

# Jubilate Deo

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Fall 2024

## Diocese Purchases Property for Camp and Retreat Center

On August 29, 2024 the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina announced the purchase of 78 acres of waterfront property on Lady's Island in Beaufort which will serve as the future home of their new camp and retreat center, Camp Jubilee.

"This is a significant milestone in the re-

"We are overwhelmed and awed by the Lord's grace and generosity," said the Rev. Ken Weldon, Executive Director of Camp Jubilee. "We want to thank everyone who has made this vision a reality: the individual donors, the churches who have partnered with us, and all those who have given of their resources and energy to acquire this property for the glory of God and the ministry of Camp Jubilee."

The undeveloped maritime and mature upland forest property includes one mile of waterfront. "One third of that is deepwater creek," said Weldon, "which will be perfect for swimming and water sports." The remaining two thirds is marsh.

The Diocese has raised \$3M of the \$3.7M needed to purchase the property. "We're now focused on completing this phase of fundraising," says Weldon, "and are well underway with site planning with local architects and engineers."

The conceptual development plans include six summer camp cabins for 120 campers, 12 two-bedroom guest cottages for retreat center guests, an outdoor and an in-



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A few hours after the closing, a group of former and present-day camp staff and supporters gathered at the property to pray over the land and give thanks.

building of the Diocese," said the Rt Revd Chip Edgar, bishop of the Diocese. "Camp provides a place where kids and adults can come away from their regular routines to meet Jesus in new and profound ways. We now have a place dedicated just for that. We're rejoicing."

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## Bishop David Bryan Called as Assisting Bishop

On September 5, 2024 Bishop Chip Edgar announced he called Bishop David Bryan, who serves as a Suffragan Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of the Carolinas, to serve as the Assisting Bishop for the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina (ADOSC), beginning January 1, 2025. Bishop Bryan will continue in his role with the Diocese of the Carolinas, working part-time for the ADOSC.

"I'm delighted David accepted my invitation," said Bishop Edgar. "We've known each other for more than 30 years as colleagues and friends and I value his wisdom, faithfulness and humility."

Bishop Bryan will assist with parish visitations for the 50+ congregations in the diocese. Bishop Mark Lawrence will continue to assist Bishop Edgar in parish visitation as well but will be more free to enjoy his retirement and the ministry of his local parish.

Bishop Bryan has a passion to see God's Word and Spirit shape men, women and children into fully devoted disciples of Jesus



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Christ in the context of the local Church and to come alongside others who seek to do the same.

In the Diocese of the Carolinas he works closely with diocesan church planting efforts and the credentialing process, along with leading retreats, ordinations and confirmations. He is Area Bishop for South Carolina and churches in Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky.

He and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 40 years and have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

Read more about Bishop Bryan on page three.

## Investiture of Archbishop October 30

Join with others from around the Anglican Church in North America and the Anglican world for a special Service of the Investiture of Archbishop Steve Wood on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. This historic service, similar to a commissioning, will be held at 6:30 p.m. at Seacoast Church (750 Long Point Rd. in Mount Pleasant). The doors will open to the public at 5:45 p.m. The sanctuary seats 2,500 with some spillover (i.e tv viewing) in the reception area. Attendees are asked to register to let the organizers know how many people to expect. Register at [anglicanchurch.net](http://anglicanchurch.net).



## What Can I Do Following a Disaster?

Listening to the Wisdom of Experience

By Ginger Bergstrom, St. John's Chapel and Holy Trinity Anglican, Chas.

In an interview with Stephen Haynsworth, our Diocesan Disaster Relief Coordinator, it seems the only thing to ask is, "What can I do?"

Stephen pauses briefly exhales and says, "Let's start with prayer for those suffering from great loss. For the Holy Spirit to lead our diocesan efforts, to move people to sacrifice time, money and effort to help our NC family. And we must pray that tropical storm Milton would stay weak and not cause more widespread damage to Florida."

**I am seeing many parishes and friends across social media gathering supplies like water, fuel and children's needs... How is the**

**Anglican Diocese of South Carolina organizing?**

"For those ready to go, please be patient. The churches in North Carolina are still waiting for water, electricity, and internet. Areas in these communities are closed or under curfew. Assessments of who needs help and who is most needy typically takes at best a month and recovery efforts a minimum of three to six months." Recalling Hurricane Florence, Stephen shared, "the flooding peaked three weeks later and the first work teams began five weeks after the storm."

"Our effort right now is collecting supplies to transport to people

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## The Cathedral Awarded \$750,000 Grant from the National Park Service

The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul has stood on the corner of Vanderhorst and Coming Streets for over 200 years. Construction on St. Paul's Church, Radcliffeboro began in 1811 and the church was consecrated in 1816. It is the oldest building that serves as a cathedral in the United States, and over its long history, it's endured much, including war, an earthquake, and



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many storms. Heroic repairs were made to the front portico after it suffered great damage after the Great Earthquake of 1886. Those repairs

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# Growing in Breadth and Depth

## Camp Jubilee Bears Fruit in Second Year

By Justin Johnson, Camp Jubilee Camp Director

Building on a successful inaugural summer in 2023, Camp Jubilee returned this year and saw the ministry grow in breadth and depth. Having a great first summer under our belt gave us a springboard into the 2024 camp season, helping us to build trust with families. In addition, not having as heavy of a burden with the startup of a new program allowed us to put more effort into building relationships with new churches and communities. This led to a significant increase in the number of campers and families who took part in the ministry this summer.

While we continued to work to develop and refine the program, entering year two with a shared vocabulary and familiarity with our host sites allowed us to be more intentional in focusing on ministry and discipleship. For starters, during staff training we place a large emphasis on helping our staff grow in biblical literacy through scripture memorization, becoming more familiar with how the Bible is laid out, and teaching on how to read, interpret, and apply scripture. As we walked through training, the staff's growth in their knowledge of God's word was evident, and as they grew in knowledge, we witnessed their hunger for scripture increase as



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well. Many staff attested throughout the summer that the growth they experienced during training helped them better lead, teach, and mentor their campers.

With the arrival of campers a few weeks later, we continued to see the Lord draw people to himself. Our theme this summer was Restore, in which we taught campers about the restorative work of Christ through the parable of the prodigal son. The theme of restoration resonated with many of them as they recognized the need for restoration in their own lives. As a result, many campers received the gospel, others reaffirmed their faith in Jesus, some

received healing, and others found hope through Christian community. Just like the staff, our campers were hungry for the gospel and wanted to learn more. During our middle and high school sessions we offer an optional Q&A time in which campers who would like to can ask the hard questions they are wrestling with. At one of our middle school sessions this summer over two thirds of our campers showed up day after day to ask questions. When we were unable to get through all the questions because there were so many, they asked if they could skip canteen to continue to ask questions. Wow! Middle schoolers willingly asking

to pass on free ice cream in order to learn more about the Lord...God is on the move!

One of my favorite moments from this summer occurred on the last night of camp. Our mission at Camp Jubilee is to share, shape, and send; and we were able to witness this fulfilled in the life of one of our campers. Emma attended one of our elementary school sessions early this summer. During that session she accepted Christ. We had shared the gospel with Emma, discipled her, and sent her out. However, Emma quickly returned. She had so much fun at camp that her parents signed her up to attend our final session. During that week she was so excited about the gospel that she shared what Jesus was doing in her life with the girls in her cabin. As the week went on, she continued to talk with them about Jesus and what she was learning in the Bible. Through Emma's witness throughout the week, one of the girls in her cabin accepted Christ on the last night of camp!

As we close out this past summer, welcoming in new families, witnessing the staff grow in the knowledge and love of scripture, seeing middle school students hungry to learn more about the Lord, and elementary students leading one another to Jesus are just a few of the things that we are thanking the Lord for accomplishing in our midst. God continues to work in and through camp ministry, to draw his people to himself and bring about restoration in their lives. To God be the glory! Amen.

## How has Praying the Daily Office Affected Your Faith?

Will Klauber posed the following on Facebook: A question for my Anglican friends: How has praying the Daily Office affected your faith?

**Jeremy Shelton**

*Praying the office has only deepened, formed, and strengthened my faith. All Anglicans, especially clergy, should pray the office daily.*

**Leah Bell Crosby**

*I use and love Andrew Russell's podcast (The Daily Office – based on the ACNA's Book of Common Prayer). It helps me start the day centered and at peace. Sometimes the scripture pieces linger in my thoughts, and I ponder them throughout the morning. My morning devotionals follow a different pattern from the scriptures in the DO, and I sometimes seek or realize connections.*

**Brandon Smith**

*It helps me especially when I have trouble focusing and it has formed my theology. Adding to it the Bernard Breviary after going to a monastery has also helped my overall mood.*

**Frank Freeman**

*Strength!*

**Jason Collins**

*Morning Prayer helps me to start the day in the Presence of God. It reminds me Who formed the day and Who is in charge of the day (and it's not me). Evening Prayer helps me to reflect on the day so I can see where the Lord*

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# A Provincial Letter from Archbishop Wood

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am home now from participating in my first Executive Committee meeting and provincial staff retreat. I was grateful for the time spent with both groups, and I was impressed by the character, faith, and gifts of the people who serve our province.

