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The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

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Chip Edgar Elected Bishop of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina



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By Joy Hunter, Editor

On October 16, 2021, during a special Electing Convention held at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant, the Very Rev. Chip Edgar was elected Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. Approval from the Anglican Church in North America's College of Bishops, was received on January 12, 2022, setting Edgar in line to succeed Bishop Mark Lawrence who has served as the Diocesan Bishop since January of 2008.

"You have bestowed a trust in me and I promise I will do everything I possibly can

to live in to that trust," said Edgar, following the election. "I am deeply, deeply humbled." Quoting Second Samuel he said, "Who am I that you have brought me this far? And who is my family? I trust this is the Lord's will for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and this is the Lord's will for me and for my family... I covet your prayers..."

Edgar will be consecrated Bishop of the Diocese by the Archbishop of the Anglicana Church in North America, the Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March

12, 2022 at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston.

Bishop Mark Lawrence will step down from his role on March 31, 2022.

Despite COVID-19, the election was held in person, but to allow for social distancing a portion of the lay delegation was seated in a separate location on the property, making it possible for delegations to meet for prayer and discussion during the election process. To win the election, a candidate needed to obtain a majority in both the lay and clergy orders on the same ballot. Edgar was elected on the third ballot, receiving 55% in both houses.

Prior to his election Dean Edgar served as 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. Dean Edgar and his wife, Beth, have been married for 32 years. They have five grown children and a new granddaughter.

There were two additional candidates in the election: The Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy, Chaplain to the Corps of Cadets, St. Alban's Chapel at The Citadel, Charleston, SC. and The Rev. Chris Warner, Rector of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, and Daniel Island, SC.

Additional information about the Very Rev. Chip Edgar, including photographs and a video interview, may be found at <https://adosc.org/about/bishop-coadjutors-search-process/learn-more-about-the-candidates/the-very-rev-chip-edgar/>



The Bishop and Standing Committee of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina request your prayers and presence at the Ordination and Consecration of the Very Revd Charles F. Edgar III to be a Bishop in Christ's One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church

Saturday, March Twelfth
Two Thousand Twenty-Two

at Ten O'Clock
in the Morning

The Cathedral of
St. Luke & St. Paul
Charleston, South Carolina

RSVP at www.adosc.org

Convention Elections Set for March 11

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina will hold their 2022 Convention on Friday, March 11, 2022 at Saint James Church, Charleston. Details about the Convention may be found at www.adosc.org.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by the Rev. Andrew O'Dell, was composed of clergy invited from every Deanery, laity serving in the major ministries of the Diocese, and the diocesan ministry staff. With the insights that breadth of experience in the Diocese brings, the following slate of candidates has been offered, with the goal of providing the strongest possible leadership for the Diocese at this time. Brief bios and photographs of each candidate may be found on the Diocesan website www.adosc.org. We ask that the delegates to convention please give their qualifications prayerful consideration as they prepare for our annual synod. And we invite the

rest of the Diocesan family to keep our gathering on March 11, 2022, in your daily prayers, that God's will might be clearly discerned and faithfully accomplished on that day.

Standing Committee

(Clergy) 2 needed for 3-year term: The Rev. Gary Beson, the Very Rev. Peet Dickinson, the Rev. Janet Echols, the Rev. Cindy Larsen, the Rev. Jeff Miller, and the Rev. Michael Ridgill; (Laity) 2 needed for 2-year term: Wynne Boone, Howard Harder, Judy McMeekin, Bill McRee, Keith O'Steen, Margie Williams

Diocesan Council

(Clergy) 2 needed for 3-year term: The Rev. Laura Bowman, The Rev. Taylor Daniel, the Rev. Chance Perdue, and the Rev. Matt Rivers; (Laity) 2 needed for a 3-year term

and 1 needed for a 1-year term: Janis Brazeale, Bethany Fotia, Gill Frierisan, Elizabeth Tezza, Ellen Walsh

Diocesan Trustees

(Laity) 1 needed for 6-year term: Alonzo Galvan, David Starnes

Ecclesiastical Court

(Clergy) 3 need for 3-year term: The Rev. Jeremy Shelton, the Rev. Greg Smith, the Rev. Nelson Weaver; (Laity) 2 needed for 3-year term: Rick Adams, Seth Whitaker

ACNA Provincial Council

(Clergy) 1 plus 1 alternate needed for 5-year term: The Rev. Bob Lawrence, the Rev. Tyler Prescott; (Laity) 2 plus 2 alternates needed for 5-year term: John Benson, Justin Johnson, Johnny Wallace, Dave Wright

Fire Damages Dining Areas at St. Christopher

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

An electrical fire erupted in the attic of the small dining room at St. Christopher on the morning of December 17. While the fire was isolated and extinguished quickly by the St. John's Fire Department, smoke and soot had spread throughout the attic of the entire kitchen dining room complex, permeating the attic space and the sprayed-in open cell ceiling insulation. As smoke and soot continued to permeate the entire structure through the process of extinguishing the attic fire, all permeable surfaces and items throughout the kitchen, dining room, vestibule and restroom structures were compromised beyond use. A restoration company



worked on site for four weeks, beginning the day of the fire, to clean and salvage those items that could be saved from the kitchen and dining rooms.

In order to continue to care for guests' food service needs, a tem-

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“A Loving and Gracious Pastor to All”

Clergy Reflect on Bishop Lawrence’s Leadership

Thank you to the clergy who submitted reflections about Bishop Lawrence’s leadership. Unfortunately we did not have space to include them all.

The Rev. Gary Beson

One memory of Bishop Lawrence that I hope I never forget came while I was still a student in Seminary. Susan and I had become close friends with his son Joseph, his wife Joette and at the time their two daughters, Samantha and Sophia. The Joe Lawrence family came over one Sunday to watch a Steelers game and enjoy a Frogmore stew with fresh Charleston shrimp we brought back after a Thanksgiving trip home to Summerville. During the game Joette, who was pregnant with their third child, went into labor. Their son Andrew was delivered at the local hospital less than a couple hours after her labor started. Joe and Joette, left their two young daughters with Sue and I and barely made it to the hospital in time for the birth. Sue took Samantha and Sophia home later that night to put them to bed and ended up staying with them until Allison could come from Charleston to help out and greet the new grandchild, Andrew.

The next week I received a handwritten note from our Bishop that began, “Gary for this note, I am taking off my “Bishop’s Hat” and putting on my “Father Hat” to thank you Father to Father for caring for my son and his family during the birth of Andrew.” I still have the note and I pray those heartfelt words and sentiment will never leave my memory. Great Bishop he has certainly been, but I will always first remember him as Joe’s dad and Samantha, Sophia and Andrew’s grandfather.



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to tell jokes. The Bishop patiently listened to Bo’s 7 year old jokes and then he asked Bo if he’d like to hear one. Bo said, “Oh yes!” The Bishop then launched into a rather long and complicated joke with airplanes and parachutes and nap-sacks, if I recall. Bo’s eyes began to glaze over and finally he said, “Bishop! That’s not a joke! That’s a story!” The Bishop

The Rev. Dr. Charles Echols

Bishop Mark has modeled the Christian life to me in many ways, perhaps chiefly in obedience to God’s will when one knows the calling will be marked with continual hardship. For most of his ministry as our bishop, my sense is the Diocese has been on the defensive vis-a-vis the litigation. Bishop Mark could have retired long before now, but he resisted the easy opt out and served and encouraged us all along the way. I will always be grateful to him for his support when I walked through some valleys. I have also enjoyed knowing Allison. Prior to ordination, we joked about having clergy spouses. I do hope that there’s been some mutual blessing, as in the broadening of the Lawrences cultural horizons through the introduction of such things as Mrs. Hane’s Pickled Okra. May the Lord reward their faithful ministry in their next season.

The Rev. Ronald Gauss

I give thanks to God for Bishop Mark Lawrence and his pastoral presence in our Diocese. He has proven himself to be A PASTOR TO THE PASTORS. Almost six years ago my wife had a stroke. She walked into the hospital but as evening progressed, she could no longer walk. Someone informed Bishop Lawrence because that evening he called us at the hospital through my cell phone, and prayed for and with us. That evening he was the Pastor we needed. I have seen him in this role again and again as I lived out my ministry throughout the Diocese. We are blessed to have had this PASTOR.



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The Very Rev. Peet Dickinson

I could write hundreds of words about how Bishop Lawrence blessed me with his courageous leadership and anointed preaching and teaching, but I think what blessed me most over the years were his interactions with my children. One time my daughter Ellen was complimenting his amethyst episcopal ring; the young lady loves the bling! Bishop Mark asked, “would you like to try it on?” “Yes please,” she said with glee! He slipped it off his finger and onto hers, and she beamed as she admired it on her hand. Another time, I remember an interaction between the Bishop and my little boy, Bo, who wanted

burst into fits of laughter and the two were bonded for life. I love to see a leader who sees the small and shows them kindness and honor. Bishop Lawrence always did that with my children and I’m sure with countless others around the diocese. Even though there were so many spectacular public moments during Bishop Mark’s episcopacy, it’s the hidden moments with my kids that I’ll remember with greatest fondness. He is a lion, a great defender of the faith, but he is also a loving and gracious pastor to all, even our little ones. I thank God for Mark and Allison and pray for many blessings upon them as they move into this new chapter in their ministries.

The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway

I first met Mark and Allison when they came to our home for a reception for new clergy coming in to Pittsburgh in the fall of 1984. I quickly came to know him as one of the most deeply spiritual and articulate of all my clergy. So well read in theology and history and philosophy - and the arts. Every year he selected a great figure and read everything written by them or about them. One year St. Augustine, another year Bishop William Lawrence of Massachusetts, another, Beethoven. So he did, year by year. He remembers everyone and everything he has read; weaving their spirits and wisdom into his preaching and teaching of The Gospel of Him who is “The way the truth and the life.” We became good friends; Mark and Allison, I and Anna; his children and ours. Jeff Miller asked that I phone the priest in California I had mentioned as bishop material for South Carolina. Mark answered my call; “Allison and I are just thinking. ‘All our kids are back east. Our work at St. Paul’s is complete. Yes, we’re open to having my name submitted.’ He was the only non-southerner at the walkabout meetings, to meet the candidates. At one, he was asked. “Well, Rev. Lawrence, you being from California, how do you figure to relate to us Lo-Country Episcopalians?” His answer. “Oh, I think it’s deep enough for Ivory Bills. For a consecration gift, the diocese gave him a canoe; so he could paddle up the creeks and bayous to find the lost (Ivory Bill Wood Peckers) of South Carolina.

The Rev. Joyce Harder

I taught high school French for 20 years and was always amused by how my students were astonished to encounter me in a grocery store or on the beach, as if I didn’t eat or enjoy recreation.

I must confess that I viewed Bishop Mark in the same elevated position. When I was first ordained and had the opportunity to serve him as a rookie deacon in our parish’s confirmation service or as bishop’s chaplain at a friend’s ordination, or at a diocesan Eucharist, I was terrified that I would “mess up” and let him down.

The Bishop’s compassionate and discerning spirit, coupled with his sense of humor, unfailingly served to put me at ease. I appreciated learning that he is a kind, ordinary man with an extraordinary call on his life, and I thank God that I have had the honor to be ordained by and serve under him.

Godspeed, Bishop Mark. You are well-loved and will be sorely missed, but oh, how your retirement is well-deserved!

The Rev. Tripp Jeffords

Some months after being asked to join the search process for the new rector at St. Paul’s in Summerville, I had not heard a clear word from God on the issue, so I politely declined and tried to remove my name. The very next morning, I received a call from Bishop Lawrence asking, “What are you doing?” My reply, “Well, Bishop, I told Scott (chair of the search committee) that

I didn’t feel “called” to St. Paul’s.” Bishop Lawrence’s reply was unexpected, “You are not called. You are in a prayerful process. If at the end of the process, they call you, then you will need to confirm or deny the call.” So, with those wise words, I continued in the process. Bishop Lawrence went on to tell me that he was exercising (walking) that same morning. While he walked, he was praying through the clergy and churches of the diocese, when the Holy Spirit gave him a strong inclination that “Tripp Jeffords” is supposed to be the new rector at St. Paul’s in Summerville. If not for his wisdom, his prayerfulness, and the Holy Spirit’s power leading Bishop Lawrence, I would not be with my new parish family in Summerville, and I would have missed out on so many blessings over the past six years!

The Rev. Arthur Jenkins

Mark Lawrence lived spiritual authority for me. One of the first lessons I had to learn upon becoming rector of Saint James Anglican Church was how to faithfully use the authority that was expected of me. Overnight I had authority over the vision, mission and spiritual health of the parish. There were so many aspects of this authority from staff organization to worship, from finances to ministries, where to begin?

It was tempting to assume that my ordination or my collar or my title as rector gave me this authority. How wrong I was. Just because I was the leader didn’t mean I had the authority to do so. Where and from whom was I to find this authority?

Ultimately, I turned to our new bishop, Mark Lawrence. Where did his authority come from? Yes, he was ordained. Yes, he was consecrated. Yes, he was chosen by our entire diocese. Still, I know there was something different. Bishop Lawrence had spiritual authority. His authority was much greater than the authority of his office. His was the authority of the Spirit and it was bestowed on him by God. But how? Or why? As I watched Bishop Lawrence and served with him and prayed for him, I recognized the key to his authority, specifically his spiritual authority. The key was sacrifice and submission. Mark Lawrence wielded great spiritual authority over me and all of our diocese because he sacrificed for us. When the lawsuits began and the attacks on him became personal and vicious Bishop Lawrence had the very attractive option to retire and return to his beloved Sierra Nevada. He didn’t. He stayed with us and for us.

I have great love and respect for Mark Lawrence because he sacrificed himself on our behalf. Isn’t there some gospel in that somewhere?

The Rev. Mike Lumpkin

I believe Mark Lawrence, with Allison, received a particular Anointing by the Holy Spirit of Grace and of Power on his consecration day. The Holy Spirit descended on him for the labor that was ahead of him. His Call from the West Coast

“With You in Fear and Trembling”

Bishop Lawrence Looks Back on 14-Year Episcopacy

On January 6, 2022, I had the opportunity to sit down with Bishop Lawrence to talk about his ministry within the diocese over the last 14 years. The following is a condensed version of our conversation.

Joy Hunter, Editor

How has being bishop differed from what you thought it would be coming in? What surprised you?

In a nutshell, I would say the breadth of the office. Because of the realities on the ground in the Episcopal Church; what was going on in the Anglican Communion in 2008 when I stepped in; and the questions within the diocese about the future, with individual parishes, priests and laity wondering whether we should stay or not, it became an international as well as national and local ministry. While I might have preferred being primarily a pastor to the pastors, a bishop of unity with my own commitments, vision, and purposes, it became a more expansive field of function.



Also, my ministry was influenced by the patterns of my predecessors. Bishop Allison was a scholar/theologian and Bishop Salmon was what I call the quintessential executive administrator leader. I came with a very different set of gifts. Bishop Salmon's way of operating was deeply entrenched, and that wake was strong. It took me a while before I could navigate in a world that did not include that wake.

So, knowing that, what advice would you give to someone who's stepping into the role of bishop? and not just in this diocese, but in any diocese?

The first thing needed is a very high energy level, regardless of anything else. That's not necessarily asking what kind of gift set the person needs, but they need that.

There's also a need for a vision, the need for working with emotional intelligence, and for recognizing that the world you step into as a bishop is a very different world than that of a parish priest. The leadership styles that work well in one office do not necessarily work well in another, but at the same time, you've got to bring your own style. So, your predecessor may have been a benevolent dictator, and you may be a more collegial leader.

I do not think a bishop needs to be a great preacher, or maybe even a really strong preacher, but I think he does need to be a pastor and teacher of the faith. He needs to be able to teach the faith to clergy and to the rank and file members of the diocese. That's probably more important than being a riveting preacher on Sunday morning.

And then, of course, he needs to have a servant's heart. Otherwise, he will grow weary in well-doing

What gives you the most satisfaction, when you look back at your accomplishments over the last 14 years?

