popcorn. Lou Hendley directed the children as they performed several musical numbers, as she has for many years.

Founded in 1970 by several mothers in the parish, St. David's School and Day Care operates as a community outreach ministry of St David's Anglican Church. Throughout the years, the school has prospered and grown, nurturing generations of children in their community. In 1975 Lou Hendley joined the staff and has continued to serve as musical director to date. Director, Renee Rowe continues to do an awesome job leading teachers and staff and connecting with parents and children. The church, under the leadership of the Rev. Mary Ellen Doran, is blessed by this wonderful ministry to our community. We pray God's blessings on the school, the teachers and staff, the parents and children for another 50 years (and more!).

Upcoming Events

View full calendar at adosc.org/events/

- Walkabout for Bishop Candidates, September 13-16
- DOK Fall Assembly, September 11
- National Grandparents Day of Prayer, September 12
- Diocesan Council, September 23
- Institution of Kyle Holtzower, September 26
- Always Forward Church Planting Conference, Sept. 30-Oct 2
- Anglican Women's Retreat, October 1-3
- Wellspring of Life, Healing Retreat, October 3-5
- Men's Summit with John Yates, October 9
- Cursillo Weekend, October 14-17
- Electing Convention for Bishop Coadjutor, October 16
- Behold the Man Pilgrimage, October 23-November 5
- SE Intentional Grandparenting Conference, November 5-6
- Jubilate Deo Deadline, November 5
- Annual Clergy Conference, November 8-10
- Intercessory Prayer Day at St. Christopher, November 13
- St. Christopher Thanksgiving Retreat, November 24-27
- Diocesan Council, December 9
- Consecration and Conv., March 11-12, 2022
- New Wineskins for Global Mission, September 22-25, 2022

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bringing our loyal customers back to the Church Mouse to shop!

Through the prayers, hard work, dedication and contributions of all these people—and through God's abundant grace—in 2020, we were able to give approximately \$381,000 in grants and pass-through goods to area non-profits and Christian Missions throughout the world, all in Jesus' name.

Additionally, the Church Mouse was able to resume its spring/fall grant cycle for 2021. We recently concluded our spring grant review process and awarded grants totaling \$114,100 to 15 Christian missions and area not-for-profits in June.

The Church Mouse even received two awards in 2020—another sweet, unexpected blessing! The first was from the Island Packet for “Best Clothing Department.” The second was a sought-after “Readers' Choice Award” from the Hilton Head Monthly magazine.

As our Volunteer Committee met to review our pandemic story together, several descriptions of this past transformative and miraculous year came to mind. One shared the idea of “faith in action.” Another said, “God's grace.” And yet another said, “Yes—amazing grace.” Truly, for The Church Mouse Thrift Shop, the season of COVID has been a season of witnessing and experiencing God's amazing grace.