This Provincial Letter is the first of an ongoing series of quarterly letters that you will receive from me, God willing. My goal is to provide you with regular updates regarding life in our province from my perspective.

The Constitution and Canons of our church contain this remarkable statement: "The fundamental agency of mission in the Province is the local congregation." (ACNA Const. Art. IV.1; Canon I.6.1) My aim in the years ahead is to keep that statement before the various bodies and dioceses of our province. The evaluative question for us all will be, "how does this (whatever it is that is under consideration) support the local congregation in her mission?"

Two aspects immediately come to my mind when I think of supporting the local congregation. The first is our shared responsibility toward the hard work of ensuring that we have healthy congregations. And the second is like unto it, our collective duty to ensure that we have healthy clergy (and clergy families).

With regard to healthy churches, in late August, the Provincial Office published a sample safeguarding policy for our bishops and our dioceses. You may find the sample policy on our website at: <https://anglicanchurch.net/safeguarding-in-our-churches/>

This document accompanies the Title I canonical revisions that were passed at our most recent Provincial Assembly.

With regard to the development of healthy clergy (and clergy families), I am pleased to inform you that we (the province) have very recently secured a Lilly Endowment grant to develop province-wide programs to support, develop, and encourage the financial health of our clergy. You will hear more about this in the coming months.

My first priority post-election has been to secure a Chief Operating Officer. I am delighted that Deborah Tepley has accepted this position. She is uniquely qualified and gifted to serve and help lead the province at this time in our common life. Deborah begins her role with us on September 9th. At that time, we will work together to assess and develop our provincial priorities and staffing needs.

I have almost completed a series of individual Zoom meetings with the diocesan bishops of our province. I've given them a number of questions for prayerful consideration, and their responses have shaped our conversation. I expect that I will be able to share a summary of what I have learned in a later Provincial Letter.

Another area of immediate focus has been to assess and develop our provincial communications. Specifically, I desire to have more regular and more informative communication within the Province, especially from the Provincial Office, to our laity and clergy. This letter is a first step toward accomplishing this goal. I have also asked our communication office to proactively seek and tell the stories

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## After a Disaster *Continued from Page 1*



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Volunteers distribute supplies for the community at the Vine Anglican Church west of Asheville, NC.

directly impacted. This list of those directly impacted will change as the needs change so check the Diocesan Disaster Relief page weekly.

It will also really help us to know how your church is acting as a collection center, please let us know the drop-off point, address and times items can be dropped off if you have not shared this already. We have volunteers ready to transport relief supplies to contacts in the Western Carolinas."

**I am curious, when it's time, how will the recovery effort get going?**

"We may start by meeting at a church at 9 am on a Saturday and help clean up neighborhoods for the day. Lunch is usually pro-

vided and we'll work until 4 pm before going home or staying overnight nearby. For volunteers from coastal South Carolina, driving there and back again in one day is quite taxing. Finding housing for one night can make a huge difference."

Stephen goes on to say...

"Beyond these small strategic trips, we partner with ARDF and are already making plans with The Fuller House, 8 Days of Hope and other groups that can facilitate week-long and weekend missions to assist in rebuilding."

**In the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina many of us have a unique affinity for western North Carolina having made so many memories there over the generations. This**

**storm hit close to home in a peculiar way. Is there anything more we can do?**

"For those with second homes or cabins that have been spared, you can consider hosting volunteer groups or sheltering a displaced family. If you wish to do this we would love to hear from you soon."

You can volunteer in either the Relief Effort or the Recovery Effort (or both). You and your parish are invited to join our diocese in partnership with Anglican Relief and Development. We all have ways "to give as we see need."

To volunteer, click the link at <https://adosc.org/ongoing-hurricane-relief-efforts/>

## What Constitutes Productive Conversation?

By The Rt Revd Chip Edgar, Bishop of the ADOSC

I'm not a big fan of social media. Very few podcasts keep my interest; too often they feel like you're listening in on a conversation between friends who share assumptions and inside jokes and agendas that leave you stranded on the outside. Too, bloggers know that controversies are clicks, so disagreements and misunderstandings must always be a battle between good and evil, right and wrong, orthodoxy and heresy. Offering nuanced critique online just doesn't sell.



My take is that, by definition, the online world is an abstraction and, therefore, will never contribute solutions in any meaningful way.

So, what might constitute productive conversation? I find myself going back, time and again, to CS Lewis's answer to that question. Writing in *Prose Literature of the Sixteenth Century excluding Drama* (p37) on "this tragic farce we call the history of the Reformation" (note the tragic farce is the history of the Reformation, not the Reformation itself) Lewis offers this...

"The theological questions really at issue... could have been fruitfully debated only between mature and saintly disputants in close privacy and at boundless leisure. Under those conditions formulae might possibly have been found which did justice to the Protestant - I had almost said the Pauline - assertions without compromising other elements of the Christian faith. In fact, however, these questions were raised at a moment when they immediately became embittered and entangled with a whole complex of matters theologically irrelevant..."

Two things to note here: first, the three conditions necessary for productive conversation: 1) mature and saintly disputants, 2) in close proximity, and 3) at boundless leisure. It's obvious that the internet fails on at least two, and more often than not all three of these conditions. And second, the entanglement of important matters with "theologically irrelevant" ones. Too often, we think we are talking theology when in fact we are talking cultural politics.

When we fail to meet those conditions, Lewis points to the results:

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## Getting to Know Bishop David Bryan

"Seeing the lights come on in other folks...when someone comes to faith. It doesn't get any better than that for me."

Bishop David Bryan, who in addition to serving as a Suffragan Bishop for the Diocese of the Carolinas, will join our Diocese this January as an Assisting Bishop, is a tall, gentle, self-effacing man. He's a sixth-generation Floridian transplant. The youngest of four children, he grew up at St. Michael's Episcopal Church in Orlando, where he was baptized, confirmed, ordained, and married. He recently celebrated the 40th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood and the 40th anniversary of his marriage to Nancy who, like him, finds joy in welcoming and ministering to those who cross their threshold. Long-time friends of Bishop Chip and Beth Edgar, the Bryans and Edgars share a history as young clergy families and church planters. Bishop Chip highlights Bishop Bryan's humility noting times when Bishop Bryan made choices which elevated others, rather than himself. A devoted husband and father, Bishop Bryan says a good day off is one spent in the company of his wife and family, chasing grandchildren. The Bryans have three married children and seven grandchildren. Nancy, Bishop Bryan's wife, serves on the administrative staff of the Diocese of the Carolinas.

On September 18, 2024, I had the opportunity to visit their Pawley's Island home to interview Bishop Bryan. Here is an edited version of our conversation. (Joy Hunter, Editor)

### How would you describe your faith journey?

I was very engaged in the church growing up, active in our EYC (Episcopal Young Churchmen). When I was in the eighth or ninth grade, we went to observe a Baptist revival where they had an evangelist preaching. He gave an altar call, and I responded. The Lord just touched my heart. There were a lot of tears and a movement of the Holy Spirit in me. I think I messed it up for the youth group because I think their idea was to go and then come back to our church and talk about why we were glad we were not Baptist. But it was a huge turning point for me.

I got very involved in Young Life and was the President of Young Life in high school. When I went to college, the University of Florida, I joined a fraternity, and removed myself from all the support systems I had at home. I got off the path and got to a place of real emptiness. I like to say you're really better off being just a happy pagan than being a Christ-follower who's living like a pagan. There was an intense emptiness.

While in college I went to a Cursillo. That was the beginning of my journey back to the Lord. It was also a time when I revisited an earlier sense of calling to the priesthood, which began back in the ninth grade, really.

By the time I was finishing college, I began talking to my bishop about going to seminary and worked for a year in the family real estate business. That was the obligatory "work a year in the real world before you go to seminary" for the bishop. Then I went to Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry.



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Nancy was a rising senior in college at Auburn University, and I was a rising senior in seminary at Trinity when we met. When we both finished, we landed back in Orlando and had a very whirlwind romance. We dated for 10 weeks, got engaged, and were married five months later.

I finished seminary and was ordained a deacon. I thought, "I will just be a deacon, and I'll work in the world, and then I'll serve the church." Then my bishop said to me, "But you've prepared to be a priest. Why don't you go ahead and let us ordain you?" I think he knew what he was doing. I was back in the family business. After a short delay, I was ordained a priest. Then I was preaching at least once a month at the church. I had a small group in my house. I was teaching the Adult Ed class at the church, and I was in a flourishing family business that my brother and I had bought from our father.

I realized, after a few years, that my heart was really more in the ministry I was doing. The Lord said, "It's time." I think what I was doing was growing up. Nancy and I had, by that time, met, married, had children. We built a house we thought had enough rooms for us to populate with a bunch of children. We thought we would live there the rest of our lives. But the Lord was like, "I think it's time." I talked to Nancy, and she affirmed it in a wonderful way. So we left non-stipendiary ministry and went into full-time ministry for the first time in Jacksonville.