I would say to have held the diocese together through the break with the Episcopal Church, while keeping two thirds or more of the diocese with us, was certainly something that is gratifying — to have some 50 plus congregations remain with the diocese, and most of the substantial congregations as well as many smaller congregations across socio-economic and racial frontiers. It gives me a sense of accomplishment because I know how difficult that was, how many different places people found themselves in, and how dependent upon the role of the bishop as well as the role of the clergy of those individual congregations.

You can divide the last 14 years into chapters.

There was 2008 to the fall of 2012, roughly five years. During that season we were a resistance movement within the Episcopal Church even while we were a forthright diocese,

helping to shape emerging Anglicanism in the 21st century, “Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age.”

That was the vision I put forward in 2009 as a way of saying, “Look, the foremost question before us isn't whether we leave the Episcopal Church or stay in the Episcopal Church. The foremost question is, “What is our vision?” What are we about? What are we going to be? What do we see? What has God called us to do?”

I put forward a vision in a paragraph. But then I cut it down to T-shirt size, “Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age.” And underneath that, “Helping to shape emerging Anglicanism in the 21st Century.” During those first five years, we did that within the Episcopal Church.

When we left the Episcopal Church in the fall of 2012, we went into a world where we were not a resistance movement within a province, but a diocese without a province, one in the midst of legal maneuvers that were seeking in many ways to thwart, defeat and destroy us. At the same time, we were still committed to the larger Anglican world.

Between 2013 and 2014, we soldiered on until the primates of the Global South granted us, in 2014, Alternative Primatial Oversight. From 2014 on, we were under the primates (the Archbishops) of the Global South.

Then in 2017, a new chapter began when we voted at our diocesan convention to join the ACNA. And so at that time we shifted from a resistance movement to a complimentary companionship relationship. We were again a diocese in a province.

Of course, later in that same year, 2017, we got a very confusing ruling from the South Carolina Supreme Court. We had previously been in an environment in which we had a very clear, positive ruling for us in our legal standing and our ownership of property and buildings. And suddenly we were put into

limbo with a very threatening adversary who was trying to move our people back into the Episcopal Church. At that time, my role as bishop was to hold the various congregations together.

I put forward a vision for the Anglican Leadership Institute at the 2014 Diocesan Convention and it became a reality in 2015 when I appointed Peter Moore to be the director. It was one dimension of making biblical Anglicans for a global age. We were able to bring emerging leaders from all over the Anglican world, either to South Carolina or Martha's Vineyard twice a year for three weeks of study to help shape emerging Anglicanism. We did that until COVID struck. Hopefully, we will be meeting on a regular basis again soon.

What are the things I am most grateful for or for which I have a sense of accomplishment? Certainly our role in the larger Anglican world, creating relationships throughout the Anglican Communion. Our involvement in New Wineskins, the number of bishops we've helped bring to New Wineskins and,

consequently, to the diocese for various visitations. It's really quite remarkable, from places as diverse as Ireland to Southeast Asia, to Egypt to Nigeria, India to Kenya, Uganda to the Indian Ocean, so many different places.

What will be your fondest memories from this time?

I don't know. But, going around the diocese on my last trip around the ecclesiastical track, I look out on the congregations and see people I've known and worked with over the years. You just realize how sweet many of the relationships are. It was my goal to visit every congregation every year, and for the most part, I've done that. Over those 14 years relationships have been built up and trust has emerged.

Along with that, I've been with many of them through rector searches, vicar searches, vestry meetings, parish retreats. I've ordained more than a few of their priests and deacons, and instituted many of the rectors in their congregations. I've led Men's Conferences, Anglican Women's Conferences, joined in many Cursillo closings...

Recently I've had some epiphany moments. I was putting the books up in my new study at home. And, of course, the study I created doesn't have enough space to hold all the books. As I'm sorting through the ones I put up and ones I don't, I'm thinking, “Wow, everything's changing.” I'm looking at things and saying, “Do I really need that? Am I ever going to need those books on how to lead vestry retreats? Church growth books? Pastoral Care? Is that going to be a part of my life from moving forward? Maybe not? What's the role of preaching now as opposed to what it has been in the past?” It made me realize, “Wow, I'm stepping into a whole new chapter.”

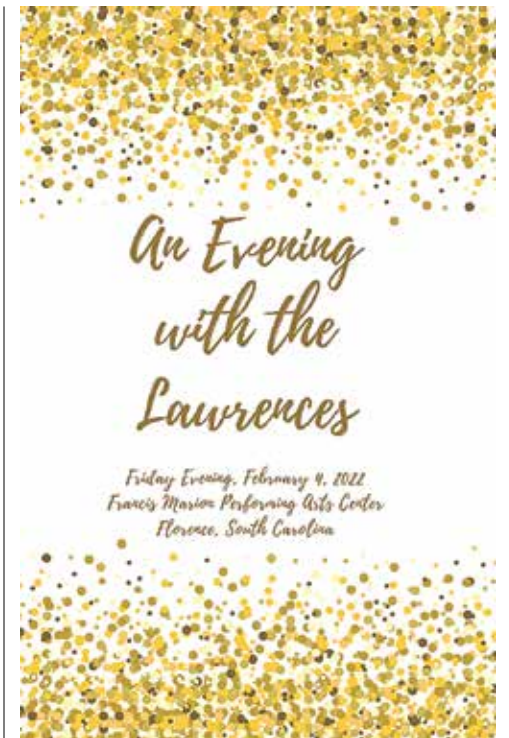
And I'm going to need a few months to decide on a lot of different things.

What are your immediate plans?

Of course, we've bought a house in Florence, SC and moved there. I'll be finishing my time as bishop the end of March, and taking three months Sabbath—April through June. Allison and I will probably do some traveling. Then, starting in July, I'll be the interim director of the Anglican Leadership Institute. So, that will define a certain amount of things moving forward, at least for the foreseeable future.

Do you have any fun things planned?

Well, I'm always going to do hikes and backpacking - that sort of thing. I'd like to take



An Evening with the Lawrences

On Friday, February 4, 2022, we, as a Diocese, will gather at the Francis Marion Performing Arts Center in Florence, SC to celebrate and give thanks for the the ministry of Bishop Mark Lawrence and his wife, Allison.

The evening will begin with a Celeration Hour (from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.) including heavy hors d'ouves at St. John's Church.

The Tribute program will begin at 6:45 p.m. at the Francis Marion Performing Arts Center (directly across from the church).

This is a ticketed event (\$30 per person) and seating is limited. You may purchase tickets at adosc.org.

The Bishop's Purse

For the past 14 years, Bishop Lawrence has worked tirelessly in his position as our chief pastor. Not only has he ably led our diocese through difficult and trying times, he has continued to keep before us his vision of “Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age.” His boundless energy has strengthened us and enabled us to flourish as a diocese.

It is customary to express our profound thanks for his ministry with a special monetary parting gift. As we approach his farewell celebration in February 2022, it becomes timely for us to gather up a special “Bishops Purse” for Bishop Lawrence. We ask that gifts be sent to the Diocesan office to the attention of Nancy Armstrong, or you may give online at www.adosc.org. All checks should be made payable to the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and earmarked for this special purpose.

It is our intention that this be a true gift to Bishop Lawrence, and not taxable income to him, therefore contributions to this fund are not tax-deductible.

Contribute at www.adosc.org.

the kayak and the canoe out up there in the Pee Dee. I've been on the Lynches River and on a small part of the Black River, but there's a lot of it I haven't been on. I've never been on the Great Pee Dee or the Little Pee Dee, so that might be nice.

As bishop, how did you keep up your strength? What spiritual, physical, mental exercises are you committed to?

Sustained morning prayer is a high priority. Rarely do I schedule anything that will interrupt it if at all possible. Morning prayer, intercession, and Bible study time. I usually work through a commentary on a book of the Bible almost all the time.

Do you mind me asking how long you spend on that?

I like it when I have two hours. I can't always fit that in, but I try to get in at least an

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Shepherd Me, O God

Anglican Women's Gathering

April 30, 2022, All Saints', Florence



Schumann Rothermel

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Annual Women's Gathering Planned for April "Shepherd me, O God"

The Annual Gathering of the Women of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina will be held on Saturday, April 30 at All Saints' Church in Florence. The theme for the day is "Shepherd Me, O God," based on Psalm 23. Our speakers are Sherry Schumann and Peter Rothermel. To learn more, visit www.adosc.org.

About our Speakers:

Sherry Schumann is the president of Christian Grandparenting Network, a charter member of Legacy Coalition, and serves on the Southeast GrandCamp staff. She has written two books, *Prayers that Stir the Hearts of Grandparents* and *The Christmas Bracelet*. Sherry's life in rural South Carolina is simple and beautiful. She has been married to her soul mate for almost four decades. They are blessed with three

grown sons, three daughters-in-law and six adorable grandchildren. Sherry's heart rejoices whenever her home echoes with the sounds of their grandchildren's voices. She and her husband, Sammy, are members of St. Paul's, Summerville.

Peter Rothermel serves as the Coordinator of Christian Faith Formation for The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. In that capacity he works with parish leaders, both clergy and laity, to develop relationships, provide resources, and offer events which assist in making disciples, equipping saints for ministry and building up the body of Christ for the work of the Gospel. Peter and his wife Jackie live on James Island. They have two adult children, one daughter-in-law and one grandchild. They attend Saint Michael's Church, Charleston.

Who Will Love and Care for Me? (Part Two)

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

The media has made us aware that diseases like cancer, dementia and Alzheimer's are on the rise because the population is aging. We've witnessed the dramatic increase in mental illness due to COVID and other factors. We've seen the rates of autism more than double over the last 20 years. Families are struggling, and the government has declared a "caregiving crisis." There are simply not enough care professionals (in home support staff, nursing home assistants, etc.) to meet the exploding need. This creates new challenges for our society and demands new solutions. Currently, the burden is fully on the shoulders of family members and friends who've stepped up. But no one can carry this load alone.

The story of Simon of Cyrene comes to mind. As Jesus was being forced to carry His cross to the site of His crucifixion, Simon was "just passing by." He wasn't there to gawk and jeer, but from out of nowhere Simon gets a shove onto center stage and he's forced to carry Jesus' cross.

This is how the story begins for many caregivers. They were just a spouse, a child, a parent and overnight, they find themselves becoming a "caregiver" – someone who is shouldering the weight of another person's suffering.

Like many new parents, my husband and I were prepared to love, care and sacrifice for our children, but when our daughter was born having seizures and the care of my mother-in-law was added to our load, we found ourselves thrust into a completely unexpected and unknown world that demanded faith, patience, and sacrifice on a super-human level. Our careers, finances, marriage, and social life all began to crumble. At first, our church offered meals, prayers, and some

helpful funds to pay for our trips to specialists. But as weeks turned into years, it became harder and harder to get to church and participate, and we became forgotten.

Millions of caregivers around the world find themselves in the same predicament. They need Jesus, they need community, but unable to get to a church, The Church has lost sight of them. They have lost hope, become depressed, are angry with God or have lost faith altogether.

The government has enacted the R.A.I.S.E. Family Caregivers Act – developing ways to Recognize, Assist, Include, Support and Engage families. How will The Church respond? I'd like to suggest that Jesus gives us the answers plainly in the parable of The Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37).

In this parable, Jesus tells us the way to inherit eternal life is to love God and to "love your neighbor as yourself." Then He tells us that our neighbor is anyone in need along our path, including an enemy! Jesus walks us through the characteristics of mercy and compassion displayed by the Samaritan and then charges us to "Go and do likewise."

1. Empathy – Unlike the other passersby, The Good Samaritan noticed the suffering of a stranger and let it move him to action.

Consider whom you know that's a family caregiver and let them know you see them and the good work they're doing. Remember there are family caregivers taking care of children with disabilities, a spouse with cancer, an aging parent, a family member effected by mental illness or addiction. Consider those caring for someone with Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, ALS, Autism, Down Syndrome, recent surgery or injury.

- Let them know that you recognize how much commitment and effort it takes.
- Send them an encouraging note. Give them a pat or a hug and ask how they're doing.
- Put the caregiver on the prayer list – not just the person who's sick. Let them know they and their loved one are being prayed for.

2. Fearlessness – As Christians, we're to be drawn to suffering, not repelled. The Good Samaritan touched the stranger's wounds, not afraid of his pain.

- Offer to go to where the caregiver is (home or hospital) to simply be with them and their loved one. Don't make them come to you. Your not being afraid of the disease or disabling condition relieves the sense of isolation.
- Listen. As simple as a phone call or chat over a cup of tea, listening lightens the load more than you know.

3. Personal Investment – The Good Samaritan used his own wine as antiseptic, his oil as salve, his garment as a bandage, his donkey as an ambulance, his own money as health insurance. Too often, we point those who are suffering to an institution or professional instead of getting personally invested.

- Take food, magazines, or books that the caregiver might enjoy.
- Offer to care for their loved one for a couple of hours while they spend time away.
- Offer to escort the caregiver and their loved one to appointments. Just dropping them at the front door, helping everyone get into the office and parking and retrieving the car

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Making Time for God

Women Gather at St. Christopher for Annual Fall Retreat

By Dawn Schaeperkoetter, St. Paul's Anglican, Summerville

For the annual Anglican Women's Retreat at St. Christopher, October 1-3, 2021, Dana Henry spoke on "Finding Our Identity in Christ," using Isaiah 43:1 as her text: "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.'"

Henry's thought-provoking topic sparked a lot of discussion among the women. Bishop Lawrence also spoke to the assembly before joining them for a luncheon given in celebration of his and Allison's time with the Diocese. In addition to thoughtful talks, the women were able to enjoy workshops, soaking prayer, moving worship led by Chelsea Hamshaw, and time spent walking around the beautiful, serene grounds of St. Christopher.

Dana Henry is a licensed professional counselor in the state of Pennsylvania, in private practice (Hope Christian Counseling), with over 18 years of experience spe-

cializing in work with individuals, couples, and families. In her talks, she repeatedly emphasized that each of us is possessed by the LORD of Lords. He dwells within us and will be in us. The "Holy Spirit is also working the Word in us," making our bodies a "beautiful container" for the Holy Spirit living within us. Thus, the key verse is all about us giving glory to God and Him receiving it from us. We continue to find ourselves in Him within the Word.

These ideas transitioned smoothly into the Bishop's talk about the importance of the Word, in his last address to the women. Drawing from 2 Timothy 3, he developed several points. The first is how important it is for us to minister to others, especially children, as Timothy's mother and grandmother did when raising him. In addition, the Word is breathed out by God, making it a sacred Word; it is a Word that lights our way; and it is a sufficient Word, providing everything we need for salvation. Verse 16, in par-

ticular, reflects how the Word speaks to the conscience for teaching, reproof, correction, and "training in righteousness." As the Bishop concluded, "It is a supreme Word."

In addition to stimulating talks, other offerings were available. One workshop introduced the spiritual discipline of "practicing the presence of God," as described by Brother Lawrence, which led into a demonstration of centering prayer. Henry had incorporated "breath prayer" into her talk, which was another smooth transition, as centering prayer can begin with breath prayer. The session concluded with a demonstration of how to use the "prayer of imagination" developed by Ignatius. Shirley Wiggins, of Church of the Redeemer in Pineville, said she

"likes when the Holy Spirit shows up, and really liked it when the session leader was moved by Him during the workshop."

The second workshop was a craft in which women created ornaments to take home. Scripture was mounted on wood plaques using decoupage and then decorated. These could, ultimately, become inspirational tools as well as decoration, since the scriptures used were drawn from those studied within the weekend's talks.

For those eager to get outside, the women were invited to participate in a nature walk around St.

Christopher. Pat Roth of The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, said she learned a lot about the ecology of the area during the two-mile walk. "The tour guide was exceptionally good," she said. "And the information she provided was as valuable as that received from the talks."

Henrietta Rivers, the Anglican Women's Spiritual Life leader, guided women in a period of soaking prayer. Karen Stine, of St. Luke's in Hilton Head, experienced soaking prayer for the first time and enjoyed the experience of prayer and meditation. Connie Rathman, also of St.