I was an associate at Church of the Good Shepherd for a number of years, and then came back to the diocese in central Florida, where I was rector of the church in St. Cloud, which is in the Orlando area near Disney.

After St. Cloud, I came to Pawleys (Island), and was called to be the vicar and then senior pastor of All Saints Pawleys Island. That was at the same moment that the Anglican Mission in America was being formed. I was an early adopter. I had been a deputy to two General Conventions (of the Episcopal Church) and was very concerned about the trajectory of the Episcopal Church. I felt I had been praying since seminary that the Lord would provide a way for faithful Anglicans. I felt like that was the beginning of that. As it turned out, it was. ACNA is the fruition of that.

I served at All Saints for four or five years and then out of All Saints, planted Christ Church Murrell's Inlet, and served there for, about 10 or 11 years. I was consecrated a bishop towards the end of that and realized I couldn't pastor a congregation well and be a bishop. Something was going to give. In 2015, I stepped back from Christ Church, and I've been full-time bishop since.

### What areas of ministry bring you delight?

It's really seeing the lights come on in other folks, that is the most exciting thing - when someone comes to faith. We've had so many folks, that move to Murrells Inlet from the northeast, and they're either lapsed members, many from a Roman Catholic background, but not all. But they come in. The liturgical piece is appealing to them, and they're comfortable with it from their background, but there's something else they encounter. To see them just really come alive in the life groups

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## New Season Begins for St. John's Chapel and Holy Trinity Anglican

On August 18 at 10:30 a.m. St. John's Chapel and Holy Trinity Anglican Church celebrated their first joint worship service at St. John's Chapel at 18 Hanover Street in Charleston. The Rev. David Dubay is now the Rector of Holy Trinity and the Vicar of St. John's Chapel. Later that afternoon they celebrated their first all-Spanish worship service with a baptism. They now have an all-Spanish worship service every Sunday at 5 p.m.

In a recent Facebook post, Du-bay wrote, "Please be in prayer for us all. This is all strange and new and wonderful for us. I give thanks for the congregation of St. John's Chapel and that of Holy Trinity who have both endured great trials. Pray for us as we come together to form a brand new community of Christian faith. To God be the glory."

## Cathedral Receives Grant *Continued from Page 1*

have come to the end of their useful life, so a significant restoration project is underway. The Cathedral Church embarked upon a Cathedral Commons Campaign to raise the funds necessary to complete the restoration of the portico and to add an ADA-compliant ramp. The congregation and other supporters of the Cathedral have raised approximately \$2,148,000 thus far, and on August 21, Dean Peet Dickinson received the exciting word that the Cathedral was awarded a grant of \$750,000 from the National Park

Service, through its Save America's Treasures program to help in the completion of this important preservation project. "We thank the Lord for his miraculous provision," says Peet. "We also give thanks for the great work done by our Cathedral Commons Campaign Grants Team and the members of the staff at Meadors Conservation to get our application prepared so effectively." Construction will hopefully begin mid-January. Let us rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for this grant which, along with the generous con-

tributions from so many members and friends of the parish, will allow our Cathedral to be restored and made as beautiful as it once was over a century ago. To learn more about the project, visit <https://your-cathedral.org/commons/>

Charleston's local newspaper, the *Post and Courier*, covered this story in greater depth. Read it at [postandcourier.com](https://postandcourier.com).

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and the involvement in the church and their faith in the Lord. It doesn't get any better than that for me.

**What areas of ministry, either as rector or a bishop, have been the most challenging?**

Probably dealing with conflict. There are always staffs to be managed and pastored, and that can be consuming.

Then, the flip side of what lights me up is when folks aren't engaging in the church, and you're trying to reach a community, and people are basically too busy for church. That can be frustrating. There are so many competing things now where the church used to be a bit more central to just life and culture.

**Of what accomplishment are you most proud?**

It's the Lord, not me, but I think, apart from my family, it was planting a church. Going into a community and seeing something come into existence that is going to be there for generations, affecting a community.

**Do you miss anything about being a rector versus being a bishop?**

I do. Community interaction. I'm thankful to be able to have some of that still by having served at All Saints and Christ Church and still living in that community. If I'm not on the road visiting another church, I can still go back. We're involved in a pastorate group, too.

**What's your habit for daily devotions?**

I do the Daily Office and the M'Cheyne Bible reading plan. Then I have an outline of prayers I do for family, for church, for community, which is incorporated into those disciplines.

**What words would you give to a discouraged clergy person?**

Well, some of it would depend on what the source of their discouragement is. But I feel like a lot of what Nancy and I do together is bringing encouragement.

One is to listen and to empathize, because if you've been in ministry for any length of time, there are always parallels out of your own story you can relate. You can let them know that what they're going through is not peculiar to them, that this is part of what it is to be in



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ministry and to hopefully see that whatever the person is struggling with is not the end of the story, it's just where they are right now. Hopefully, out of your own experience, you can communicate "I've been there. It'll get better."

**What are important things for a church planter to remember?**

Part of the dynamic of church planting is, and I think what the enemy does, is isolation. You feel you're out there alone. My word of encouragement to church planters, is that it's the most similar ministry to what we read about in the New Testament of anything that we do. When Jesus sent them out in pairs, he actually said, "Don't take extra sandals or tunic or money bag." You're putting yourself out in a way that requires a dependency on the Lord. That is both frightening but also amazing because what you see is God's provision in the mission.

We came out of All Saints, a huge program church, which had everything, all the tradition and history and buildings. We, on the core team, prayed, "Well, what is it that we do have?" It was actually the community. We had a huge emphasis on community life groups. If we did international mission or if we did extending compassion or evangelism, we did it through our groups. We would do everything through our groups.

The early church, for 300 centuries, had no building, really no budgets, but they were growing.

They had community. They had authentic relationships. I think it's to lean into who you are and what you have rather than what you don't.

**You teach workshops and retreats. What is your favorite subject to delve into?**

I just did this at the Daughters of the Holy Cross retreat. I called it Flourishing Communities. In Rodney Stark's book, *The Rise of Christianity*, he talks about how the church grew. That's probably my favorite subject right now.

**In addition to time with family, what else do you do for fun?**

We've got a little flat-bottom boat and we go out on the creek. We spend a lot of time out there. We crab. I golf very occasionally, once, or twice a year, but I do enjoy it. I just don't have time for it. What else do I do? I chase these grand-

children around.

**What will you be doing as an Assisting Bishop?**

Primarily, what Chip has talked to me about is visiting congregations. But we're also exploring things like, how can we do church planting together, potentially, how can we support one another in the credentialing process, those kinds of things, seeing other opportunities for working together. And I'll be available to him as he needs me.

**What are you looking forward to as you step into this new role?**

I'm looking forward to being able to engage and support and encourage our clergy and the congregations of the diocese. I'm also looking forward to building some relational bridges between the two dioceses. It's unusual, this whole idea of serving in two dioceses and I'm looking forward to figuring out ways we can partner in mission and ministry together and build relationships.

**How can we pray for you and Nancy?**

My prayer is just to be a good husband, a good father, a good grandfather, and to be faithful in the ministry God's given me, and to be attentive to the needs of the clergy I interact with.

## Let's Really Count Our Blessings this Thanksgiving

*By Dab Dent, Praise and Glory Chair, Anglican Women*

**F**or what are you most grateful? Since this newspaper made its way to you – you probably have a place to call home. Most likely you have a car – or two, a fridge full of food, and a closet full of clothes.

offer a gift that corresponds to our blessings.

Think of it as an act of worship, a tangible way to offer God praise and glory. Perhaps it can be something you include as part of your



DAB DENT

*"I realized I needed to be more grateful," said Dab. "Filling my Praise and Glory Jar helped me do just that!"*

When I first sensed a call to serve as the Chair of the Praise and Glory Offering, I didn't know why. But then I realized it was because I needed to be more grateful for everything God has done for me.

Filling my Praise and Glory Jar has helped me do just that!

Though I do put coins and bills in the jar, in addition I cut strips of colored paper and put them, along with a pen, next to my Praise and Glory jar. Then I regularly started writing notes about what I was thankful for and putting them in so I could remember what putting money in the jar was all about.

When I'd get down and out or depressed, I'd take the notes out and read them and be reminded that God loves me and has blessed me abundantly.

Studies show how gratitude changes the brain – and writing down my blessings has helped me tremendously.

In just another month most of us will sit down to Thanksgiving Day tables laden with food. We'll all thank God then, but what if, in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving, we filled our Praise and Glory jars with notes listing the ways God has blessed us? Then later we can

daily devotional time.

Just as a parent rejoices when a child expresses gratitude, so our heavenly Father rejoices when we express gratitude to him.

All offerings received by December 31, 2024, will go to the 2024 project, Camp Jubilee. Your jar of blessings can in turn bless those who will enjoy our new camp and retreat center.

**How to Give**

Though in the past we've encouraged women to collect coins and bills and then write a check

to the Praise and Glory Chair of their church – and that is still a wonderful, valid way to do it – many of us now pay our bills electronically and don't carry cash or checks. A simple and quick way to give is to visit the Praise and Glory

link on the diocesan website. Visit [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org), click "Donate Now" at the top of the page, then click "Praise and Glory Offering."

Having the jar on my counter has blessed me tremendously by reminding me how much God loves me and how blessed I am. I believe it will do the same for you. Won't you join me?

When I'd get down and out or depressed, I'd take the notes out and read them and be reminded that God loves me and has blessed me abundantly.

## Seven Thousand Lbs. of Food Delivered in 72 Hours

*By Ginger Bergstrom, St. John's Chapel and Holy Trinity Anglican, Charleston*

**J**ust days after Hurricane Helene hit the U.S. coast, members of St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church in Hartsville mobilized to provide canned goods and other non-perishable items to those affected. The Rector, the Rev. Bill Oldland, announced on Facebook that their church would serve as a donation drop-off spot and by Monday they had collected more than 3,000 lbs. of food items and over \$2,500 in donations.

On Tuesday, Bill, along with the Rev. Jason Varnadore, Rector of St. David's Cheraw,

and two others headed for Shumont Mountain where they planned to meet the Fire Chief of the Broad River Volunteer Fire Department.

"We were unable to reach the Volunteer Fire Station directly," said Oldland. "The members of the department had to drive ATVs to our vehicles to unload the supplies. The damage to the roads and to the electrical grid is incredible. The high winds, tornadoes, and the rain caused multiple trees to break and uproot, landslides, and, of course, major flooding."

With the needs so immense, Bill was delighted by the quick response. "What was incredible was the response of the members of St. Bartholomew's, the deanery, and the community of Hartsville and the surrounding areas. By the time we returned to Hartsville on Tuesday night the church was already full of more supplies. By Thursday night we had another four thousand pounds to be delivered."

Four trucks were loaded on Thursday night and a team left on Friday morning for

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## Productive Conversation

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"When once this had happened (embitment and entanglement), Europe's chance to come through unscathed was lost. It was as if men were set to conduct a metaphysical argument at a fair, in competition or (worse still) forced collaboration with the cheapjacks and the roundabouts, under the eyes of an armed and vigilant police force who frequently changed sides. Each party increasingly misunderstood the other and triumphed in refuting positions which their opponents did not hold..."

Need I say more?

# What Copper Taught Me about Spending Time with God

By The Rev. Jason Collins, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Conway

*"Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." – Hebrews 4:16*

Virtually every day for the past 20 years, I have made it a habit to get up early to have some time with the Lord. This is my time to pray to God, to listen for Him to answer, and to read the Bible. I have found that being in the presence of my loving heavenly Father is a great way to start the day.

Because this time is precious to me, I do not like to be interrupted during my time with the Lord. But every day for the past two weeks I have been interrupted within the

But then it dawned on me: Copper was excited to begin his day with me. He wanted to be with me so he could demonstrate his love for me and so I could demonstrate my love for him. I realized that Copper was a living metaphor for my time with God. Copper's desire to be in my presence at the dawn of the day was exactly the same as my desire to be with the Lord. So just as the Lord is willing to spend time with me, giving me attention and listening and answering my prayers, I began to allow my precious time to be interrupted so I could give attention to Copper like the Lord graciously gives His attention to me.

Too often, many of us think that God is too busy to be approached or



JASON COLLINS

first minute of my prayer time. My dog Copper hears me when I go into my special prayer space. As soon as I begin to pray, Copper has begun whining at the door, crying for me to open up and spend time with him. To be honest, the first few days Copper did this, I was aggravated and tried to ignore him. My prayer quickly became: "O Lord, please don't let Copper interrupt my time with You."

interrupted. We think, "Surely, the Lord has other things to do than to listen to me." Yes, the Lord has a lot going on and a lot of people to tend to, but God is not limited by time and space and energy like we are. In fact, God longs for us to come to Him, to come into His presence, to seek Him, to talk with Him, to listen

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# Helping College of Charleston Students Find a Home in God

By The Revd. Taylor Daniel, Campus Minister for Campus Communion at The College of Charleston

The turn of the new academic year brings excitement and some predictable, if not entirely controlled, chaos. You can reliably bet, I mean, that The College of Charleston will see a couple thousand new faces join the community. They will be highly educated and diverse in creeds, deeds, and hues. You should have no doubt that they'll represent every state in America and the whole span of the globe. Nor that they will be loud, stay up too late, and threaten to bleed the dining halls dry of their stores of sodexo pizza in the opening weeks. They will major in various things you've never heard of (and with varying degrees of practicality). It should all be quite fun, actually.

That much can be safely prophesied. Yet there are other, more contingent outcomes too. They will all end up finding community—but where?

Will it be in sports teams or drama clubs or, perhaps, the very-much-not-fictional-actually-I'm-jealous cheese club that meets in the student center?

By data, the answer will not be a local church.

The statistics on faith retention in and after college are not encouraging.

Combine chronic mal-formation and infinite hedonistic imperatives and campus has, it's safe to say, not been our "spot" in recent years. It doesn't have to be like this.

Because God, in fact, loves college students too. They are just as made in his image, just as hardwired for divine embrace, just as restless until they rest in Him as the rest of us. It is these convictions that led us to plant our own college ministry,



TAYLOR DANIEL

*Our community is already diverse; we have varying degrees of faith at the table. Some of our students are lifelong churchgoers and even former diocesan youth commission members (and we rejoice in those leadership pipelines!) Others are around because of the free food and good fellowship without being terribly interested in religion. Still others are actively searching.*

Campus Communion, at CofC in August of 2023. In this first year of sowing we have seen ample evidence of both God's faithfulness and of just how great the need really is.

All that post-Christianity you've been hearing about? It's real and it comes with real opportunities as well as challenges! I began this work, naturally enough, with some preconceptions. I was sure I'd get questions from some students about the troubling parts of the Old Testament, about sexual ethics, and the like. Only I haven't. At least, not in the manner or volume expected.

Instead I've found myself face to face with students who, more every year, simply don't know much about the Bible or the God that it announces. They live in unbiblical ways because they know of no other (and the rare occasions where they have been told about the Gospel,

they've found the tellers to be less than lovely in their delivery). This creates a deep hunger for the purpose, liberty, clean conscience, grace, and structure that life with Jesus and his people brings.

Last spring, as we worked through the seasons of Epiphany, Lent, and Easter during our campus bible study, I saw eyes open wide as strange things like fasting, prayer, "election," and resurrection landed on a deeper level. Some students chose to fast for the first time in their lives. Others joined us for Ash Wednesday service and the Easter Vigil. Still others didn't do anything at all. They just kept showing up in the first Christian community that ever made them feel welcome.

Campus Communion exists to tell a story and to make a case.

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# Children Hold Lemonade Stand for Camp Jubilee

By The Rev. Chance Perdue, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach

This past summer, Trinity Church in Myrtle Beach was blessed to send a number of students to Camp Jubilee, all of whom received scholarships through the generosity of our parishioners. Two of those campers, knowing that the diocese was raising money to purchase a new home for our camp and conference center, decided that they wanted to help in that effort.

The idea was simple: a Sunday morning lemonade stand at church. Advertisements went out, lemons were squeezed, baked goods were donated, and the day arrived. The two campers, Vera (11) and Cate (9), wore their camp shirts to church and set up in the parish hall. They had a lofty goal:



CHANCE PERDUE

*Vera and Cate react to learning they've raised \$3000 for Camp Jubilee.*

trusting the Lord and hoping to raise \$200 for Camp Jubilee. Through the love of the people of Trinity Church, the Lord was more generous than anyone could've imagined. The girls raised just over \$3,000 in the course of one hour.

Camp ministry in our diocese is an incredible gift, for a whole host of reasons. One of those is the simple fact that the camp experience is designed to help young people encounter the risen Lord Jesus and to trust Him. What a joy it is to serve in a parish that then encourages those same young people to come home and

actively trust the Lord to use them in the work He's doing. Glory to God for all things - let's go camping!

# Camp and Retreat Center Property

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door chapel, a dining hall, a recreation hall, a swimming pool, and a recreation field.


The property is a 10-minute drive or three-minute boat ride from downtown Beaufort. "We're excited to be in such close proximity to downtown," says Weldon. "You can see downtown Beaufort from the edge of our property. We've already begun establishing friendships with our neighbors on Lady's Island and are looking forward to being good neighbors and partnering with the community of Beaufort."

"Just 13 months ago, we didn't even know this property existed," he said, "and today, the Lord has given it to us. This place, this ministry, and this project have been and will continue to be in God's hands. To Jesus Christ be all honor and glory, now and always."

To support this effort click the QR code below, visit <https://adosc.org/about/donate-now/> or mail your check, made out to ADOSC, noting "Camp Jubilee Property Acquisition" to ADOSC, PO Box 20127, Charleston, SC 29413.

For additional information contact: The Rev. Ken Weldon, (843) 269-5688 or [kweldon@adosc.org](mailto:kweldon@adosc.org).





## Thank You!

The Camp Jubilee Fundraising Committee would like to thank the more than 400 donors who have helped us raise over \$3M!

The money is going toward the purchase of the site on Lady's Island that will become the home of the best camp and retreat center possible to the Glory of God!