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Above: Chelsea Hamshaw leads a time of worship in Susanna's House.

DAWN SCHAEPERKOETTER

High School Regenerate “Has it All!”

by David Louis Gilbert, Youth Minister, St. Philip's, Charleston

This article first appeared in the email newsletter of St. Philip's, Charleston.

“How was your weekend?” my beautiful wife asked me.

“It was ...” was all I could say as my 80-pound beast of a dog almost knocked me to the ground upon my return from Regenerate.



JANE WRIGHT

“As the band played beautifully, I was off to the side praying and giving thanks for life when one of my students tapped me and wanted some prayer,” writes Gilbert. “Tears instantly started to flow down both of our cheeks as God united us in the Hope of the Resurrection.”

Regenerate is a youth retreat designed for high school students to grow closer to the Lord Jesus. For 20 years, this event has been held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. This year's theme was HOPE. What is biblical hope, and how do we live it in our daily lives?

The speaker was Jacob Graudin, son of Steve and Tracy Graudin and former youth grouper at St. Philip's. I can't even begin to put into words the joy I had sitting at the feet of one of my former students as he preached the Gospel that saves, all weekend long. Jacob built an incredible foundation for the students to grow from through his three teachings. He tied personal stories of suffering and deep theo-

logical points together to formulate a beautiful tapestry of biblical hope for this young generation of Christ-followers.

The Birdsongs were our worship band, and they did a tremendous job of playing songs that tied right into Jacob's talks and the scripture that we were studying all

weekend. The Birdsongs come from Tennessee and are a family, three brothers and a sister. They all play every instrument you can think of: mandolin, bass, guitar, drums, keyboard and violin to create a sublime cacophony of melodies. I kept thinking to myself, “Man, I would love to go to Christmas at their house!” They played a beautiful hymn called “This is my Father's world,” which Jacob pointed out to us was J.R.R. Tolkien's favorite hymn and part of the inspiration behind *Lord of the Rings* and *The Hobbit*. Peter Jackson, who filmed the *Hobbit* series, had that hymn woven into the score for all three films. The Birdsongs played new songs and the old classic hymns with joy and passion and helped

create an environment for the Holy Spirit to go to work on our hearts.

As the band played beautifully, I was off to the side praying and giving thanks for life, when one of my students tapped me and wanted some prayer! Tears instantly started to flow down both of our cheeks as God united us in the Hope of the Resurrection. His grandfather had passed away recently, and he was missing him and loving on the memory of his legacy.

I was praying again, and a random student from another youth group came up to me and sobbed. I said, “Is there anything I can pray for?” He just looked into my eyes and said, “I am just so thankful for all that God has done in my life, and I just wanted to express that to someone!” We praised God together, for His steadfast love endures forever!

Regenerate has it all and provides a beautiful time and space to draw still, unplug from technology, and grow as a group. It offers memory-creating moments from our small group prayer time, to corporate liturgy, games, meals, and fellowship with youth from all over the diocese. Our group always makes inside jokes that bring us laughs years later, and this year it was Italian accents! “Bada bing, bada boom, forget about it!” There was a moment that would be hard to forget. During small group time, we were sharing and praying, and our eyes were drawn to the radiance of the sunset. At that exact moment, a family of deer came out of the forest to the dunes. The sun bathed them in the golden light, and the hymn “This Is My Father's World” rang true in our hearts.

Please join me in praying that the eternal seeds of hope planted in the hearts and minds of the youth will grow 20, 40, 60, 80, 100-fold for the Kingdom of God!



CHRISTIAN MEN'S CONFERENCE



Faith in the Home
BEACON OF THE LIGHT

Date | February 25-27, 2022
Location | St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center
Registration | ChristianMensConference.com
Music | Todd Fields

Speaker | John W. Yates
Author of "How A Man Prays for His Family" among others and retired Anglican Rector.



John Yates to Lead Christian Men's Conference in February

Register now for the Christian Men's Conference, which will be held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island, February 25-27, 2022. The theme is *Faith in the Home | Beacon of the Light*. John W. Yates, author of *How A Man Prays for His Family* will be our speaker for the weekend. He will share valuable information about praying for your family, and how to experience prayer as a means of gaining strength and insight by leaning into the power of God.

John W. Yates, II is the retired Founder and Rector of The Falls Church Anglican, one of the first parishes in the Anglican Church of North America.

With degrees from the University of North Carolina, Princeton Theological Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary, Dr. Yates served churches in Columbia, S.C.,

and Sewickley, Pa. before coming to Falls Church, Va. in 1979. He was Rector of the historic Falls Church (Episcopal) before founding *The Falls Church Anglican* in 2006. The Awakening of Washington's Church by Josh Simmons tells the fascinating story of the departure from the Episcopal church and Yates' role in the establishment of the Anglican Church in North America.

He is the author of several books, including *How A Man Prays For His Family*, and *Raising Kids With Values That Last* (with his wife Susan.) Together, they have taught on marriage and family life for over 50 years. John continues as a “pastor to pastors” and serves on the Board of the Gospel Coalition. John and Susan have five children and 21 grandchildren. They live in Virginia.

Learn more and register at christianmensconference.com/.

Diocesan Youth Events Return!

By Dave Wright, Coordinator for Student Ministries, ADOSC

After nearly two years, our first diocesan youth events were held at St. Christopher in October and November. The energy in the room was amazing as youth groups came together for the first time since the start of the pandemic. There is a real hunger for being together and gathering the wider church to worship and grow in faith. In our diocese, with strong youth events taking place for several decades, we had forgotten that this is a unique privilege that many don't get to experience.

Hope was our theme. Our speakers did an amazing job communicating to students that our true hope comes from the gospel. Taylor Daniel, youth minister at St. Michael's spoke to our middle school students at Mondo. Jacob Graudin, who grew up at St. Philip's, spoke to our high school students. The Birdsongs led worship music.

Here are a few reactions to the weekend events:

“I didn't realize the full impact of diocesan-wide youth events until I was unable to attend them in 2020. Starting back with Mondo this year, I was shown the vastness of God's love for our middle schoolers. Small groups, main session, meals, and activities taught me so much

about youth commission's values of serving the diocese, while nurturing relationships and learning more about our true King!

Adelaide, Church of the Cross, Bluffton

Mondo was a great time for students to connect with other students, have fun, worship, and go deeper into God's word. It is a place where they have the opportunity to get away from their normal environment and into the beauty of St. Christopher, and hear the good news of Christ from other leaders and students from around the Diocese.

The Rev. Stephen Davis, Church of the Resurrection, Surfside

Retreats at Camp St. Christopher are one of the things I really look forward to throughout the year, and Mondo has always been one of my favorites. I always leave feeling much closer to



JANE WRIGHT

Middle School students enjoy a game of tug-of-war during Mondo.

God and to myself through worship and sessions of preaching. Mondo also creates an atmosphere of fellowship. You get to be around others your age and stay in cabins together. On the whole, retreats through the diocese are a great experience and I can't wait to go back again!

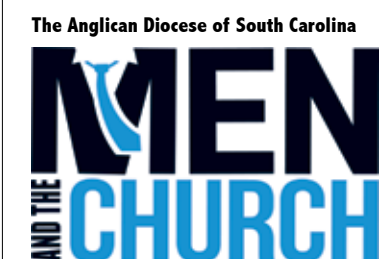
Bella, Christ Church Mount Pleasant

We look forward to building on these excellent weekends and continuing to invest in the lives of students through weekend retreats. Our diocese has a strong history in this and a great future ahead of us! To God be the glory!

Six Parishes Join Together for Fall Men's Hike

By Les Sease, Christ St. Paul's, Hollywood

A dozen men from six different parishes joined together to hike a portion of the Foothills Trail in upper South Carolina, October 21-24, 2021. The Rev. Jeremy Shelton led us on the trail with a study on Jonah. Like Jonah, the hike gave us an adventure and a message to share.



The 25-mile hike on the Foothills Trail from Upper Whitewater Falls took us from North Carolina into South Carolina, to the border of Georgia along the Chattooga River and back. Around the campfire at night, we shared what we learned that day and the challenges we had faced. Like Jonah, we set aside our own comfort and supported the needs of our “Hike Brothers” along the trail. While parts of the hike were a challenging feat of endurance, there was an understanding that we “got to” pick up our packs and lay down the “need to’s,” “want to’s,” and “have to’s” of the world.

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Operation Fix-It

Holy Cross Helps Repair and Remodel Neighbor's Home

By The Rev. Laura Bowman, Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island

On the weekend of October 22-23, approximately 30 members and friends from Church of the Holy Cross participated in "Operation Fix-It," a community project to substantially repair and remodel a home located in central Mount Pleasant. This home, which was occupied by multiple generations of one family, had no hot water, was operating with no stove, and was in a serious state of disrepair.

The church participation, spearheaded by the Rev. Deacon Skip Reitmeier, was organized in cooperation with East Cooper Faith Network. Deacon Skip was proud of the diligence exhibited by the Holy Cross work crews over the two days, and he said, "This is a larger project than just our work this weekend, but we got much further in this project than anyone expected!"

Teammate Dan McNeill added, "This was a very fun and rewarding experience to help a woman in dire need of a fix-it project. All the team members were positive, helpful and filled with the Spirit to work on this community project. When you give of yourself, God multiplies your effort!"



LAURA BOWMAN

On the weekend of October 22-23, approximately 30 members and friends from Church of the Holy Cross, in partnership with the East Cooper Faith Network, participated in "Operation Fix-It," a community project to repair and remodel a home located in central Mount Pleasant. Above, team members repaint the exterior of the home.



ELLIN REITMEIER

Teammate DeAnna Ridley, along with the homeowner work on repairing cabinets for the home.

During their two days on-site, the Holy Cross team, alongside the homeowner and her family, repainted the exterior, replumbed and replaced the hot water heater, leveled a substantial portion of the home by installing new joists and sub-flooring in one bedroom, built a laundry closet, and installed kitchen cabinets and countertops.

The Holy Cross volunteer team, consisting of both skilled and unskilled labor, worked together cooperatively to complete their requested tasks in an efficient manner. In fact, the painting of the house was not even listed on their original task list! The work crews both days had the privilege of fellowshiping and sharing lunch with the family (provided by the Holy Cross volunteer Kitchen Team).

Asked what Operation Fix-It meant to him, teammate Pat Kelly replied, "It was so nice to get back out in the world to help others after being COVID-restricted for so long! Our community of Holy Crossers showed up in heart, mind, soul and most importantly with their muscles and know-how. When we opened the day with prayer, the Holy Spirit was REALLY moving—I knew it would be such a blessed day for everyone. It was really special to have the family working right alongside us to make such needed repairs to their home. We even painted the entire house in a matter of hours—something we had not planned originally—the power of many hands working together. I really encourage everyone to come out for a day, or even a couple of hours, next time we participate. It does not matter what your skill level is—everyone can paint or pull the trigger on a caulk gun. Your heart will be full and your community will be filled with gratitude!"

Adding to that, teammate Paul Cooper stated, "It was such a joy to work with this family for a couple of days and see what the church can accomplish in short order through

many hands and, relatively speaking, very low cost. Though East of the Cooper is a very affluent community, we have plenty of neighbors who could use a helping hand. What better way is there to love one another than to give away your time and skills to help a neighbor in need?"

To that, teammate DeAnna Ridley added, "My husband, Jason, and I thought it was an awesome opportunity to spread the gospel through helping our neighbors. To tangibly show God's love and see everyone's efforts to help is truly a blessing. There's a saying... 'Many hands make light work'...the camaraderie and skill set of friends, new and old, made this project an incredible experience!"

Church of the Holy Cross is one church with multiple campuses. Members and friends of the Holy Cross family from both the Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island campuses participated in this Fix-It event.

East Cooper Faith Network (ECFN) is a collection of churches and faith-based organizations dedicated to creating a community where all East Cooper residents are safe, healthy and have the opportunity to realize their full potential. In keeping with that, they have two primary missions: One is to repair homes for those in need; the other is to provide a mentoring program that pairs at-risk elementary school children with a caring adult who meets with them once a week during the school year, to cultivate a love of reading. Further information is available at ecfaithnetwork.org.

St. Matthew's Mission Team Sees "Immediate Fruit"

Small Team/Big Impact

By Joe Ervin, St. Matthew's, Darlington

During the last week of July, a small team from St. Matthew's traveled to Panther, West Virginia, a small community in McDowell County, to participate in the Son Servants Ministry. Due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19, the size of the group was limited.

As with Gideon, God showed us that numbers were not as important as hearts tuned to God's will. The week showed much movement by the Holy Spirit, not only in the lives of the residents of Panther, but also in the lives of those of us on mission.

It has been said that our work there was "putting a band-aid on an arterial wound." It certainly feels that way when you are repairing the floor in the bedroom of a mobile home, when there are holes in every floor in the house. The work, however, gave us an opportunity to love the residents where they are and give them assurance they are not alone.

This year we saw immediate fruit from our labors in two very tangible ways.

First, one of our projects involved building a set of stairs (8' high) to the back of a home. When the project was selected, all we knew was that the house needed stairs. It turned out the stairs were required by DSS in order for the couple in the house to take custody of their grandchildren who were in foster care. The stairs were finished Thursday morning, DSS inspected Thursday afternoon, and the children were scheduled to move in the following Tuesday!

Second, another project involved building a roof over a decked area, at the abandoned school in which our group was housed. Because the school property is owned by the church across the street, several members of the church stopped by during the week to help. On Thursday and Friday evenings, two 14-year-old girls from the church showed up for our "church" service, stayed for small group time and, by the end of Friday night, had committed to be part of the group from Darlington next year. We see this as a great opportunity to grow the youth group in the local church with hopes of equipping them for mission work, both in Panther and elsewhere.

Hopefully, by next summer COVID-19 will be behind us and we can again expand our group size. If you are "mission curious," this might be your time to answer that call.

Songs of Comfort Released

Treasured Hymns "Sparkle" in Cathedral Musicians' New Settings

By The Rev. Drew Miller, Statesboro Anglican Mission, Statesboro, GA

I gave up on hymns in high school. Most of my friends did, too. The melodies felt uniquely dispassionate, the instrumentation unfamiliar, the singing stilted. Contemporary songwriting seemed so passionate, so emotional and 'authentic' by contrast. Here, I thought, was depth.

It wasn't until college (through the influence of RUF, a Presbyterian ministry) that hymnody began to take on new life for me. My pastor used hymns not only in worship but in teaching and in counseling, and our music team's folk instrumentation opened my eyes to what had been present from the be-

ginning: the songs I once dismissed blazed with the light of the gospel. Theology I struggled to believe in my head was borne directly to my heart. Like a stone fixed in a new setting, these historic hymns sparkled with the profound depths of Christ's glory.

In Songs of Comfort, the Cathedral Hymns team has set six such diamonds afresh. Contemporary instrumentation places historic lyrics and melodies in a new light—and how they shine!

The album opens with "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"—a hymn that has long been a friend of mine in seasons of doubt and dis-

couragement. Following the traditional Kingsfoil melody, worship-leader Bruner's vocals are staggeringly beautiful, and the introduction of a haunting lap steel guitar draws together the hymn's natural grief and hope.

"For All the Saints" leaves creative space in the music, allowing (Meg) Schlab's powerful vocals to carry the song through a steady drumbeat to triumphant Hallelujahs. Here the background vocals enrich the melody tremendously. I believe this is the most compelling rendering of the hymn I have heard.

Avent's rendition of "When I Survey the Won-

drous Cross" introduces a hope-filled melancholy to the album. Here the song (which always takes me back to St. John's 'Stations of the Cross') seems laden with longing. The rolling banjo provides texture through the drummer's crescendo—the strongest on the album, executed beautifully. And the song's swift conclusion leaves the listener alone to ponder the cross anew.

I could write a glowing description of each song here, for each is so elegantly done. Contemporary renderings risk obscuring the beauty of the hymns for the sake of 'relevance,' but no such



overwrought production can be found here. The music and even the vocals serve to carry the rich lyrics to the fore, to bring the listener to the point of worship themselves.