More celebrations are coming. We hope to raise the rest of the funds necessary to satisfy the mortgage by Easter. Thanks be to God for everyone's generosity!

# Fathers, Sons, Faith and Baseball

By The Rev. Tyler Prescott, Good Samaritan Anglican, Summerville



PEET DICKINSON

On this trip, our sons got to see that their dads (and, subsequently their families) share a faith, a commitment to Jesus, and a need for his mercy. In short, many of the things we seek to impart to our own children we were now practicing together, with friends, in a way that hopefully makes following Jesus a regular part of our boys' lives. (Above, from left: the Dickinsons and Prescotts)

I wasn't sure I could betray my beloved Atlanta Braves when the call first came in. Peet and Bo Dickinson had invited my son, Benjamin, and me on a father/son trip - to celebrate birthdays; to

watch baseball; to eat good food; for fathers and sons and godfathers and godsons to connect; and to cheer on... the Cincinnati Reds! Of course, one could hardly say "no" to such an invitation, especially with

the opportunity for two fifth-grade boys, both adopted from China, to connect and continue to build a lasting friendship. So, at the end of August, we boarded a plane for Cincinnati for a weekend of fathers, sons, faith, and baseball.

Opportunities for fathers and sons to connect with other men and their sons do not often come by happenstance (to be sure, the same is true for mothers and daughters). Despite our best intentions, life gets scheduled to the hour, priorities are set, and finding even a moment to connect with our children can become a challenge, much less to do it alongside another family! Nevertheless, I've come to realize that opportunities like this are important. For one, they allow us to build relationships with our own children in a way that cannot be done amid the hustle and bustle of everyday life, where events, screens, school, and even other siblings compete for our attention.

Additionally, these opportunities allow our children to see, at an intimate level, a shared faith that transcends immediate family lines. Small moments of the trip, like saying prayers and talking about faith take on added significance. Even at our less-than-stellar moments,

when an apology is required and forgiveness is necessary, grace and forgiveness are normalized when they are practiced among friends and other beloved adults. On this trip, our sons got to see that their dads (and, subsequently their families) share a faith, a commitment to Jesus, and a need for his mercy. In short, many of the things we seek to impart to our own children we were now practicing together, with friends, in a way that hopefully makes following Jesus a regular part of our boys' lives. Also, they got to do this while consuming shocking numbers of hot dogs and soft drinks, which helps.

This trip was a team effort, as Peet and I both left spouses at home to manage other children and schedules (Thank you, Lanier and Jenny!). So, leaving some of the team at home, we set aside a weekend to build relationships and plant seeds of faith. Interestingly, planting these seeds did not involve hours of bible study, or sophisticated rites of passage. Instead, it took the form of batting cages at the Louisville Slugger museum, indoor go-carts on rainy mornings, trolley rides with the people of Cincinnati, Reds baseball games, foul balls, and brushes with

Major League ballplayers. But, in the midst of fun there were stories shared of God's faithfulness - how he has sustained us in difficult times, provided for us in unexpected ways, and even how He united two boys born in China with their adoptive families half a world away.

Let us not underestimate the power of God working in relationships like these! And please take note, it does not take weekend trips to accomplish these things. I see, on a weekly basis in our church, adults pouring into the children of our congregation and families building special bonds. In the context of these communities and relationships, our faith is normalized and prioritized, so that when we, and our children, enter into the world, we and they know there is a team of faithful people doing the same. So grab your sons, your daughters, their friends and their families and take some intentional time to cultivate those relationships in a way that centers Jesus in our lives, reminds us of the grace he offered us and we offer to each other, and equips us to do the same for the world around us. Such intentional work is well worth it, even if it causes your son to become a bit of a Reds fan.

## Daily Office

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was at work. That way, I can rest in peace during the night.

### Daniel Farley

I've been praying the office for 50 years. My day is off when I don't pray the office.

### Tripp Jeffords

It's like going to the gym, it gives a special place and structure and familiarity to accomplish the job at hand...communion with God.

### Cody Lang

The Daily Office has always been a discipline for me in that it takes effort to engage it. That being said, I have found it to be a reliable rhythm in my prayer life. Beginning my day having confessed and been forgiven is the best way to begin my work. It also helps me to remember to pray for those to whom I say "I'll pray for you!" because without this time and space set aside with the Lord I am prone to forget. The Daily Office also reminds me that I am a living member of the Body of Christ and that I never pray the office alone, even when I'm the only one in the sanctuary at 10am. The "We" language is transformative for how I have understood how the Church is unified in Christ.

### Alex Banfield Hicks

What I appreciate the most are 1) the language of daily confession, 2) the reminder that I am praying with the world-wide (and history-deep) Christian community 3) scripture-soaked prayers, 4) being led by the hand through the Bible, and 5) memorable collects! It is also a joy to pray it with the whole Trinity School for Ministry community in chapel!

## 2025 Christian Men's Conference

February 7 - 9, 2025  
Lutheridge Camp & Conference Center

Registration is now open for the 2025 Christian Men's Conference which will be held February 7-9 at Lutheridge Camp & Conference Center. Attendees will hear from Bishop Trevor Walters on the theme "Made in the Image of God: Experiencing Healing Within Masculinity."



The mission of the Christian Men's Conference is to equip today's men to be tomorrow's disciple makers. The Christian Men's Conference addresses issues that face all men in today's fast-paced world and provides insight and ideas for dealing victoriously with the constant stress we all suffer.

The Lutheridge Camp and Conference Center is located near Asheville in Arden, North Carolina on 160 acres of scenic land. Note: Lutheridge did not suffer catastrophic damage from the hurricane and is looking forward to hosting our conference. The location allows for great hiking, canoeing, rock climbing, and more. Lutheridge offers a variety of meeting spaces, comfortable lodging, and excellent dining.

We're offering \$100 off for Father/Son registered together.

### New Choices Available

In previous years, attendees of the Christian Men's Conference had

a choice between a lodge room or a primitive cabin. This year, at Lutheridge, we have more options, including queen beds, smaller cabins with bunk beds and a kitchenette, and larger lodges with two-person rooms.

To reduce confusion, we've worked hard to simplify the options for registration.

### About Our Speaker, Trevor Walters

Bishop Trevor was consecrated a bishop in the Church of God in 2009 in St Catharine's, Ontario. He also serves as associate priest at St. Matthew's in Abbotsford, BC, where he was formerly rector and Territorial Archdeacon for ANiC. Prior to moving to Abbotsford, he was Executive Director of the Entheos Retreat and Conference Centre in Calgary, Chaplain at the University of Calgary, Curate of St Stephen's Anglican Church in Calgary, and a high school teacher in Bermondsey, London, UK. Trevor has invested more than 30 years in Anglican Church ministries. He cherishes Anglicanism for its "historic, comprehensive breadth of character."

Trevor's first wife, Julie, died in 2007. They had three children. In 2011 he married Dede. They now have three grandchildren. His hobbies are skiing, golf, hiking, and carving icons.

For more information: email: [info@christianmensconference.org](mailto:info@christianmensconference.org), call 843-310-2050 or visit [christianmensconference.org](http://christianmensconference.org)

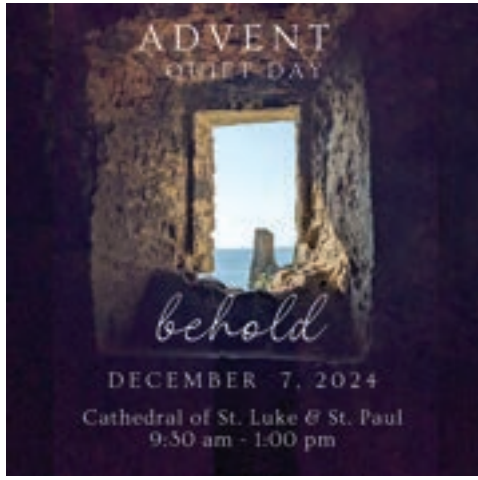
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## Behold: Advent Quiet Day

(Sponsored by the ADOSC and the Cathedral)

Saturday, December 7, 2024  
9:30 am – 1:00 pm  
The Cathedral Church  
of St. Luke & St. Paul  
Charleston

Come rest and refocus for a morning as an intentional way to enter into the Advent season. Our retreat, led by the Rev'd Canon Sandi Kerner, will include worship, scripture reflection, personal prayer time, and practices that prompt us to behold the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in our daily life.

We will share a simple lunch of soup and bread at the close of our time together.

Donations are welcome (suggested \$20).

Register at: [your-cathedral.org/events](http://your-cathedral.org/events).

## What Copper Taught Me

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to Him, to read His Word, and to love Him and let Him love us. He went to extreme measures to be accessible to us: He came down from heaven, took on human flesh, died a sacrificial death on the cross, and rose again from the dead just to make Himself accessible to us so we would come to Him and so we could be with Him forever. Thank You, Jesus!

Find the time, make the time, and take the time to be present with the Lord each and every day. You are not interrupting Him and you are not a burden to Him. He wants you to be with Him and He wants to be with you. If you are a follower of Jesus, then you are a child of the Most High God. Go spend some quality time with your Heavenly Daddy.