This is clearly an album of worship, crafted, recorded, and produced by worship leaders, for the worship of

the church today. And what I hear of the next album serves only to whet my appetite—rumor has it, it will be a collection of Anglican service music. I cannot wait.

Songs of Comfort can be purchased or heard on all streaming platforms. Visit <https://holycityhymns.bandcamp.com/> or <https://linktr.ee/cathedralhymns> to learn more.

“As native Kentuckians, we wanted to help in some way.”

A Pastoral Visit to Tornado-Ravaged Western Kentucky

By The Rev. Jeremy Shelton, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island and Daniel Island

Dawson Springs School sits upon a hill in the middle of the small town like a steward shepherding over the community. It serves as the developmental center of academics, nurturing, growth, and love. The small school houses about 400 children from pre-school through high school. For many of the people of Dawson Springs, Kentucky, this school is the only one they've ever known.

On Friday, December 10, 2021 around 10 p.m., a massive torna-

do outbreak ravaged the western reaches of Kentucky. One of the massively powerful cyclones was a direct hit on the small, tight-knit community of Dawson Springs. Without warning, the school on the hill was called into action. Without hesitation, it was transformed from a place for education into a hospital, triage unit, safe haven, center-for-tears, and shelter. Thirteen people of the immediate community — sons and daughters of Dawson Springs School — died that night. Many

more were injured. The library of the school quickly became an ER. Blood soaked into the carpets. School sports uniforms were used as tourniquets. Overnight, chaos and darkness consumed the school, the people, the entire being of the little town.

When the sun rose on Saturday morning, darkness remained. The people were left to assess damages, search for loved ones, and mourn the destruction. Dawson Springs School remained the haven for shelter. It was left physically unharmed from the tornadoes, but the emotional wounds run deep. About one hundred yards away, where most of the town's housing was, is now left with physical, emotional, and spiritual devastation. The destruction is significant, as an estimated 75% of the homes in Dawson Springs were completely destroyed. Seventeen of the faculty and staff at the school lost their homes entirely.

Outreach response was significant and immediate from all over the nation. Churches, governments, outreach groups, linemen, and more swarmed many of the areas of western Kentucky to help in a myriad of ways. One of those ways was providing Christmas gifts to little children. Truckloads of toys, bikes, books, and more descended upon Dawson Springs and were distributed to the



We arrived to a community that had been shaken to its core. The devastation was so much worse than we imagined. Driving in we saw debris in the tree tops five to six miles outside of town. Clothing, linens, bags, and even sheet metal adorned the upper branches like unwanted Christmas decorations.



On the day the Sheltons arrived, the Dawson Springs School, which was being used as a storehouse for emergency goods, was welcoming the return of the basketball teams. “We met coaches Mickey and Skylar, along with the rest of the boys team. Three of those teenagers lost their homes entirely. We introduced ourselves, asked about them, listened to them, prayed for them, and gave them gift cards as late Christmas presents.”

kids. A true Christmas blessing to all who received.

As a native Kentuckian—living in South Carolina for nearly two decades now—I still have a heart and fondness for my homeland. Upon hearing stories and seeing images of the devastation, the need to respond grew strongly. My wife, Jessica—also a native Kentuckian—and I knew we wanted to help in

some way. In her wisdom, Jessica suggested providing Christmas gifts to teenagers in the area. So, with the blessing and financial generosity of St. John's Parish Church, our family left Johns Island and headed to Dawson Springs on December 27.

We arrived to a community that had been shaken to its core. The devastation was so much worse

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Bishop Lawrence Looks Back

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hour and a half, time for meditation, reflection, listening.

And of course, I have a regular exercise routine. I jog, walk, lift weights. Recently I've taken up the stationary bike and the elliptical, because I hurt my Achilles tendon, but it's not my preference. I prefer to run.

When do you feel closest to the Holy Spirit?

I don't know if I can answer that. There are times confirming people I have sensed the Holy Spirit's presence guiding me, and at times in prayer, but I want to caution against an over commitment to having to feel it as opposed to know it. It's not emotional. I will say this. It's usually not disconnected from the word of God or ministry with people, which means it's not primarily about me.

There are times when you're preaching that I can sense the presence of the Spirit of God. There are times when I'm confirming someone or ordaining someone that I feel the presence of God. There are times I'm doing Bible study, and I sense God speaking to me through his Word. There are times in listening prayer I will sense something, but that's usually not as firm as those other examples.

And that's a change. As a parish priest and as a Christian living my life before the episcopacy I sensed God spoke in that way to me more than he has during this season.

I've had to walk more by faith less by sight, even Spirit-given sight.

Has it been lonely?

Yes. There have been a lot of lonely times, but that's true in ministry in general. There was a wonderful sermon preached by F. W. Robertson entitled “The Loneliness of Christ.” It's very clear to anyone reading the sermon that while he does not reference himself, he had walked that path. It's not just bishops that walk that path.

I knew that path as a parish priest. Has it been more pronounced at times as a bishop? Yes, I would say that's true, but that's not to imply that you're out there all alone. I've had a great team around me. I had a council of ad-

vice that I put together of diverse people. I had the deans, and I had the Standing Committee.

Ultimately, you have to make the decisions that are lonely to make, but you have to make them. When there's conflict in the congregation the bishop then takes off the robe of the bishop and puts on the robe of a judge. You have to make a judgment and you're the one who has to make it. Nobody else will make it for you. But people in all walks of life have that kind of stuff.

Do you have any final thoughts on the state of the Church? State of the diocese?

I would say that if we prevail, if the parishes prevail in this lawsuit, I think there will be an explosiveness of energy that we're capable of experiencing. I think it can unleash a great season of missional and ministry ventures that has been put on hold. And along with that, we've been on hold because of COVID so most people don't know where they will be on the far side of that.

If you had one book, not the Bible, you think every person, laity and clergy should read, what would it be?

One book? I'm not sure I think in those terms. But if I could only have three books for the rest of my life in addition to the Bible, I'd say a good Introduction to the Old Testament, an Introduction to the New Testament and The Complete Works of William Shakespeare. I would hope everyone could read The Confessions of St. Augustine before they die, but I'm not going to say that I want everyone to read that.

What's the hardest thing about being the bishop?

For me, the hardest thing about being a bishop is not being rooted in a congregation.

You see, there are different styles of teaching and preaching. The kind of teaching I like best is expository teaching through the Bible or a book of the Bible, teaching a sequential class in a congregation on theology, basic

Christian theology, or teaching a class on the history of the Church in England or history of the Anglican Church.

Once I became a bishop the thing that I loved as a parish priest was suddenly gone. And I'm now in a different role as a teacher. Now I come in as a pinch hitter. They want a home run. And they want me, along with the confirmation service, sometimes to fit into the theme they're working through, which means you can't develop a theme as much as you'd like.

I was a parish priest for a long time, almost 30 years, before I became bishop. I miss marrying and burying, seeing generations you've lived with for years come up to the Communion rail. I miss what Eugene Peterson called the rhythms of grace that keep your life ordered. It's probably why I make such a strong commitment to that morning prayer, Bible study time. I'm not just quickly going through the morning office. That at least brings some rhythm to life. You've got to have it. And the bishop schedule is helter skelter.

The rhythm of the Church year was something that was very dear to me. And there's a little bit of that now, but it's not like it was.

Is there such thing as an average day or an average week?

That is the other thing I would say that's challenging in the role, for me anyway, is that there is not that rhythm of the week that I had in Parish Ministry. I was thinking about that yesterday because today's the feast of the Epiphany and I don't like the thought of not having a Eucharist on the Feast of the Epiphany. I thought, you know, if I had it to do over again, I might make a Chapel here in the diocesan office. There's no reason why we couldn't have weekly Eucharist for those who wanted to partake in a short, weekly Eucharist. I miss that rhythm of a rector's Bible study. That rhythm of mid-week Eucharist.

What do you wish the laity knew about being a bishop?

I'm not sure they need to know anything about it. There are some bishops who side

automatically with the priests on every issue. And many priests, no doubt, see the role of the bishop as their protector and their backer. That's not entirely how I see it. Neither is it to believe every negative thing a lay person may say about their priest. So, I want to honor and respect each. But I saw my role as ministering to both clergy and laity as best I could, and doing it fairly and supportively.

What do you wish the clergy knew?

I wish the clergy knew the same thing. I want to be as supportive of them as I can if there's a conflict. But I also recognize I'm the bishop of the laity as well. The bishop connects the local Church to the diocese, the diocese to the province, and plays a role within the province and the larger community. He is to be the symbol of unity in all of that. And that's a difficult role to be in, a father wants to see all the children get along.

Do you have favorite Parish?

No, I don't have favorite parish, but I do have favorite pulpits. There are pulpits I like and pulpits I don't; pulpits that are great to preach in and others that, for me, just don't work.

Here's a pet peeve. You'd be surprised at how many churches have all kinds of lights shining on the altar while the lectern is left in the darkness; the pulpit in the shadows. As if to say, the only important thing happening here is at the altar. That ought not to be the case. The word of God is read. There should be a light that shines on the lectern that gives it a profile. The Word is proclaimed. There ought to be a light that shines on the pulpit that accentuates that something important is going to happen there.

Many of the churches, especially those built during the 50s and 60s, but others as well, when there was no longer an emphasis on the preaching of the word, so there was a trend to downplay the importance of preaching. Consequently, the preacher is too often preaching in the shadows to a world that is

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Lawrence Steps Down as Executive Director of St. Christopher

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

For over 11 years, I have been blessed to have the best possible “job” of any priest serving in The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, if not the whole of Christendom. As the Executive Director of St. Christopher, I have

we’ve never wavered in meeting the challenges “head on” to serve God’s purposes to His honor and glory. We’ve also had incredible blessings and celebrations in the creation of The Prayer Center, the restoration of the Chapel of the Palms, the

munion and the wider Church. In the midst of all of that, we’ve seen lives transformed, miraculous healings take place, lifelong relationships begin, and God’s Kingdom grow. It has truly been a multifaceted ministry that has provided me some of the best years and experiences of my life.

As glorious as it has all been, the time has come to “pass the baton.” In this season of transition within the diocese with new leadership coming to the bishop’s office, it is also time for me to step aside. I believe St. Christopher is in need of a fresh and renewed vision. It is definitely in need of a capital campaign to care for its aging structures, particularly among the summer camp cabins and the kitchen facilities. Those are goals that require a long-term commitment and view to move this ministry forward for yet another generation. Bishop Lawrence has received and

accepted my resignation as the Executive Director of St. Christopher, effective no sooner than the end of this calendar year, and no later than the consecration of his successor. A search committee to identify and select new leadership has already begun its work. When that is done, I want to be the biggest cheerleader of whoever follows me in this incredible role. I believe it truly is the best “job” (i.e., ministry, vocation, calling) this diocese has to offer anyone who might be called. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



The Rev. Bob and Lynn Lawrence

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been entrusted with the amazing opportunity to steward this incredible ministry of the diocese along with the full participation and partnership of my wife Lynn. We have absolutely loved it.

Having long ago claimed St. Christopher as an extension of our own household, with all three of our sons having lived and served here in a variety of capacities, given the opportunity back in 2010 to make it our home, we didn’t hesitate. While we’ve had our challenges with multiple hurricane evacuations, insect problems, and pandemics,

re-creation of what is now Susanna’s House, and all the ways that these structures have enhanced and grown God’s ministry.

I have been particularly blessed to serve alongside a staff that acknowledges they were each called by God to serve in this place. We have all jointly and joyfully shared in a ministry of service to one another and to the many guests and guest groups that we have been privileged to serve. In doing so, we have welcomed much of the diocese right here on these hallowed grounds, as well as much of the Anglican Com-

Five Angels: A St. Christopher Story

By Lynn Lawrence, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Lynn Lawrence, wife of the Rev. Robert Lawrence, the Executive Director of St. Christopher, has begun compiling faith stories of how guests have encountered God, or experienced a life-change through an encounter with Christ, during their time at St. Christopher. If you have a story to share, please visit <https://stchristopher.org/quick-links/events/share-your-stchristopher-story/>

Here Lynn shares a story of her own:

For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. Psalm 91:11



night, I awoke with a start, hearing heavy footsteps in the rectory—the empty rectory. I turned on the light and woke Bob, who had not heard the footsteps I had heard.

Arising to check all the doors, I found everything was secure and no one had been inside, but I lay awake in fear, wondering what life would be like living here full time in the future, and how I (who was not used to living by an estuary with a maritime forest surrounding a house, with no real neighbors), was going to get used to

life here.

I prayed, and then I saw the angels. There were three tall angels, with two smaller ones in front of them, and they were like an etching done in marble with white lines defining their shapes. Their presence assured me God was with us, and we would be safe in this home.

Other nights, especially the few I have stayed here alone, I have seen these same five angels and known without a doubt the Lord’s angels are present to guard me as I sleep.

Praise be to God for this first vision of angels here at St. Christopher!

God revealed Himself to me in January 2011, when I saw angels at St. Christopher for the first time. My husband had been called to serve at St. Christopher and we were spending our first night in the empty rectory. We brought our futon and set it up on the floor in the front bedroom. There was nothing else in the house at the time, as some work still needed to be done prior to our moving in.

At bedtime, we said our prayers and turned off a small lamp that was on the floor next to my side of the futon. Sometime in the middle of the

Raise Your Sails: Collaborating with the Holy Spirit in Ministry

Retreat with the Rev. Mike Flynn Scheduled for February 4-6, 2022

The Prayer Center at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center will host Fr. Mike Flynn, Director of FreshWind Ministries, February 4 – 6, 2022, for a ministry conference of healing and equipping to move in the power of the Holy Spirit through biblical teaching and modelling, with hands-on prayer practicums in each session. Fr. Mike’s aim in ministry is to impart skills, understandings, and anointings with those who host one of his conferences!

Topics covered will include “Being Filled with the Holy Spirit;” “Calling Down the Holy Spirit for Ministry;” “Hearing God;” “Discovering, Understanding, and Developing Spiritual Gifts,” among others.

Fr. Mike’s legacy to our diocese extends back to the time when Bishop Mark and Allison Lawrence invited him to lead a conference in their California parish, and he gave a prophetic word that opened the Lawrences to discern a call to the episcopate in South Carolina. How appropriate that Fr. Mike visits our

diocese as Bishop Mark and Allison celebrate all that God has done here through their ministry and prepare for a new season!

About our Speaker

Fr. Mike experienced a life-changing infilling of the Holy Spirit in 1972. During 1984, he was disciplined in what has become known as Power Ministry by John Wimber (Vineyard Ministries). He is a graduate of University of California, Santa Barbara and The University of

the South where he obtained B.A. and M.Div. degrees. He was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1966 and served four congregations in the Los Angeles area for 30 years. The life-changing infilling of the Holy Spirit in 1972, and subsequent mentoring by Agnes Sanford in the 70’s and John Wimber in the



grandchildren. They live in Camarillo, California.

From his earliest days in renewal, Fr. Mike knew that this blessing had to be given away to others. He has proclaimed and imparted blessings of the Spirit to the wider church ever

since, including many mainline churches and mission organizations such as Youth With A Mission (YWAM), InterVarsity, New Wineskins Missionary Network, St. Stephen’s Society (Hong Kong), Fuller Seminary, Life Bible College, Hong Kong Graduate School of Theology, the Anglican Churches of New Zealand, Australia, Uganda, Canada, Brazil, Argentina and various non-denominational groupings in 34 states in the US and in 12 countries abroad. FreshWind seeks to teach, model and impart responsiveness to the Holy Spirit for life and ministry.

He has written numerous articles and five books: *Holy Vulnerability*, *Inner Healing*, *The Mustard Seed Book*, *Making Disciples*, and *How To Be Good Without Really Trying*. He and his wife, Sue, have been married 56 years, have four sons and eight

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Wellspring of Life Retreat

The Prayer Center at St. Christopher hosted nearly 100 people October 3-5 for a healing retreat with Judith MacNutt, Co-Founder and President of Christian Healing Ministries in Jacksonville, Florida. Judith and the Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, Chaplain and Director of Programs at St. Christopher, focused their talks and ministry on emotional and spiritual well-being based on Proverbs 4:20-23 which reads in part: "So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

Participants reflected on how Jesus expressed emotions in his humanity and on their own experiences of grief and loss, especially throughout the recent pandemic. Judith, Sandi, and Ken Polsley (CHM teacher and prayer minister)

led participants in praying through blocks, to receiving emotional, physical, spiritual, and generational healing.

One retreatant witnessed to healing from asthma; others reported emotional healing and release from discouragement, despair, and profound loneliness. The music team from St. James Anglican Church on James Island, directed by Joshua Nobles, led worshippers to a place where many felt they were tenderly held by God. St. Christopher looks forward to welcoming Judith and her team for another time of teaching and prayer ministry in the near future!

Judith and her team will return to St. Christopher November 11-13, 2022. Mark your calendar if you're interested in attending.



Join us for Intercessory Prayer Days

February 19, May 7, August 13, November 12

Learn more at stchristopher.org

Fire at St. Christopher

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porary kitchen and a refrigeration unit have been arranged for use, with Susanna's House serving as the dining room. While some expected guest groups will be impacted by the temporary repurposing of Susanna's House, the vast majority of all guest groups will simply find themselves eating in a different location with no other impact on their plans.

Any definitive plans for the restoration and rebuilding for the

damaged dining room kitchen complex continue to remain unknown. We await further evaluations to determine the best course of action. The need of financial support, volunteer support for food service, and continued prayers are evermore critical as we press further in to this new year of 2022. Contribute online, or contact Rhonda Myers at rmyers@stchristopher.org to volunteer.

Barrier Island Family Weekend: February 4-6, 2022

By Emilee Merritt, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

Ready for an adventure? Round up your family and friends for a three-day, two-night immersive island experience!

During the stay your family will have the opportunity to hike through our maritime forest, visit the mud pit, hunt for hidden treasure with compasses, sing campfire songs and so much more! We know the past two years have been rough and we are happy to have adapted an offering to our community to allow

you some safe and quality time with your loved ones.

There is truly no better way to rest and recover than spending time in God's untouched creation with those you love. Teaching your children to appreciate the creation all around them is a gift they can hold on to their entire lives. If you're an adult and love to learn, you can join, too, with a group of friends or on your own!

For more information on classes, availability, and pricing, visit stchristopher.org and click "events."

St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center offers a spectrum of family fun including kayak tours, primitive camping, summer camps, and outreach education to local Charleston schools. Learn more at <https://stchristopher.org/>

Join In The Ministry at Camp Saint Christopher This Summer

By Justin Johnson, Director of Summer Camp, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

With summer just around the corner, Camp Saint Christopher is looking for enthusiastic high school and college-age students, who love working with youth, to join the ministry at camp.

allows individuals to assist a Staff member in leading a cabin, providing great opportunities to mentor, and be mentored. Students must be at least 16 years old and attend an overnight Counselor training session, to become a Camp Counselor.

In addition to Staff and Counselor positions, Camp Saint Christopher offers a handful of internships each summer. Interns are recent high school graduates, who volunteer to serve for half of the summer. Along with helping the Staff lead camp activities, worship, and teachings, Interns help to serve at camp by performing some behind-the-scenes work that makes camp possible.

Serving as part of the ministry at Camp Saint Christopher is rewarding and life-changing. What better way is there to spend a summer than having fun on the beach, building friendships that last a lifetime, and witnessing the Lord's Kingdom come? If you or someone you know would like to apply to work or volunteer at Camp Saint Christopher this summer, please visit our website at www.stchristopher.org/summer-camp/work-here/ to apply, or contact Justin Johnson at jjohnson@stchristopher.org.



College age students who are interested in spending their whole summer at camp can apply to be on Staff. Students 16 and over can serve as Counselors and recent high school graduates can volunteer as Interns.

There are a variety of ways to serve at camp this summer.

College age students who are interested in spending their whole summer at camp can apply to be on Staff. Staff members spend most of their summer living in-cabin with their campers, while helping to lead camp activities and chapel programming. One of the Staff's main responsibilities is building authentic relationships with campers and providing spiritual leadership to those who are in their cabin.

For those who would like to volunteer to serve at camp for a week or more, Counselor is the role for you. Serving as a Counselor

Camp Schedule Announced

Do you have a child or grandchild who would like to attend Camp Saint Christopher this summer? Be sure to mark the upcoming registration dates on your calendar. Early registration for camp began at 9:00 am on January 10 and runs through 5:00 pm on January 21 for all members of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina or qualifying

churches and schools. General registration will open for everyone wanting to come to camp at 9:00 am on February 1. For more information about Camp Saint Christopher or to register visit the "Camp Saint Christopher" tab on the Camp's website, www.stchristopher.org. Don't miss the chance to be a part of the excitement this summer!

2022 Summer Camp Schedule

Session	Dates	Nights	Grades Completed	Cost
1	Fri-Sat, June 3-4	1	K-2 (Buddy Camp)	\$270
2	Mon-Thu, June 6-9	3	2-4	\$425
3	Fri-Sat, June 10-11	1	K-2 (Buddy Camp)	\$270
4	Mon-Sat, June 13-18	5	6-8	\$600
4 OAC	Mon-Sat, June 13-18	5	8-12 (Outdoor Adventure)	\$615
5	Mon-Fri, June 20-24	4	3-5	\$475
5 OAC	Mon-Fri, June 20-24	4	6-8 (Outdoor Adventure)	\$500
6	Mon-Sat, June 27-July 2	5	9-12 (Senior Session)	\$600
7	Tue-Thu, July 5-7	2	2-4	\$400
8	Fri-Sat, July 8-9	1	K-2 (Buddy Camp)	\$270
9	Mon-Fri, July 11-15	4	4-6	\$475
9 OAC	Mon-Fri, July 11-15	4	6-8 (Outdoor Adventure)	\$500
10	Mon-Fri, July 18-22	4	3-5	\$475
11	Mon-Sat, July 25-30	5	6-8	\$600
12	Mon-Fri, August 1-5	4	4-6	\$475



Clergy Reflect on Lawrence's Leadership *Continued from Page 2*



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to the East Coast was to steer the Diocese through the troubled, dangerous, malignant institutional waters of the past decade and longer. Mark's and Allison's grace and graciousness have been manifested on every occasion without exception when Mark has been attacked, vilified, mistreated, ridiculed, undermined by those opposed to the direction the Diocese has ultimately taken. Mark has responded to every public and private attack with kindness, a smile, and a loving heart. Mark's power and authority as Bishop of our Diocese has been exercised first and foremost with humility and with kindness. In spite of the potential distraction of the lawsuit, Mark has enabled the Diocese to prosper and grow on innumerable fronts. What a Servant Leader! What a 'man for all seasons'. What a hero he has been for many of us. I will always be grateful to have served as a priest and a parish Rector under this good shepherd.

The Rev. Glenn Ohanesian

When we were in the infancy stages of church planting at The Well by the Sea, Bishop Mark came to our house with our core group and blessed us with his vision and excitement (he even blessed our home which was a powerful experience). Over the years I have always taken the opportunity at confirmation and reception services to get close to the altar and listen to the prayers and blessings he would give to the confirmands. Many times, I knew things about the people he was praying for though he would not. How many times I have heard his prayers and blessings speak right to the situations, gifts, or needs of that particular person, exercising a powerful gift of words of knowledge. So powerful, often moving both the confirmand (and me) to tears. His warm visage and



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moving sermons, his caring heart and spiritual leadership have been an awesome blessing from the Lord. They will never be forgotten. God-speed to you and Allison wherever He shall lead the two of you!



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The Rev. Chuck Pollak

I had been approved by Bishop Salmon to become a Vocational Deacon. After Bishop Mark became our Diocesan, several priests encouraged me to meet with him and let him know what ministry work I was doing. He decided that I was being called to be a priest. It must have taken considerable courage for Bishop Mark to take this rather unorthodox and bold move, as I was 75 years old at that time and was not ordained a priest until the age of

79. But now, 91 years old, I recently retired as a SC Prison Chaplain and am still going strong. Bishop Mark changed my life and I will be forever grateful.

Bishop Lawrence Looks Back

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very visual in its perceptions. That is an unfortunate combination.

What's the most helpful thing someone can do for their bishop?

Pray. I would say that was a failure on my part. I should have had a more developed intercessory prayer team. I know there are people that intercede for me, for which I'm grateful, but I haven't created a well-developed intercessory team that I sent concerns to regularly.

That would be another thing I

wish I had done differently. So, two things: I would have put a chapel in the Diocesan House, where we could do Communion. I think that was something that could have been a real blessing, and I would have had an intercessory prayer team.

Do you have any parting words for the diocese?

I do, but I'm saving that for my convention address. You'll have to wait to hear them then!

The Rev. Hamilton Smith

I was going through a particularly difficult time in ministry and Bishop Lawrence said, "Hamilton, whatever comes your way: 1) receive it from the Lord, 2) for your blessing, and 3) for His glory. If you do that, you can thrive in ministry."

The Rev. John Sosnowski

Bishop Lawrence was in the first year of his Episcopacy and was serving as the speaker for St. Michael's parish family retreat at Kanuga. I was part of a group with him that was hiking up one of the longer trails on Saturday afternoon. He and I happened to get a little ahead of the others and we had been having pleasant conversation when I decided to ask what I thought was a good question. I said, "Well Bishop, when do we leave?" meaning "When

do we leave the Episcopal Church?" Bishop Lawrence was about 10 steps up the trail from me. He turned around abruptly and stepped back toward me. The look on his face was so very serious. He said, "Where would

we go? The vision for the diocese is that we would make Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age. Where would we go that would allow for this better than where we are?" We were not in earshot of anyone else that afternoon. He was free to say whatever was in his heart. From the very beginning, it was Bishop Mark's intention that, if at all possible, our diocese would remain, and be a force for doctrinal theology under the authority of scripture. He made every effort to do so. He has led us with Grace and Godly Wisdom through one of the most challenging eras in the history of our diocese. It has been my great privilege to be led by him both as a lay person and to be ordained by him as a priest in the diocese.

The Rev. Franklin Wiggins

As I reflect back over my Christian journey, I realize that if it wasn't for Bishop Lawrence's help and support, my ministry would not have been accomplished to where I am now. So, all of my praises and thanks go out to him. May God continue to bless you in your retirement.

Four Ordinations in January

Editors Note: As we prepared this issue four ordinations were in process. Congratulations to the newly ordained:

Taylor Daniel Ordained to the Priesthood, January 15

On Saturday, January 15, Taylor Daniel was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Mark Lawrence at St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

Taylor Daniel received a Master of Divinity degree from Covenant Seminary in Saint Louis before moving to the lowcountry last January to accept a call as youth minister at St. Michael's. After completing his discernment process in his former diocese while in Saint Louis, Taylor was ordained as a transitional deacon on Pentecost Sunday. In his day job (which he's amazed he gets paid for!)

Taylor leads the church youth group meetings, small group bible studies, and confirmation classes as well as managing acolytes and contributing to the teaching and preaching schedule. By weekend night, he is an occasional wedding singer with OtherBrother Entertainment. Taylor is an avid reader, basketball watcher, and pickup soccer player (as his 5'5 frame makes recreational basketball impractical). His main ministry passions are teaching, preaching, and counseling students as they negotiate what it means to follow Jesus in their own hectic and changing lives! Taylor covets your prayers through the remainder of his ordination process and looks forward to many years of faithful labor in the Lord's vineyard thereafter.

Henrietta Rivers Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, January 15

On Saturday, January 15, Henrietta Rivers was ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Mark Lawrence at St. John's Chapel, Charleston.

Henrietta Rivers holds a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity School for Ministry and has the daily privilege of sharing the Gospel of Christ to students at Porter Gaud School as the Middle School Chaplain. In addition to teaching and pastoral care at the school, Henrietta serves at St. John's Chapel, Charleston where her husband, The Rev. Matthew Rivers, is the Rector. At St. John's she is a Bible study teacher and women's ministry leader, as well as leader of the parish's prayer and inner healing ministries. Henrietta's greatest realization is that she is a vessel of Christ, to be used as He desires. She says this takes the pressure off presenting the Word of God. "I'm not responsible for the Work of Scripture. My only job is to present the truth in its purest form; God does the rest." Henrietta and Matthew have two children, Kariesha, 23, and Herbert



Jordan, 25. She serves on the boards of New Wineskins, Florence Crittendon Charleston, and Anglican Women of South Carolina, and on the Bishop's Search Committee for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Josh Lake Ordained to the Priesthood, January 19

On January 19, The Rev. Josh Lake was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop David Bryan (South Carolina Area Bishop for the Diocese of the Carolinas) at The Chapel of The Church of the Cross, Bluffton.

Josh is blessed to have been born into a Christian home, with parents who ensured the Church was a priority. He and Bethany are passionate about missions and discipleship and are deeply convinced that the Gospel is the only hope for those who



are perishing around the world and in our neighborhoods. A child of the Southern Baptist Convention, Josh learned from them a deep reverence for Scripture and its place of primacy in the life of the Church and the believer. Those formative years in Sunday School, VBS, and congregational worship, time at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and opportunities to pastor in different SBC contexts have left an indelible imprint on his life and ministry.

Josh and Bethany began making their way down the Canterbury Trail three years ago, and after serving SBC churches in pastoral ministry for the last 17 years, Josh, Bethany, and their four children are thankful to have finally found a home in the Anglican Church in North America.

Ryan Landes Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate, January 22

On Saturday, January 22, Ryan Landes was ordained to the transitional diaconate at Prince George Winyah, Georgetown.

Landes was born in Portland, Oregon, and raised in Waterford, California. He graduated from Waterford High School in 2008 and attended Biola University in Southern California, graduating in 2012 as a double major in Biblical Studies and Philosophy. He then attended seminary at Talbot School of Theology, earning Master's degrees in New Testament, Old Testament, and Theology. During this time he married his lovely wife Rianna in August of 2013 and worked as a part-time youth pastor at Park Avenue Christian Church in Montebello, California. In May of 2018, Ryan and Rianna moved to Georgetown, South Carolina where he now serves as the Lay Theologian in Residence and Catechist at Prince George Winyah Parish Church. Ryan and Rianna had their first child, Noelle, in January of 2020.



Southeastern Intentional Grandparenting Conference

There's a new movement, in the church world, calling Grandparents to a purposeful, meaningful, family ministry that can leave a legacy...a heritage...with consequential eternal results! Get on board! The Intentional Grandparenting Conference is a regional conference for today's Christian grandparents who want to be inspired and equipped to pass on their faith and disciple their grandchildren. Elmer Towns says, "Use the 'rest of your life' to give the 'best of your life!'"

We live in a broken world where the hearts, minds and souls of today's children are at risk. Grandparents play a unique influential role in the lives of their grandchildren; second, only to parents. Many of the thirty million Christian grandparents in America are either unaware of that potential influence, ignore the opportunity, or have significant barriers in carrying this out. To be successful you need to be "intentional!"

How can this conference help?

This conference will equip and encourage today's active grandparents to stay connected and involved with their grandchildren in positive and powerful ways. Through nationally known speakers, breakout workshops and an extensive resource center you'll find encouragement, teaching, and inspiration.

Who Should Attend?

Grandparents: Raising your grand-kids has become a new lifestyle for grandparents! So where do we go for help? Intentional Grandparenting offers inspiration, ideas and an amazing display of resources to help you

realize your potential to grandparent successfully. **Church Leaders:** Pastors or adult ministries leaders: Grandparenting is a big part of your church family. Learn how you can connect with grandparents, encourage them and provide resources they can use in raising their grandkids. There will be breakout seminars especially for church leaders!

Our Plenary Speakers

Dr. Larry McCall, Director of Walking Like Jesus Ministries, is an ill-deserving sinner saved by God's amazing grace through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Larry was gripped by God's saving grace at an early age and had the privilege of being disciplined by his Christian parents and by other mentors in his home church.