# Visiting Churches with the Bishop's Wife

## An Interview with Beth Edgar

Imagine what it's like to visit a different church every Sunday – all year long. Except for a few holiday breaks, this is the routine for Bishop Chip Edgar and his wife, Beth. Bishop Edgar is there to connect with his clergy, get to know the flock, confirm, and receive new members, and often preach, or teach. But what's it like for Beth? This past September, I sat down with her at Christophe's Artisan Chocolate in Charleston to find out.

**So, Beth, nearly every week, you and the bishop visit at least one church in the diocese. How do you prepare?**

It's a lot easier now that I've been to most of the churches at least once. We have a directory that tells a little bit about each church and in it there's a section for notes. I haven't looked at those probably in six months, but I used to. I would look back at my notes from the previous visit and note things like what the dress code was. Some churches are really casual, and others very formal. Some of the churches I thought might be more casual are actually more formal.

**I know sometimes you have meals. What's that like?**

It's always good. But in the smaller churches, it's everybody's favorite recipe. And they're like, "Oh, you've got to get some of Ms. Bea's chocolate cake. And get it now because it won't be there when you're ready for dessert." So that's fun. Sometimes it's a little pick-me-up and other times, it's a full lunch. I always tell Chip and Joyce (the bishop's assistant) it's okay if they don't have anything. They don't need to feed us every time.

**Is there any food you're partial to?**

Not really. I mean, I do love fried chicken, mac and cheese, and all the southern staples, which are often on the menu.

**Was there one particular church meal that was memorable? Or one you'd give the highest marks to?**

I don't know that it was my favorite, but we had an amazing Italian lunch at The Well in Myrtle Beach. Mei Mei and Liza (our daughters) were home for Christmas break. We told them if they went with us to The Well, we'd take them to Caledonia, a great restaurant



JOY HUNTER

When asked what she considers to be the best thing about visitations Beth replied, "To say 'the people' sounds too general, but that's really true. The people, and hearing what's going on. I mean, you take your teeny, little church with 15 people on a Sunday, and you take your really big church, and there's amazing ministry going on at both."

in Pawley's Island afterward. It said on the customary (the form a church fills out prior to the bishop's visit) that they weren't having lunch, which was fine. We didn't mind.

But anyway, we went to The Well. And we get there, and they've got this big sit-down lunch planned with a head table.

**Like a wedding!**

A family in their church is Italian and maybe owns a restaurant, I don't remember. And made this amazing Italian food. That's just one that stands out because it wasn't expected at all.

**What about the visitations is similar? What's different?**

Similar? It's similar that I walk in and think, "Okay, where am I going to sit?"

**You don't sit in the front row?**

No, I never sit in front because then you can't watch and see how they do communion. You've got to be a few rows back, to see, "Oh, they're all intincting (dipping the communion bread in the wine). And they're going out to the left." I don't remember that from year to year.

But everybody's super friendly. In some churches they'll say, "We welcome Bishop Edgar and Beth, where's Beth?" And I'm like, "Oh, gosh. I'm right here." That happens almost every Sunday. I always say I do not want to be the center of the party, but I definitely want an invite to the party.

**And what things are different?**

Communion is different, but you can watch to see how it's done. The biggest difference, without fail, is the peace. Some churches are like, "Stay right where you are. Hello, hello. Peace, peace, peace, peace." In other churches, it's a 15-minute free-for-all. I wish churches knew that if you're new, that's super uncomfortable because everybody's chatting and once you've greeted the people around you, you're just standing there. The peace is definitely the most different thing in every church and the most stressful thing for me. Isn't that funny?

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## Diocesan Churches Bless Children and Support Local Schools

Many of our diocesan churches generously bless students and support teachers in neighboring schools. Here are activities we heard about this fall:

- **Christ the King, Pawleys Island** handed out cards with the names of the individual schoolchildren in their congregation. Parishioners picked up a card and committed to pray for that student weekly during the school year. The parish also purchased Amazon gift cards for schoolteachers.

- **Church of the Resurrection, Surfside** provided 85 clear plastic book bags filled with back-to-school supplies as requested from Horry County Schools for those in need in the community.



TIMOTHY GRIGGS

After the Rev. Jeremy Shelton, Rector of St. John's Anglican Church on Johns Island, blessed their backpacks he gave the children bracelets with scripture verses printed on them.

- **Good Samaritan Anglican, Summerville** purchased backpacks and gave \$50 gift cards to children in the HALOs program.

- **Prince George Winyah, Georgetown** collected backpacks to donate to children in need.

- **St. Michael's, Charleston** collected school supplies for their mission partners, Charleston Classical School and Hope Scholars Academy.

- **St. John's, Johns Island** gave \$25 and \$50 gift cards to the teachers and support staff at Haut Gap Middle school, the school where they meet for worship.

- **Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island** hosted a back-to-school shoe drive and cookout for those in a neighboring apartment complex.

- **Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant** invited parishioners to sponsor a child to provide specific supplies and collected general school supplies, as well.

- **Saint James Anglican, James Island** collected school supplies for the Teachers' Supply Closet (TSC) a nonprofit organization that provides free school supplies to teachers in the Tri-County area who work at schools where 69% or more of the students are on the free or reduced meals program.

- **The Well, Myrtle Beach** collected school supplies for Help4Kids.

- **St. Helena's, Beaufort**, for the third year, held a back-to-school bash for adopted and foster children and their families with fun games, a cookout meal, prizes, and a short program. The event is sponsored by the Jockey Being Family Foundation.



JESSICA WILLIS

Church of the Holy Spirit, Daniel Island hosted a back-to-school shoe drive and cookout for those in a neighboring apartment complex.

- **St. Paul's Anglican, Summerville** organized a clothing drive for local students in need of new clothes for the upcoming school year.

# “This Anglican Life” New Podcast Launched

By The Rev. Kyle Holtzower, Christ-St. Paul’s Anglican Church, Hollywood



MADISON KUZIA

*“If your church is like ours, you are experiencing growth with folks from outside the Anglican tradition or with no tradition at all who are worshipping with limited understanding and who leave with burning questions,” says Holtzower, above right. “We needed an additional avenue of instruction these folks could travel to get those questions answered.” With him is co-host Evan Sustar who serves as the church’s Family Ministry Director.*

According to data collected by Edison Research, a survey company in the field of audio technology, this year there are currently 460,526 active podcasts on Apple Podcasts alone. That same survey found that nearly half (47%) of the U.S. population (12 years and up) listen to a podcast at least monthly. The reality is, podcasts have become a commonplace communication tool in the western world and there is a good chance – almost fifty-fifty actually – that you are one of those listeners.

With this being the case, I want to tell you about the new audio show created by the staff of Christ-St.

Paul’s Anglican Church, This Anglican Life Podcast.

If you spend any time searching the podcast world for a show about Anglicanism, you will find a handful of good options. A handful of good options, however, is hardly enough to cover the beauty and splendor of the Anglican Way! While some of these podcasts will dive through deep waters with scholarly content appealing to the intellectual, others will skim the surface with a singular focus to provide basic answers as if reading an encyclopedia. This Anglican Life will attempt to take yet another approach and curate space for people curious about this

peculiar Anglican tribe through sharing the life, ministry, and practice of a local Anglican parish. The true catalyst for this new project is actually much closer to home and very practical. If your church is like ours, you are experiencing growth with folks from outside the Anglican tradition or with no tradition at all who are worshipping with limited understanding and who leave with burning questions. We needed an additional avenue of instruction these folks could travel to get those questions answered.

For this reason, we gave it the title This Anglican Life. The content will be born from the particular context of Christ-St. Paul’s (CSP). For example, while we walk through confirmation together as a church, we can extend the conversation and provide greater details regarding this important and historical practice. Likewise, when it comes time to do an instructed eucharist on Sunday morning, the podcast can be used to go deeper into the meaning and history of each liturgical element. In this manner we will explore all sorts of topics within Anglicanism and church history, theology and doctrine, faith and discipline, ministry and practice as it is represented in the Anglican tradition.

While the primary audience may be folks connected to Christ-St. Paul’s, anyone interested in learning more about the Anglican Way will benefit from listening in. We will have various guests on the podcast to share

their particular expertise such as historical theologians and biblical scholars who can shed light on the distinctives of Anglicanism, as well as hear from bishops and archbishops as they lead and shepherd the parishes in their care. Speaking of bishops, by the time this article is published you will have already had the opportunity to listen to the episode with our very own +Chip Edgar. And because one might experience a different expression of community and worship from parish to parish, we will interview other rectors and priests in order to highlight what Anglican life and ministry is like in their particular parishes.

We envision this to be a helpful resource not just for the members of Christ-St. Paul’s but also for the churches within our diocese and the broader community beyond. Our desire is to create a familial and positive learning environment where all who desire to can discover more about the great tradition of the Anglican Church, hear of its unity and diversity, its passion and joy, its hope and mission. Ultimately, we hope this new project will help disciples of Jesus be faithful witnesses to him, regardless of tradition or location, with all glory going to God! We hope you will join us on this journey.



You can find and follow us on Apple Podcasts and Spotify. To learn more and connect with us visit the show’s website at [www.thisanglicanlife.com](http://www.thisanglicanlife.com).

## 7000 lbs of Food

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Old Fort, NC. The fire chief had them take all donations for Shumont and the surrounding area to a warehouse in that city.

“When we arrived, we could see members of the National Guard, the Sheriff’s Department, and volunteers organizing the space. They were doing a great job of receiving supplies while individuals and families were arriving to receive assistance. It is truly amazing what they are doing considering Old Fort took a direct hit from the flooding and there is extensive damage in the city.”

Seeing the volunteers there brought his own congregation to mind.

“I’ve been blessed,” said Bill. “I’ve got a congregation that cares about others. They’re wonderful people and a lot of it came out of the loss of our building. It changed our focus. I never would have thought that at the end of my ministry, at the end of being a parish priest, I’d be in a situation with people who care as much as they do. It’s God’s work, not mine. God provided all of it and I love ‘em for it.”

St. Bartholomew’s will continue to serve as a drop-off location for relief supplies for the foreseeable future, though Bill wants donors to check-in prior to bringing items to make sure what’s donated is what is requested. You can reach him at [stbartrector@aol.com](mailto:stbartrector@aol.com).

# Responding when Disaster Strikes

Over the week of September 1-7 several Anglican Relief and Development Fund volunteers from around the Anglican Province traveled to the Dawson Springs area of Kentucky to help families rebuild their homes after two devastating tornados passed through the area in recent years. On December 10, 2021 an EF4 tornado traveled over 200 miles, through four states, wreaking havoc in its path. Numerous lives were lost and countless homes destroyed. As rebuilding and repairs seemed to be making great headway and families were able to return to their homes, another tornado ripped through the area, following an almost identical track on May 26 of this year.

Two of the volunteers on this recent trip, the Rev. Newman Lawrence and Bob Smith came from St. Jude’s Church in Walterboro, where Lawrence is the rector. They traveled together the 600 miles from SC to KY to work for families they’d never met, in a community where they had no ties, in response to a storm that had no impact on them, simply because it seemed like the right thing to do as followers of Christ trying to live out the Great Commission. They both agree they will respond again as needs arise.

“I spent some time working in Mississippi after Katrina hit years ago,” said Lawrence. “I realized at that time that there is always a need when such storms strike and the next one could hit where I live. I want to set the missional example for folks in my parish to be the hands and feet of Jesus when others are going through that time of need.”

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BRIAN STEWART

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had been doing much of the repair work himself, beginning back in 2021, but was unable to complete the work due to a recent injury that was requiring extensive rehab. The ARDF team stepped in to finish his home where he is excited to welcome family and host four generations for the holidays this year, something they have not been able to do since before the 2021 tornado. The homeowner had joyful tears

in his eyes as Newman blessed his home and prayed over the family and it was clear to this faith-filled family that the ARDF team was a God-sent answer to prayer.

“Working at the Stallings house was a gift from God for our team,” said Lawrence. “We had the chance to get to know a man who was pretty clear about his priorities in life: faith, family, our nation, and hunting. We had some great fellowship together and were blessed to be a blessing.”

Anglican Relief and Development Fund Domestic Disaster Response Network coordi-

nates several Disaster Response trips a year throughout the country. They always partner with a local church or organization to ensure their efforts are helping the local community. In Dawson Springs, ARDF is working with the Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders. For future mission trip dates, visit the ARDF website (<https://ardf.org/domestic-disaster-response-network>) or reach out to Newman Lawrence, Canon for Men’s Ministry, ADOSC at [RevNewman.Lawrence@gmail.com](mailto:RevNewman.Lawrence@gmail.com).

## Letter from Archbishop Wood

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of gospel life and mission taking place in our parishes and dioceses.

Lastly, a word about the work of the Court for the Trial of a Bishop. The last few years have been difficult and frustrating years for our province. Having served on the court for the Todd Atkinson trial, I gained perspective on how our disciplinary process works. Of particular interest was the discovery that our court is only able to entertain one trial at a time. Given the timeframe for the investigations and subsequent presentment processes, including the appeals to the Tribunal, being far longer than anticipated, by the time Atkinson trial was ready for adjudication it was first on the court’s schedule. Practically, this means that the matters before the court concerning the Diocese of the Upper Midwest have been awaiting the completion of the Atkinson trial.

With the Atkinson trial complete and the election of a new court at our recent Provincial Council, the +Ruch trial is now before the court. In August, I affirmed Archbishop

Beach’s appointments of Mr. C. Alan Runyan, Esq. as the Provincial Prosecutor as well as the Honorable Tad Brenner as legal advisor to the court. (Canon IV.5.2.3) I have sworn in and commissioned the new court. I also asked the court to consider publishing regular updates as motions are ruled upon. I am very pleased to tell you that the court has agreed to issue updates on their work. You will find these updates on our provincial website. I commend to your prayers all those affected and this process.

Please know that this letter comes with gratitude for our shared ministry and my continued prayers.

Yours in Christ,  
+Steve

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## College of Charleston Ministry

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Our community is our voice; in it, we hope, they will know us by our love. The story is the Gospel, of course. The case is that Jesus is their Savior too. He can be their own intimate confidant, Lord, and friend. The easy yoke and light burden borne by the birds of the air (despite their lack of sowing, reaping, degrees, internships, influencer status, or barns) can be theirs as well.

Our community is already diverse; we have varying degrees of faith at the table. Some of our students are lifelong churchgoers and even former diocesan youth commission members (and we rejoice in those leadership pipelines!) Others are around because of the free food and good fellowship without being terribly interested in religion. Still others are actively searching. In a time as globally interconnected as our own, many young people can feel a suffocating inadequacy in the face of so many different holy books to read, so many different faiths and secular creeds on offer. That is something we walk through with them as well, asking questions and waiting for the Lord to speak.

He is speaking. It's discernable in the student who asked me to baptize her last May. As well as in the student who, amidst the bustle of a busy coffee shop, recounted his religious experiences growing up and where they did and didn't align with what Jesus actually said.

So, exciting times are ahead. By the time this goes to print, we'll have been hanging with and reaching out to many of those thousands of new faces as the semester kicks off. We're walking with them to class, being beaten by them at pickleball, and buying them coffee. Some of you will have seen them too, as you partner with us to feed and welcome them at our "Back to School!" lawn parties and karaoke nights in the first few weeks.

You can expect to hear more about future events, future retreats, future service projects and worship nights, and to read more about them in the next issue of the Jubilate Deo.

Just remember that, whatever you read about us doing, it's all in service of telling a story and making a case.

The story, *"There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear."*

The case that they're being called home, by the Good Father who has already seen them while they were yet far off.

*The Revd Taylor Daniel is Campus Minister for Campus Communion at CofC. He invites your prayers for this vital work but he could use your money and your social connections too! To learn more about partnering with Campus Communion, email Taylor at tdaniel@adosc.org.*

# Kairos: It Must Be Seen to Be Believed

Submitted by Wynn Englishbe, The Rev. Chuck Pollak and The Rev Francis Allston

Officially Kairos RCI (Ridgeland Correctional Institution) 21 started on March 23, 2024 with the first volunteer training meeting at Great Swamp Baptist Church. In reality, several months earlier the weekend leader had been assembling his team, doing training, and setting up the schedule to be ready to see the 50+ volunteers at 0730 on that March morning.

Before and during the four training sessions, other volunteers from local churches were raising funds, baking cookies, signing up for the prayer chain to cover the weekend, writing letters, and praying for men they would never see.

During the training sessions the team for RCI 21 were greeting old friends and meeting the 12 new men who would be going into the prison. All of the time in a Kairos Weekend is scheduled. There is a process to bring Jesus to those incarcerated individuals that He knows and wants them to know Him. There is much prayer involved in these training sessions because no matter how we try, without the Holy Spirit we could just be an acting company. With the Holy Spirit we are equipped to be there and to do the work that Kairos asks: to Listen, Listen, Love, Love.

On May 2, 2024 the Kairos team arrived at Great Swamp Baptist Church to begin packaging almost 5,000 dozen cookies, assembling the prayer chain, sorting through placemats prepared by children in the supporting churches, and praying for this weekend. Everything was loaded into the van and we were off to the entrance of RCI called the sallyport. We wore mostly smiles with a few slightly anxious looks. There is something about the noise made as the barred prison doors open and then slam shut.

The actual program is held in the prison gymnasium. The inside volunteers, all inmates, had been getting this space ready. The assistant warden and the prison chaplain were already there. Everything went smoothly as the 42 men who had volunteered to be in this weekend appeared, were greeted, and introductions made. Cookies and beverages were brought to our new participants by team members. There were many smiles among the men gathered there. The end of the first day came and the Kairos team departed, looking forward to the next day.