Cavin Harper, as Founder of the Christian Grandparenting Network, Cavin is the author of *Courageous Grandparenting, A DIY GrandCamp Field Guide*, and *Raising Your Grandchildren*. He has also been a contributing author for the Legacy Coalition and *Joni and Friends*, and hosted a radio talk show called *Not on Our Watch*, and the Family Impact podcast.

A retired math and science teacher, **Sherry Schumann** is the President of Christian Grandparenting Network and writer for Legacy Coalition. She delights audiences with bits and pieces of her own redemption story as she delivers a powerful message about prayer.

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Making Time for God

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Luke's, said the soaking prayer session was a "special time" for her.

Many of the women felt, as Wiggins did, that "everything gelled between songs, scripture, and messages." Cathy Jacobs, of St. Paul's Anglican, Summerville, was "thrilled to come out to such a sacred place." She felt Chelsea's music and soaking prayer ministered to her the most. Reed Evans, of St. Helena's, Beaufort, enjoyed meeting new people and felt "everything went together: messages, music, the Bishop." It was her first time attending the retreat without other members of her church, so she met people she wouldn't have met normally. "It was a nice experience to meet others," she said. Kim Martier, also of St. Paul's Anglican, "enjoyed the 'vibe' of all the ladies and the spiritually moving music." Her biggest takeaway was the centering prayer. There was something for everyone, and, as Jacobs said, "it was a beautiful weekend!"

Hope Scholars Welcomes New Teachers

Anna Goodwin Smith, Head of Hope Scholars Academy, a Christian high school, has announced the appointment of two new members to the faculty. "I am so pleased to welcome Mrs. Sharon Gravely and Mrs. Megan Beville to our school. As we grow, we are assembling an accomplished group of teachers who will really prepare our students for their future life and beyond," she said.

Sharon Gravely will be teaching 9th grade introductory Bible and world view classes. Mrs. Gravely began teaching at Hope Scholars at the end of last semester. She has taught extensively in home school co-ops and home schooled her children. "This semester we will do an overview from the Old Testament to Revelation," she said. "Biblical literacy is so important—I see a tremendous hunger in our kids to know the significance

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Abundant Blessings at the Star Gospel Mission

By Swain Marion, Home Missions Co-chair, St. Philip's Church, Charleston



WADE SPEES

Above, right, St. Philip's member Robbie Marion, chats with guests at the Star Gospel Mission.

Every year in December, Star Gospel Mission, one of St. Philip's Home Mission partners, distributes gift cards for groceries to hundreds of people in need here in the Lowcountry.

In the past, long lines of people circled around the building to wait and receive a gift card. Last year, it was pouring down rain and cold! Dr. Marion Platt, Star Gospel's new executive director, decided to change the process.

This year, distribution spanned five days instead of one, so that each person who qualified for assistance was able to have an appointment to speak to a case worker, who took down important information such as personal and family needs, as well as prayer requests.

My husband and I decided to volunteer together as we had both met Dr. Platt and were impressed with his leadership and enthusiasm. We wanted to learn more about what he was doing at Star Gospel, so we decided to go see for ourselves!

We were both trained in the morning as caseworkers, which simply meant we would meet with a person, enter information into a computer, and most importantly, ask for prayer requests! Our day flew by, and before we knew it, the last person had come through

Star Gospel's doors! After five days of one-on-one appointments with caseworkers, 580 people had received gift cards, prayer, dignity, and love from Star Gospel.

Going to Star Gospel to volunteer was by far the highlight of our Christmas. It was dif-



WADE SPEES

"It was difficult to see people going through such tough, heartbreaking times, but it was an honor and privilege to be able to pray with them and offer support," says Swain Marion, shown above talking with a guest.

ficult to see people going through such tough, heartbreaking times, but it was an honor and privilege to be able to pray with them and offer support. And sharing this experience with my husband made it extra special. I hope you will consider going to visit Star Gospel Mission, and maybe you too will decide to volunteer!

Parker Sisters Garden Dedication

By John Benson, Prince George Winyah, Georgetown

Prince George Winyah Parish, in partnership with the National Society of the Colonial Dames, has created the "Parker Sisters Garden" at the entrance to the parish offices on Screven Steet. The garden was dedicated on November 17.

Years ago, the Parker Sisters—Penelope Peterson, Sarah Lumpkin, and Martha Allison (Bishop FitzSimons Allison's wife) initiated and were instrumental in the donation of their one-time family home, Parker-Stewart House in Georgetown, from a local Savings and Loan to the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of South Carolina. To honor the Parker Sisters, local representatives of the Colonial Dames approached Prince George Winyah with a desire to have something constructed on the grounds of the Parish which led the way to the design and construction of the "Parker Sisters Garden."

The Colonial Dames' offer was derived from the society's purpose, to promote "appreciation for the people, places, and events that led to the formation and development of our country." Fitting, therefore, was their focus upon Prince George Winyah Parish Church, which is among the oldest parishes in South Carolina.

The garden now serves as a new gateway to the Parish Hall. The Vestry deemed the accessibility and centrality of that spot as the ideal site for the garden. Jonathan Keyser, the renowned local landscape designer, agreed to supervise the planning and planting of the garden. Jonathan has been privileged to be part of designing/consulting on several historic rice plantations in Georgetown County.

The well-attended dedication, included many members of the Parker family. A wonderful talk was given by Dr. Allston Allison Kitchens, daughter of Bishop and Martha Parker Allison. The dedication included comments from Charles Nation, who spearheaded the effort of the Vestry, along with Connie Baldwin of the Colonial Dames. The dedication was led by the Rev. Gary N. Beson II, Rector of Prince George, and remarks were added by Jonathon Keyser and Vestry representatives.

The garden has now been established. Members of the parish and the Georgetown community are invited to relax, pray, and meditate in the garden and enjoy the beauty of God's creation.

Death of the Rt. Rev. Alex Dickson

September 9, 1926 – November 14, 2021

Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rt. Rev. Alex Dickson in your prayers. Bishop Dickson died on Sunday, November 14, 2021. His funeral was held on Thursday, November 18 at St. Michael's Church in Charleston.

Reflecting on his life, the Rev. Al Zadig, Rector of St. Michael's, said, "Bishop Dickson lived a Christian life like one would expect from a guy who grew up in Alligator Mississippi. In every sense, Alex had the spirit of gator in him, a fighter, a ferocious zest for life that was as zealous on his last day on earth as from the beginning of his Christian journey. He fought for Gospel truth, he fought for his family, and he fought for the church. Pray that the Lord brings to us more gator-like missionaries of the Gospel!"

Bishop Dickson was consecrated as the First Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of West Tennessee on April 9, 1983. Prior to his consecration as Bishop, he served 10 years as a parish priest in the Diocese of Mississippi, four years at Rolling Fork and Hollandale, six years in Jackson, and then he served as Rector and Headmaster of All Saints School in Vicksburg for 15 years.

In 1995, after he retired as Bishop of West Tennessee, he began mission work in Southeast Asia and Africa. At the time of his death, he was serving as Bishop in Residence at St. Michael's Church in Charleston, SC. He was



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He was born on September 9, 1926, on New Africa Plantation near Alligator, Mississippi. He married Charnelle Perkins of Glen

also chairman of a mission to a leprosy colony in Liberia. His greatest passion was to bring people to a deep faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. He loved to work with people in small groups, teaching them to pray the Scriptures. He was working in this ministry until the day of his death.

During World War II, he served on a destroyer in the Pacific during the Battle of Okinawa.

Allan, MS on October 7, 1948. They have three sons: Alex III (now in heaven), Charles in Sylva, NC, and John in Memphis, TN; six grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren. God is good!

Charnelle died on October 16, 1995.

He married Jane Graham Carver of Charleston, SC on January 2, 1999. Jane has three children and six grandchildren. God is good!

"I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26, KJV)

Memorials may be given to G3 Ministry (led by his stepson), The Rev. Graham Schuyler, 76 Westfield Drive, Pawleys Island, SC 29585.

People News

The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul recently welcomed Jessica Bean to their team as the Director of Operations.



Jessica grew up in Mt. Pleasant. Following college, she attended the Fellows Program at Falls Church Anglican, after which she moved to Vancouver, Canada

to pursue a master's in theology from Regent College. After three years at Regent, she moved to Oxford, England to work as a program manager for a social enterprise company raising money for missions in Europe. She eventually moved into a professional fundraising career which led her to work for non-profits in Hong Kong and Denver. While in Denver she had the opportunity to fundraise for a two-year Christian residential training program for multi-ethnic youth, while also serving as a volunteer student leader through Young Life at a local urban middle school. She returned to Charleston in 2020 to take part in a year-long Chaplaincy residency at Roper Hospital. In addition to beginning her role at the Cathedral, she is also pursuing a master's in Christian clinical health counseling at Gordon-Conwell seminary.

Please keep the family and loved ones of Lennis Driggers, wife of the Rev. Eddie Driggers, who serves at Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston, in your prayers. Lennis died on Sunday, November 28. The service of Christian burial was held on December 3, at Carolina Memorial Park, in North Charleston. Visitation that day was followed by the service with communion in the chapel. A brief service of interment followed at Carolina Memorial Park. After the interment, the family received guests at a reception in the fellowship hall of Church of the Resurrection.

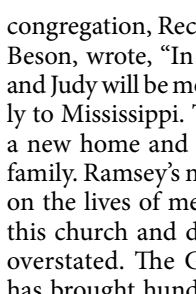


After serving as Rector at Trinity Church, Pinopolis, for the past 17 years, the Very Rev. Hal Fenters celebrated his last Sunday with the congregation on September 19. Late last spring, Hal announced to



the congregation his decision to retire from full-time parish ministry. As part of his final sermon at Trinity, Hal said, "I have so many memories of all the fervent prayers, and great music, and faithful worship, and blessed fellowship, and unselfish service that has taken place here in these buildings and on these grounds, and in this community, and in nations abroad. I'm thankful for those moments, and for those memories that I will take with me as I leave...I know that God is preparing you for new leadership...a new shepherd who will come here and grow to love you and this place as much as Laura and I have grown to love it here and to love you."

The Rev. Ramsey Gilchrist, who had been serving on staff at Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, preached his last sermon as a staff member on December 5, 2021. Ramsey and his wife, Judy, have been active members of PGW for over 10 years. In a note to the congregation, Rector, the Rev. Gary Beson, wrote, "In January, Ramsey and Judy will be moving permanently to Mississippi. They are building a new home and moving closer to family. Ramsey's ministerial impact on the lives of men and women in this church and diocese cannot be overstated. The Gospel Challenge has brought hundreds of lives into a deeper relationship with Jesus..."



On September 1, Saint James, James Island welcomed Tim Gravgaard to become their new Parish Administrator. Tim joined Saint James from the Church of the Redeemer, Elizabeth City, North Carolina, where he served as their Parish Administrator for the last four years.

Tim comes highly recommended, in that the rector of Redeemer during Tim's service was the Rev. Craig

Stephens. Craig was ordained from Saint James in 2009. Tim's wife, Maureen, who has a position in the public school system, planned to join Tim around Christmas. As a retired Navy man, Tim says he and Maureen are used to being posted and having to be separated for a time while life and occupations catch up.

The Rev. Shay Gregorie recently stepped back from his full-time role at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Mt. Pleasant.



"After a long summer of doing some substitute preaching, battling COVID, and continuing to pursue creative projects in the realm of family discipleship, my wife, Catherine, and I have taken inventory of our family rhythms and believe it best to take a step back from having an official role at STAC," wrote Gregorie in a note to the congregation. "You will still see me serving in a pastoral capacity, but perhaps scaled back a bit. We greatly miss seeing you each week, and look forward to getting back in the routine of weekly worship with you as soon as COVID restrictions are able to be relaxed."

Maddy Hunter recently accepted a call to serve as the Children's Minister at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston. Maddy and her husband, Sam, have been married for three years and recently welcomed their newborn Ella Ruth into the family. In a note of introduction to the congregation, Maddy wrote, "We both graduated from Clemson University (Go Tigers) where I studied Psychology and Child Development. Since graduating, I've been working in Pediatric Early Intervention where I've gotten the opportunity to work with children ages 0-6 with special needs and their families. It's been an awesome opportunity to serve families in the Charleston area and while I'm sad to leave, I'm excited for this next chapter! I'm looking forward to getting to meet everyone over the next few weeks and am so thankful for this opportunity!"



During World War II, he served on a destroyer in the Pacific during the Battle of Okinawa.

This past summer the Rev. Arthur Jenkins announced his intention to retire from his position as Rector of Saint James Church, James Island.



In a letter to the congregation he wrote, "I have been called and allowed, challenged and blessed to serve as the Rector of Saint James Anglican Church for the past 24 years. It has been an amazing journey. ...Now, God willing, on June 5th, Pentecost Sunday this year I will retire as rector...It will be the 31st anniversary of my ordination and my joining you as your assistant in 1991. You are the people with whom I began this great journey of ordained ministry. You are the people that together we will move on to our next season of life and ministry as, God willing, you will welcome your next rector."

The Rev. Corey Kincaid, Associate Priest for Youth and Families, at St. Paul's Anglican, Summerville, recently announced he is moving into a new role. In a letter to the congregation, he wrote, "After eight incredible joyful years I am stepping out of my position as St. Paul's Director of Youth Ministries. Once a new youth minister is found, I will solely become an Associate Priest. I will continue to work closely with the next youth minister, but the new role will allow me to devote more time to adult education, preaching, and joyfully assisting our Rector...I covet your prayers as I tearfully step out of that position and into a new one. May God see us together for many more years to come."



On Sunday, October 26, the Rev. Greg Kronz announced his intention to retire as Rector of St. Luke's, Hilton Head, in September of 2022. He arrived at St. Luke's September 1, 1992,



and, in a letter to the congregation, said "a 30-year pastorate seems like a good time to 'pass the baton' to a new, younger Rector." In explaining his desire to retire Greg spoke about his grandchildren and his desire to spend more time with family. Of the church, he said, "I have loved being at St. Luke's and, in many ways, my almost 30 years here has been a tremendous blessing! Not everything has been easy, not all of my decisions and ministry 'perfect' and, I have discovered as I have aged that in my 'winter years' of ministry, I would like to focus on what I do best: pastoring, preaching and teaching."



The Rev. Bob Lawrence, Executive Director and Rector of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is stepping down after 11 years serving at its helm. Read the story on page 8.

Elisabeth Markle accepted a call to serve as the Pastoral Care Coordinator at the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, beginning September 1. For the previous 13 years she had directed the Christian education program and worked with younger students attending Cross Schools. Elisabeth's heart for the Gospel, coupled with her compassion and talent for encouraging and equipping her fellow servants, makes her uniquely qualified to undertake the role. She will rebuild pastoral care teams with an emphasis on connecting member needs to parish resources; reinstate the healing prayer ministry, providing the training necessary to build teams of prayer warriors sufficient to offer a monthly healing service and weekly prayer opportunities in conjunction with worship services; facilitate at least two parish-wide events annually to serve those in need who are normally beyond the church's sphere of influence; and coordinate efforts of their existing 14 pastoral care ministries so as to minimize their overlap and maximize their impact, while constantly being open to capture emerging opportunities to serve others in the name of the Lord.



Doran Called as Rector of St. Trinity, Pinopolis

The Rev. Mary Ellen Doran, who had been serving as the Rector of St. David's, Cheraw, has accepted a call to serve as the Rector of Trinity, Pinopolis, effective February 1, 2022.

In July 2018, Doran became the Rector of St. David's, Cheraw, and St. Paul's, Bennettsville. The churches unyoked in February 2021, and Mary Ellen continued to serve solely as the Rector of St. David's, as well as overseeing the Day School.

She received her MDiv from Trinity School for Ministry in



2017, was ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at St. James Church, Charleston, in May 2017, and to the Sacred Order of Priests at Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island, in November 2017.

Doran is married to Keith, and they have two daughters, a son-in-law, and two granddaughters. "While we were so blessed by our time at St. David's and St. Paul's, we are excited for God's call to Trinity Church," comments Doran.

Booman Called as Rector of Holy Comforter

The Rev. David Booman, who had been serving as an Associate for Family Ministry at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, recently accepted a call to serve as Rector of Holy Comforter, Sumter.

In a letter to St. Michael's, he wrote, "The past 10 years have been, without question, the best 10 years of my life. I am a different person from having spent this time with you and have grown tremendously through your witness and devotion to our Savior. Truly, the trajectory of my life and family will never be the same." Rector, Al Zadig, wrote, "David has been a trusted colleague and dear friend



for lo these many years! His quiet but firm leadership has taken him from leading our Pastoral Care and Healing teams, to most recently our Children and Family Ministry, and many a transformed life in the process!"

Holy Comforter heartily welcomed the Booman family to their church. In a letter to

the congregation upon his arrival he wrote, "It is with a great sense of joy and anticipation that I share with you how on Wednesday, the moving truck pulled into Sumter and the Boomans arrived safely at our new home! I can't tell you how excited we are to join you and

to embark with you on this new adventure of faith.

From the moment we first met with the search committee back in August, Caity and I both felt a deep sense of comfort, connection, and ease with the community of Holy Comforter. I also believe you captured our boys' hearts at very beginning of our interview visit, when we checked into the hotel and discovered a gift bag with Star Wars coloring books!

Truly, we can't thank you enough for the warmth of your welcome, from praying for us and sending notes of encouragement, to preparing the rectory, providing meals, and continually asking us if we had any needs. And I do especially want to thank Fr. Paul and Becky and Fr. John and Patti for their kindness and attention throughout this process, even going so far as to fill their van and truck with Booman stuff (mostly hundreds of pounds of Legos) and hauling it back to Sumter.

As we look to the future, I am excited to get to know you and to hear your stories of faith. When Jesus speaks to the churches of Asia in the early chapters of Revelation, I am always struck by how He first remembers and recounts their stories before calling them forward. There is great power in remembering, and as we carefully steward the stories He has given us, I believe we will more clearly hear His voice calling us into the future.

Thus, it is with a great sense of hope and expectation that I look forward to embracing with you the glorious upward call of our Savior.

Isgett Appointed Dean of Orangeburg

In September 2021 Bishop Mark Lawrence appointed the Rev. Denman Isgett, Rector of St. Matthias' Church, Summerton, as Dean of the Orangeburg Deanery. Isgett has spent most of his life in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, worshipping and serving with-



in the Orangeburg and Florence Deaneries. A graduate of Clemson University ('95, B.S.; '97 M.S.) and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary ('17, M.A.), Denman served at St. John's, Florence, as a transitional deacon before being called by St. Matthias' Church as Rector in 2017. He has also served on Diocesan Council. Denman has been married to his wife, Michelle, for 23 years. They have two daughters: Hailey (19) who attends Clemson University, and Emily (16) who is the 11th grade. In response to the Bishop's appointment, Denman said, "The Orangeburg Deanery is a special group of which I have been blessed to be a part. I am incredibly humbled and excited to serve our Bishop, diocese, and deanery in this capacity."

Men's Hikes

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On Sunday we celebrated Eucharist on the mountain and finished our hike with a trip to Fudruckers.

Which parishes joined us? St. John's, Johns Island; St. Jude's, Walterboro; Christ St. Paul's, Hollywood; Saint James, Charleston; St. David's, Cheraw and Good Shepherd, Charleston.

If you want to join a future Men's Hike, or are planning a Men's Hike and would welcome others into your group, contact me, Les Sease, Diocesan Men's Hike Ministry Coordinator, at lsease@coloursandpapers.com.



St. Christopher recently welcomed the return of Rhonda Myers to serve as the Chief of Operations. Rhonda previously served as the Director of the Conference Center

for many years having departed in February 2019 to serve as the Parish Administrator at St. James Church in Charleston. As COO, she has primary responsibility over all service ministries, and is now coordinating the need and use of volunteers. Join us in welcoming her return. She and her husband, who've recently become empty nesters, live in West Ashley.



Please keep the family and loved ones of the Rev. Matthew Rivers, Vicar of St. John's Chapel, Charleston, in your prayers. Matthew's father, Matthew Rivers, Sr., died

on September 1 following an extended illness. A celebration of his life was held on September 7.

The Rev. Frank Sanders who had been serving as a Vocational Deacon at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island has been licensed by the Diocese of Churches for the Sake of Others (C4SO) to serve at Christ the King Anglican Church,



a church plant in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Sanders was ordained in our Diocese in December 2012. "It's my hope and prayer," says Sanders, "that I can take all I've learned from Bishop Lawrence, Canon Mike Malone, the priests at Holy Cross and the Deacons of this diocese to the new and expanding spread of the Anglican tradition in Northwest Arkansas."

The Rev. Greg Smith recently joined the clergy team at St. Michael's, Charleston. Greg not only teaches Alpha on Wednesday nights, builds their High School, College and

Young Adult Ministries, he also ministers to their Evangelism and Mission Task Forces. Greg also recently joined the American Anglican Council on a part-time basis as their Development Manager. In that capacity, Greg will be assisting the executive team in developing a lasting strategy for fund raising. Previously, he served at Trinity



Church, Myrtle Beach, as rector, and as clergy at Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island where he started their extension campus at I'on. He was also the Chaplain for St. Alban's at The Citadel where he established a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter. Greg graduated from Wheaton College in Chicago with a Bachelor of Music and holds an M.Div. from Trinity School for Ministry. Greg and his wife, Anna, have been married for 25 years and love trying to keep up with their three amazing children.

Sherry Schumann, a member of St. Paul's, Summerville, has been named President of Christian Grandparenting Network. In an announcement from the organization, Josh Mulvihill, the current president, wrote, "Over many years of interactions with Sherry, I came to the conviction that she was underutilized and an extremely gifted leader, writer, communicator, and administrator. Sherry has served in a prominent role at CGN for the past year as COO and for many years as the prayer coordinator. She displays the capacity, passion, wisdom, and godliness of a leader. Sherry is an intentional disciple-making grandmother who invests heavily in her family, prays for them diligently, and embodies the DNA of CGN." Sherry is a leader in our diocesan Grandparenting ministry and has been a part of the GrandCamp leadership team for several years. She and her husband, Sammy, have three children and six grandchildren with one on the way.



Congratulations to the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, who serves as Pastor of



the Habersham community of the Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort, and his wife Gretchen, on the arrival of their baby Zoe! The Sosnowskis are thrilled with their 6 lb., 8 oz., 18.5" bundle of joy. "Zoe is beautiful and loved!" She is also welcomed by her brother, Myron (9), and sister, Ella (5).

The Rev. Tim Surratt recently accepted a position as the Interim Pastoral Care Minister at St. Michael's Church, Charleston. Tim joins St. Michael's with nearly three decades of ministry in the Pawleys Island area, at All Saints Church Waccamaw, Grace Church, and Christ the King. Prior to this, he was educated at Fuller Seminary and Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. He has worked at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia; St. Philip's Church, Charleston; and served as CEO of the non-profit youth ministry group, Youth Conference Ministry. He enjoys backpacking and rock climbing, the beach, and watching college football. Please pray for Tim as he makes the move to join the St. Michael's Church family.



of this material and how it relates to their lives," she concluded. Megan Beville majored in Spanish at Colorado State University and has taught high school French, Spanish and honors classes in the Charleston area. She will teach Spanish, English literature and composition. "I think clear and well-reasoned writing is critical for our students," she said. Mrs. Beville continued, "And having command of a second language opens up so many opportunities to appreciate a different culture."

Hope Scholars

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Hope Scholars Academy is a new University-Model Christian high school located in the Park Circle community of North Charleston. For more information, visit hopescholarsacademy.org.

Every Pew Filled at Easterling Ordination

Come and See

By The Rev. Harry Easterling, St. Paul's Bennettsville

Advent—The season when the Kingdom of God is near. Is it possible to celebrate God's Kingdom on earth? Yes. That is what we did on December 4th at St. Paul's Church in Bennettsville, at the service at which I was ordained as a Priest of this diocese.

Our invitation was simple, "Come and see." Bishop Mark Lawrence preached, "Fishermen or the Fishing Company." Joy is found in our ministry outside the church, and we have much work to do.

The pews were filled with friends from St. Paul's, St. David's, Faith Alive, Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, our Standing Committee, Pee Dee Deanery priests, Mighty Mike's Diaconate classes, Group Reunion and Fishers of Men prayer warriors.

We had friends from life and work, and more than a few attorneys. Their friendships spanned the last 30 years.

We came together to celebrate what our Lord has done, and He filled every pew in His church. Our fellowship continued in our parish hall, for we were happy to come together as God's people.

We pray that all who lived this experience remember, "All things are possible with God." My thought for this day is "Our Lord can do a lot with a little." My prayer for St. Paul's Church and our diocese is simple—"Lord, help our lives in Church to be reflected in the world."

If you find yourself in Bennettsville on a Sunday at 9:00 a.m., "Come and See."

Register Now for 2022 New Wineskins Conference: One Mission

Registration is now open for the tenth triennial New Wineskins Global Mission Conference, which will take place at Ridgecrest Conference Center in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, September 22-25, 2022. The theme is ONE MISSION. All the conference details and the registration links are available at newwineskinsconference.org.

The New Wineskins Conference is a global gathering of the Body of Christ worshipping, learning, praying, networking, and building community and partnerships together for the glory of God and the expansion of His Kingdom to the ends of the earth. Our 2019 conference hosted over 1,200 attendees from 60 nations.

Early Bird discounts are in effect through March 31, 2022. Further discounts are avail-



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able for full-time missionaries, seminarians, church planters, their spouses and children. As always, we will offer additional programming for children, teens and young adults and integrate them into our main conference in age-appropriate ways for a full intergenerational experience for all! A new mentoring program called Mentored for Missional Ministry is available for college-aged students.

Due to COVID-19 realities and to expand the reach and global impact of this unique

conference, we are offering ticketed options for a state-of-the-art virtual experience for all the conference content, including all six plenary sessions and our 80 Mission Awareness Presentations (MAP Talks). This online platform is also suitable for churches, small groups and individuals to access to make this mission training available in their local contexts.

For the livestream experience, participants will be able to choose from multiple language subtitle options, with the option of viewing previously-aired content in time zones more suited to their location. We are also offering live Spanish translation for all the plenaries, as well as a MAP Talk track in Spanish.

Before making housing and meal reservations with Ridgecrest, conference-goers should consider coming early to attend one of the 28 pre-conferences on specific mission topics, which offer specialized training and networking opportunities at no additional program cost. We also encourage staying late to attend Sunday afternoon's South East Asia Symposium V, followed by the Anglican Global Mission Partners' post-conference, offering a two-day intensive training on Discovery Bible Study led by founders David and Paul Watson. Maximize your New Wineskins experience for global impact!

18 Plenary Speakers and 80+ MAP Talks

We will have over 18 plenary speakers and missionary testimonies and 80 different presenters for our Mission Awareness Presentations (MAP Talks). The worship team from Wellspring Anglican Church in Colorado will be back by popular demand. Experience the beauty and tradition of the Anglican liturgy



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and sacraments daily. Engage with over 60 ministries in our exhibit hall, starting with an ice cream social on Thursday night. Bring a team or bring your family – there will truly be something for everyone at New Wineskins 2022.

We encourage attendees to approach the New Wineskins Conference as you would a short-term mission trip. Most mission trips would require you to be away a week or longer, raise funds to cover airfare and trip costs, and spend time praying and preparing for what God might do in and through you on your cross-cultural experience. Attending New Wineskins is like a short-term mission trip on steroids with exposure to what God is doing not just in one location, but all across the globe. Divine appointments, healing, prayer and missional callings are always a hallmark of what makes this conference one not to be missed!

Visit the conference website (newwineskinsconference.org) for all the details, as well as to register for the conference and for your Ridgecrest housing and meal options. Register early and save. Promotional materials and videos can be found on the Media Tab. Conference flyers can be provided free of charge upon request at flyers@newwineskins.org. Check the "Updates" section of the website for new developments, speaker profiles, and more in the coming months. See you in September 2022!

SC Supreme Court Hears TEC Appeal

By The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, Canon to the Ordinary, ADOCS

On December 8, 2021, the South Carolina Supreme Court heard the appeal of Judge Edgar W. Dickson's interpretation of the high court's 2017 ruling. On June 19, 2020, South Carolina Circuit Court Judge Edgar W. Dickson granted the motion by the Plaintiffs (The Anglican Diocese of S.C. and Parishes) for clarification and other relief related to the August 2017 ruling of the South Carolina Supreme Court. That ruling had the rare character of consisting of five separate opinions (the "Collective Opinions"). Judge Dickson's clarification determined that the disassociated parishes and The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina are, "affirmed as the title owners in fee simple absolute of their respective parish real properties."

The Episcopal Church's (TEC) arguments at that time that the Dennis Canon alone, or the Canon in conjunction with various pledges of allegiance and the like were sufficient to create a trust under South Carolina law were rejected. Judge Dickson's ruling clarified the Collective Opinions, explaining that, "the Dennis Canon by itself does not create a legally cognizable trust, nor does it transfer title to property." This affirmed that those congregations that followed state non-profit guidelines for their disassociation from TEC retained all their real and personal property.

TEC appealed this interpretation of the Courts 2017 collective opinions in July 2020, not on the basis of Judge Dickson's legal arguments, but only on the assertion that he had no authority to provide any interpretation. Their argument is that his only possible role was to simply enforce what they assert the Court had ruled.

In the hearing, the justices were very active in their questioning. The time allotted to both sides legal counsel was exceeded because of the extensive questioning.

The full proceedings of the hearing are available on the Court's website at <https://media.sccourts.org/videos/2020-000986.mp4>.

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and its parishes remain prayerfully hopeful of their legal position as the owners of their individual real, personal and intellectual property. It is expected that the South Carolina Supreme Court will not announce its ruling on the current appeal until sometime in 2022.

Who Will Love

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is a huge blessing when dealing with folks who are frail and slow and may even have equipment to manage.

4. Commitment – In this parable, Jesus makes it clear our service is to not just be a one-time "gesture." The Good Samaritan promised to return for follow-through.

- Perhaps you can commit to providing a meal (and Eucharist) once a week or once a month. Regular, dependable meals and visits offer tremendous encouragement.
- Consider a fundraiser to help with medical expenses or to purchase a costly piece of equipment.

5. Pro-Activity – Jesus tells his listeners to "Go and do likewise." Caregivers will almost always say, "I'm fine," too embarrassed to ask for help. Don't use that as an excuse to do nothing. Whatever you do that says "I'm here for you. You belong," makes it easier for a caregiver to accept what you are already offering.

- Start a support group for caregivers in your home, church, or community center.
- Organize a respite program.
- Ask your church to consider becoming more accessible.

In the words of George Eliot, "What do we live for if not to make life less difficult for each other?"

Holy Trinity Announces Completion of Successful Capital Campaign

By Kelly Newnham, Director of Communications HTCCS

This past November Holy Trinity Classical Christian School announced the successful completion of their Campus Vision Campaign. The campaign raised more than 6.1 million, the largest fundraising initiative in the school's history. The campaign was kicked off September 2020 and concluded November 2021 with a matching challenge initiated by a team of anonymous donors. The challenge raised over \$350k in 30 days exceeding the challenge goal. More than 300 private donors contributed to the campaign which is a testament to the value that the Beaufort community places on classical Christian education. The funds are dedicated to the construction of Phase 1 of the multi-phase campus vision plan. Construction is expected to begin this spring on a multi-purpose building which will provide space for stage performances, a gymnasium, music, and multi-purpose classrooms.

Elizabeth Booman, Head of the Theater Department at Holy Trinity, expressed her gratitude for the success of the campaign and had this to say about the new building,

"The Holy Trinity Theater Department will benefit hugely from a real stage and auditorium. A stage and auditorium will provide the lighting and sound systems that our productions need to be truly professional and visually pleasing. This new space will also provide a great blessing to each and every actor in the Theater Department, and will be a sanctuary of story-telling for years to come."

Holy Trinity Athletic Director Josiah Tobin shared his enthusiasm at this announcement, "A permanent gymnasium is like a dream come true! A facility like this on our Holy Trinity campus will be a game changer for many reasons! It will allow our



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athletes to practice on campus. A permanent gymnasium will also assist in making our school feel more established by providing the opportunity to meet in one place as a whole school for large events! Home games provide another incredible way for our school community to rally together by encouraging our athletes, promoting school spirit, and building meaningful relationships!"

Anglican Studies Seminar



A seminar focused on the history and future of the Anglican movement will be convening in February. Seven sessions are planned to start the seminar, and they will be held every two weeks starting February 3. The overall subject for the first six weeks will be: “What Did it Mean to be an Anglican in the _____ Century?”

Week 1 (February 3) – Intro, 1st – 15th Century; Jon Shuler; Week 2 (February 17) – 16th Century; Greg Smith; Week 3 (March 3) – 17th Century; Sam Fornecker; Week 4 (March 17) – 18th Century; Hamilton Smith; Week 5 (March 31) – 19th Century; Jady Koch; Week 6 (April 7) – 20th Century; Kendall Harmon; Week 7 (April 21) – 21st Century; Jon Shuler

The seventh week’s question will be: “What is God asking an Anglican to be in the Twenty First Century?”

The Rev. Dr. Jon C. Shuler will be the Convener. Papers will be given each session by Shuler, Sam Fornecker, Jady Koch, Hamilton Smith, Kendall Harmon, and Greg Smith. Those wishing to join the seminar will be asked to make a financial contribution to the global mission of NAMS, \$50/ individual session or \$250 for all seven. Each session will begin with a sack lunch at 12:30 and will conclude at 3:00pm. The location (TBA) will be in the Charleston area. Interested? Contact Jon Shuler at jon@namsnetwork.com.

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than we imagined. Driving in on the Western Kentucky Parkway, we began to see debris in the tree tops five to six miles outside of town. Clothing, linens, bags, and even sheet metal adorned the upper branches like unwanted Christmas decorations. Driving through the town was like driving through a theater of sadness and carnage. One of the first massive piles of debris—leftover homes—contained the remnants of children’s playthings. An immediate reminder of the generational impact of these storms.

Upon making our way up the hill to Dawson Springs School, we found our way into the gymnasium, which was being used as a storehouse for goods like bottled water, clean towels, and paper products as recently as the previous day. But this day, was the return of the Dawson Springs Panthers basketball teams to practice. The beginning of a sense of normalcy. We met coaches Mickey and Skylar, along with the rest of the boy’s team. Three of those teenagers lost their homes entirely. We introduced ourselves, asked about them, listened to them, prayed for them, and gave them gift cards as late Christmas presents. A couple of hours later we were able to meet with coach Amanda and the girls’ basketball team, who also resumed practice that day. All of the gifts were met with joy, appreciation, tears, hugs, and handshakes.

Over the next days, we listened to stories from many of the people in Dawson Springs. We prayed with them. We cried with them. It will take years for this community to heal from the trauma they experienced on December 10. The greatest ongoing need for the community of Dawson Springs, and all of western Kentucky, is counseling. They have experienced

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Church Planting Builds Muscle

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

Earlier this Fall, our family invested in a new exercise bike. It’s a fancy one with a screen and countless pre-recorded workouts with instructors who say things like, “You’re doing great!” while I’m gasping for air during a warm-up ride. Needless to say, I have been using some new muscles and have the soreness to prove it.

In much the same way, church planting requires muscles that most of us don’t often use. We are used to using gifts of hospitality and facilitating rich worship experiences for our congregations. And while worshipping together is essential for our faith, we cannot ignore the Gospel imperative to reach non-Christians with the Good News of salvation through Christ.

So let’s just acknowledge that in order to reach people outside of the Christian faith, we might have to use some new muscles. And let’s also acknowledge we might experience some soreness along the way.

The more I study Scripture, the more I believe that planting churches is THE most effective and documented way of reaching non-Christians with the Gospel. Consider the account of Paul’s time in Iconium from Acts 14:3:

“So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.”

Paul REMAINED a long time. He was committed to both the people he encountered and the mission with which he was entrusted.

Paul spoke BOLDLY. He was not ashamed of the Gospel nor was he afraid of confronting the culture he encountered.



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Paul bore WITNESS. Paul’s transformed life was a manifestation of the message he preached. Paul, himself, was a witness of grace.

Paul ministered with his HANDS. Paul did not separate himself from the crowds waiting for the people to come to him. Instead, Paul went to the people. He spent time with the people and was close enough to them that God worked signs and wonders through his hands.

When the Lord puts it on your heart to reach non-Christians in your community, know that I am here to support, resource and encourage you. May the Lord be glorified by our worship of Him in our current congregations AND may we allow the Lord to manifest signs and wonders through our hands in the communities around us.

Canon Mike Malone Retires As Trainer of Vocational Deacons

By The Rev. Jim Cato, The Parish Church of St. Helena’s, Beaufort

Gospel-driven. Humble. Humorous. A Scholar. Gracious. Inspiring. Encouraging. Passionate. Challenging. A Priest/Pastor. Merciful.

These are some of the attributes applied to the Rev. Canon Dr. Michael Taylor Malone by many of his charges, who are now deacons in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

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.

Postulants and candidates since 2005 have crowned Canon Mike affectionately as headmaster, dean, and now dean emeritus.

This past August Mike turned the chair of the Deacons’ School over to the Rev. Janet Echols, Rector of St. Matthew’s, Fort Motte.

As he steps down we want to recognize and thank him for his years of service.

Canon Mike entered active ordained ministry in June, 1962 after graduating with an MDiv from Virginia Theological Seminary. He graduated Duke University in 1959. He received his PhD at Duke in 1970. Before serving as the canon to the ordinary of the Diocese of South Carolina beginning in 1990, he served in parishes in Ahoskie, NC; Jacksonville, FL; Hartsville, Charleston, and Spartanburg, SC.

Canon Mike continues to be a blessing to ADOSC deacons with his frequent musings, all leading back to their unique relationship rooted in faith in Christ. Though separated by miles, the deacons are on the same team as believers in Jesus Christ, representing Him in numerous parishes of the diocese, under the authority of Bishop Lawrence.

As St. Paul reminds all in 1 Thessalonians 5:5-6, Canon Mike also reminds all to “live as children of the light,” awaiting the return of Jesus. With hope secure in the salvation Christ provides, let us not compete in jealousy,

insecurity, fear or envy. Instead encourage one another and build each other up. Throw off idle dreams, the temptation to preen and compete with one another (Muse, December 2020). Build up each other (1 Thess. 5:11). Deacons and the rest of the church are on the same team, though separated by the pandemic. But there is One whom we can always be close to: “Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you” (James 4:8).

Canon Mike showed this encouragement and building up in remarks to each class in the two-year cycle of study with a promise of “a Gentleman’s C”—through focus and hard work, in classes instructed through the wealth of knowledge among diocesan bishops, deans and priests. He encouraged us to continually be the example to the Church, as the first-century deacons appointed by the Apostles.

A few remarks about Canon Malone:

“If it were not for Mike, none of us would be deacons... Future deacons may not have the opportunity to meet every month with Mike and benefit from his keen insights, but they, like us, should be eternally grateful for Mike’s visionary prowess that has made it possible for us all to put “The Rev.” before our names.”
The Rev. Ed Dyckman

“He does more than mentor; he inspires. He makes you think about what you believe and when you’re just about are sure how it all works out, then he challenges you anew. He gave so much of himself to our class that it is hard for us to know where we stop and he begins... We carry the lessons you taught us always.”
The Rev. Harry Easterling

“I am sad for the classes that will follow. Those that will not experience or have the ben-

efit of his wisdom, wit, guidance, and gentle, reassuring way. ...I am also feeling lucky that our meager band was able to be the last of his charges as headmaster.”

The Rev. Skip Reitmeier

“The class was invaluable, not only for meeting the educational requirements but, more so, for the education itself. My faith in Christ and my appreciation of Anglicanism were both deepened and expanded.”

The Rev. Roger Griffin

“Way back in 2005, I was a member of Canon Malone’s first group. We were rookies. I really didn’t know much about Mike, and I was more than a little nervous... He brought the program to a new level and is leaving some big shoes to fill. His wisdom and wit will be greatly missed.”

The Rev. Dawn Rider

“Mike has been a blessing to me. Wise counsel, great theology and ancient wisdom in a contemporary model. Thank you for taking us under your wings, nurturing and then lovingly kicking us out of the nest into the real world of Christ’s work.”

The Rev. Mike Sheedy

“I could have never arrived here where God wanted me without Mike Malone keeping the two-year run of the Diaconate “Training” going and on schedule. Thank you, Mike, for keeping your interest fueled, preparing those going into the Vocational Diaconate ministry and your faithfulness to do it for so long.”

The Rev. Debbie Hamilton

“Alums of the Mike Malone Vocational Diaconal Master Class are all so blessed on many levels... “What a joy that His purpose

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Bishop Allison Gives 300th Anniversary Sermon

As part of the on-going 300th Anniversary of Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, Bishop C. FitzSimons Allison, 12th Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, and Bishop in Residence at Prince George Winyah, gave a sermon to the Parish on December 19, 2021.

The Bishop's daughter, Dr. Allston Kitchens, described her father's sermon as "one of his top five!" The 94-year bishop ascended the steps of the pulpit as a man much younger than his age and gave a spirited sermon.

Ryan Landes, candidate for Holy Orders, commented: "the bishop gave a sermon on the sin of pride and secularization—which he brought to new life. He ended noting that that our response to this sin is to 'behold the humble Lord.'" Listen to the sermon at www.pgwinayah.com/.

The 300th Anniversary will continue in 2022, as many events were postponed by COVID. There will be an organ recital on February 27, The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach will be honored at dinner on April 30, followed by a celebration on May 1. The final event of the 300th Celebration will be a revival weekend led by Russ Parker on September 24-25.

PGW 75th Annual Tour of Historic Plantations & Homes

Prince George Winyah Church is celebrating its 75th Annual Tour of Historic Plantations & Homes in Georgetown, South Carolina, set for March 25 & 26, 2022. The Tours are always popular with decorators, Southern history buffs, gardeners, and visitors to South Carolina's coast.

2022 Tour
March 25-26, 2022

Ticket Sales
January 31-March 4, 2022

Ticket Prices
One Day \$50 / Two Days \$90

princegeorgeplantationtours.com

Founded in 1729, Georgetown, is located in the heart of the South Carolina Lowcountry. During the 18th and 19th centuries, the region became home to many indigo and rice planters, who once exported so much rice that Georgetown County was once the wealthiest county in the United States. Though indigo

and rice are no longer major exports for the region, many of the the plantations, town houses, and gardens left by the planters remain and have been preserved by Georgetown's present-day residents.

Each spring, the Prince George Winyah Church Women host the Tour of Historic Plantations and Homes.

Tickets are required, and we recommend you purchase them in advance. All money raised by the Tour is allocated to community outreach and the preservation of their historic church buildings. The success of the Tour has made a difference in the lives of the poor, the friendless, and the needy in the community, which continues to be the group's prayerful aim in this endeavor.



Arcadia Plantation, shown above, is one of the many homes on tour this year.

Visit www.princegeorgeplantationtours.com and follow on Facebook for more tour news and information! Be sure to check out Friday night's Oyster Roast, delicious southern Plantation Tea at Winyah Indigo Society Hall daily, scrumptious Bake Sale and much-talked-about Art Show and sale where you can take home gorgeous works of art at incredible prices!

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The Rev. Henrietta Rivers to Lead Women's Prayer Retreat

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Our Hope is In Christ
March 18-20, 2022

The Rev. Henrietta Rivers, deacon, who serves as a chaplain at the Porter Gaud School in Charleston, will be the speaker for the upcoming women's prayer retreat, March 18-20, which is sponsored by the South Carolina Assembly of the Daughters of the King, and will be held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.



About our Speaker

The Rev. Henrietta Rivers was ordained to the transitional diaconate on January 15, 2022. She holds a Master of Divinity degree from Trinity School for Ministry and has the daily privilege of sharing the Gospel of Christ to students at Porter Gaud School as the Middle School Chaplain. In addition to teaching and pastoral care at the school, Henrietta serves at St. John's Chapel, Charleston, where her husband, The Rev. Matthew Rivers, is the rector. At St.

John's, she is a Bible study teacher and women's ministry leader, as well as leader of the parish's prayer and inner healing ministries. Henrietta's greatest realization is that she is a vessel of Christ, to be used as He desires. She says this takes the pressure off presenting the Word of God. "I'm not responsible for the work of Scripture. My only job is to present the truth in its purest form; God does the rest." Henrietta and Matthew have two children, Kariesha, 23, and Herbert Jordan, 25. She serves on the boards of New Wineskins, Florence Crittendon Charleston, Anglican Women of South Carolina, and served on the 2021 Bishop's Search Committee for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

Learn more and register at <http://www.doksc.org/2022-dok-retreat>.

Upcoming Events

View full calendar at adosc.org/events/

Annual Clergy Conference, January 24-26
Ann. of Bishop Lawrence's Consecration, Jan 26
Cursillo Retreat, January 28-30
Evening with the Lawrences, February 4,
Raise Your Sails Retreat, February 4-6
Barrier Island Family Session, February 4-6
Intercessory Day of Prayer, February 19
Christian Men's Conference, February 25-27
Diocesan Convention, March 11
Consecration of Bishop Elect Edgar, March 12
Women's Prayer Retreat (DOK), March 18-20
PGW Historic Tour of Homes, March 25-26
Southeastern Intentional GrandParenting Conference, April 1-2
Jubilate Deo Deadline, April 15
Annual Anglican Women's Gathering, April 30
Intercessory Day of Prayer, May 7
New Wineskins for Global Mission, September 22-25

Testimonies from the Mission Field

AFM is hosting Testimonies from the Mission Field an opportunity to hear from Anglican missionaries serving across the globe in restricted-access countries. This pre-conference (and two others) will be held two days before the New Wineskins Missionary Conference (Sept. 22-25, 2022). For more information and to register, visit <https://anglicanfrontiers.com/afm-new-wineskins/>

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for my life was to be guided, mentored, and inspired by Canon Mike Malone!"

The Rev. Joyce Harder

"I treasure the wisdom Mike passed on. One particular piece was that deacons are more than simply window dressing for worship service, seen as some type of junior priest, but have a valuable function of modeling for the church our Lord Jesus who went out to serve, not to be served."

The Rev. Sam Turbeville

"I asked Mike one time if he missed being a rector of a church. He answered in a simple, yet profound way: He said he was a priest to us, a congregation of four: Eddie Driggers, Mike Sheedy, John Foster and me...He is the kind of priest everyone should have beside them—whether a bishop, priest, deacon or laity. He was always there to listen, encourage, inspire and to be a paraclete. I count him as a mentor, priest and friend."

The Rev. Frank Sanders

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incredible trauma; rebuilding will take years, clean-up is ongoing. The recovery and restoration is a long-term process, in which we all can be involved. Prayer is an essential aspect; please keep the people of western Kentucky in your prayers.

In Isaiah, chapter 40, the prophet proclaims God's favor—even in the midst of the destruction of Jerusalem—that God alone will bring comfort to the people, will speak tenderly to the people, will provide justice for the people. As our tears flow, the servant of all mankind, Jesus, provides comfort and peace. Though our tears flow, they flow from the eyes of people who possess hope. Hope that restoration will come. This is the hope provided by Jesus in Revelation 7, they shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne

will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

St. John's Parish Church, Servant's Heart Disaster Relief, and Anglican Relief and Development Fund (ARDF) have committed to providing sustainable help for years to come. If you would like to join in these efforts, please reach out to Fr. Jeremy Shelton at St. John's Parish Church, Stephen Haynesworth at Servant's Heart, or ARDF directly. Together, we can be the light of Christ to a people in need.

As Dawson Springs School sits upon the hill overlooking the town, my prayer is for it to be a beacon of hope, a lighthouse of Jesus Christ, to the lost and hopeless—those who have been forced off course by storms—because we know that a city set upon a hill cannot be hidden.

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