## A Change in Plans

We had trained diligently and so Friday morning came and we were at the sallyport at



JOY HUNTER

*The graduation ceremony itself was attended by previous Kairos weekend graduates who are still incarcerated. Outside guests were able to see 35 new believers and to hear many of their testimonies as we have "open mic." For all of our planning, without the Holy Spirit, nothing might have happened. With the Spirit there was incredible joy in the prison and in heaven.*

0600. Then assembled, we were told there had been a violent attack in one of the dormitories. Eight of our program participants were in "lockdown" due to the terrible incident. We were told to wait. And so we prayed. The assistant warden and the prison chaplain gathered up the names of the men who had applied to come to this weekend but had not "made the cut." They were assembled, briefed and brought into the Kairos meeting room. Two hours had passed. Our weekend leader and his team worked to bring the entire day's program to the men. Minor adjustments that really were not noticed by participants or volunteers brought us to the end of the day on schedule. The Spirit has power! Many of the alternate participants had been trying to come to a weekend for years. Their joy was contagious.

## "Tough" Guys Respond

Saturday is always very emotional because it centers on forgiveness. There is no way to say in a few words all that happens on these Saturdays. Letters were given to the participants, totaling over 50 letters per man. It is quite common that a man might not have received one letter in the past few or many years. To see really "tough" guys respond to the reality that they are not alone must be seen to be believed.

Sunday morning the program continued. Many men are "cooked out." But the program continued to build. The sharing among the participants and the volunteers was open, and incredible vulnerability happened. Lunch was pizza because all the cooking at Great Swamp Baptist Church by our volunteers had to stop. That church is so essential to this ministry. The pastor had stopped by on Thursday to encourage us. Many of us know him and how much that church supports prison ministry.

## Incredible Joy

Graduation is preceded by cross presentations to those who professed their faith in Jesus. The graduation ceremony itself was attended by previous Kairos weekend graduates who are still incarcerated. Outside guests were able to see 35 new believers and to hear many of their testimonies in an "open mic" time. For all of our planning, without the Holy Spirit, nothing might have happened. With the Spirit there was incredible joy in the prison and in heaven.

To close, it must be known that this is not a one-and-done effort. Weekly Bible studies are held and monthly reunions are conducted by Kairos weekend graduates. Kairos volunteers are invited to attend. On June 4 the reunion had over 100 graduates and 20 volunteers in attendance. It has been said by Father Chuck Pollak "if you don't believe in miracles, come to Kairos."

*To learn more about Kairos and see what you might do, contact the Rev. Chuck Pollak at frchuck52@gmail.com.*

## Visiting Churches with Beth Edgar

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### What is the best thing about getting to do the visitations?

To say "the people" sounds too general, but that's really true. The people, and hearing what's going on. I mean, you take your teeny, little church with 15 people on a Sunday, and you take your really big church, and there's amazing ministry going on at both.

One of my weirdnesses, and this was before Chip ever became a bishop, is that I love reading church bulletins! I read them front to back, cover to cover. I get the bulletin and go sit in my pew, and start reading. It's been surprising to see how God is working in every church in different ways, and it's really cool to see that.

### Do you ever skip the visitation?

Every once in a while, but only if I have a reason. If I'm going to be with the grandkids, or I've got friends in town, and I want to take them someplace local.

### What have you learned about the diocese and the people through these visits?

That everybody is related or knows each other. We've never been in a diocese before that is like that. I mean, everybody knows everybody. South Carolina is one big, small town, and the diocese is a big family.

### It must be hard not belonging to one church family, where you see the same people and build relationships every week. How do you stay connected, fed spiritually and personally during this season?

So, on Wednesday nights during the school year or as much as we can, which is usually every week, we go to St. Philip's for their Wednesday night service, dinner, and C.S. Lewis class, an obvious choice for us Lewis fans. And that is intentional. I have developed some close friendships there.

### Do you get nervous about visitations?

Not really. I did in the beginning. But not anymore.

Visiting the churches has been a super-positive experience. One thing I have loved is traveling to some of these little towns, a couple of which I'd never heard of, and seeing these gorgeous old churches in these little, teeny towns. Barnwell has a beautiful little southern Gothic building. This coming week we're going to Holy Cross, Stateburg. It would be in the running for the most beautiful church in the diocese.

Another fun thing is if we don't have a whole lunch after church and we're driving through these small towns, we'll find some great little diner for lunch. So that's been fun, just discovering the eastern part of South Carolina.

### What could churches or parishioners do to make a visitation better?

I can't think of anything, honestly.

I will tell you, the churches that have lost their buildings and

are meeting in different spaces are the best for visitors because they've got all the signs, parking this way, classes that way. Whereas in the old established churches, sometimes you're like, "What door do I go in? There are two church-looking buildings here. Where's the service?"

### Is there anything a church could do to make it a special treat for you or Chip?

Not really. I mean, they treat us so well, truly. Sometimes we get there and they're like, "Oh, we just had the landscaping done last week." And you're like, "Have you seen our yard? You don't need to do that!"

But everybody is so friendly and welcoming. When we first started, when Chip first started, I said I would go on visits with him for the first year because I wanted to get to know the churches and the people. I didn't think I would like it. But I do! I love it.



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Kairos Arts Ministry is a Worship Arts ministry featuring: The Arena Concert Series with live performances by local and nationally renowned artists from diverse genres; The Gallery with openings, classes, artist talks, and exhibits in the galleries at St. Andrew's Church; Forums, gatherings held quarterly, designed to inspire and equip artists and art enthusiasts; and, The Tribe, cultivating community, collaboration and mutual support via small groups and courses.

COMING EVENTS

**Matthew Perryman Jones 10/25 @ 7pm**  
Singer-songwriter Jones brings his signature blend of folk, rock, and indie style for an evening of emotional, soul-stirring music.

**Astralis Chamber Ensemble 12/7 @ 7pm**  
Enjoy an enchanting evening of Baroque music and carols, perfectly timed for the holiday season, performed on flute, violin, cello, and harpsichord.

**Wonders of the Deep: Incarnate Word**  
The artwork of Asheville-based artist, Grace Carol Bomer, on exhibit in the Main Gallery and Prayer Room Gallery through 11/24.

**Was God Dead? Biblical Imagination in German Expressionist Prints**  
Opening Sunday, 12/1 with a reception and a seminar luncheon with collection curator Sandra Bowden, and artist, Ed Knippers.

**Winter Forum 1/18/25 @ 9am to noon**  
KeyNote: Dr. Wesley Vander Lugt; also featuring Dale Watson and Louise Weld.

All info & tickets @ [KairosArtsMinistry.com](http://KairosArtsMinistry.com)

# Global Mission Partnerships Abound

By The Rev. Canon Robert S. Lawrence, Diocesan Canon for Global Missions

Many of the congregations and parishes of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina continue to be involved in international missions throughout the wider Anglican Church in the world. This involves praying for specific missionaries, providing financial support to missions and mission agencies, sending out short-term mission teams, hosting international guests, and everything in between. The fruit of that ministry over many years is evident in the life and vitality of so many of our congregations, both large and small.



spread among seven congregations. Cambodia was a new addition to the 2023 reports, with six different congregations claiming missional relationships there. In almost all cases, this involved financial and/or prayer support for the Pelloni family, missionaries from St. Timothy's, Summerville. Anthony Pelloni is also among our Postulants for ordination to Holy Orders.

## Room for Improvement

Included in the mission-related data is the observation that 22 of our congregations did not report any involvement in mission partnerships. They do not support any missionaries through either prayer or finances, their parish has not sent anyone into missions, and they report no missional partnerships anywhere. While it is hoped that some of the reported data in the parochial reports is simply inaccurate, it is also clear that opportunities abound to further the need for greater involvement in fulfilling the Great Commission to the ends of the earth.

Our diocese presently endorses two of its clergy that serve in full-time missions, and one preparing for ordination serving in full-time mission. Additionally, there are several diocesan or parish-sponsored lay persons serving in full-time missions. Simply a parish commitment to pray for one or all of these folks would allow them to claim a mission partnership. Our diocesan missionaries would be blessed by these prayers, and I guarantee that our parishes would as well. Members of the diocesan committee for Anglican Missional Partnerships will collectively be contacting each of our parishes and congregations in order to more fully explore the data provided by each of them in the 2023 parochial reports, and to offer further encouragement and ideas for reaching the goal of having every parish involved at some level in Anglican global mission partnerships. For further information please contact your diocesan Canon for Global Missions at [blawrence@adosc.org](mailto:blawrence@adosc.org) or call (843) 276-1758.

## Connections in Over 40 Countries

The annual parochial reports submitted by all the congregations of the Anglican Church in North America include multiple mission-related questions that help to provide and reveal far greater understanding and awareness of this level of mission involvement across the province. The collective data found on these reports is shared with each diocese by the provincial office. The data from the 2023 Annual Reports submitted by our diocese was recently provided in August for our use and review. Overall, it revealed that the parishes of the diocese engage in missional relationships spread across 40 different countries. Kenya was at the top of that list with relational ministries among 10 different congregations of the diocese. Mexico was the next most-mentioned country, with relational ministry partnerships

## Individual Church Activity

Among the 55 congregations of the diocese that submitted annual parochial reports, 33 claimed to have international missional partnerships within another country. Among these congregations, the Church of the Cross in Bluffton identified 11 different countries in which they have mission partnerships. St. Michael's, Charleston reported mission relationships within nine different countries and Prince George Winyah, Georgetown reported eight. Most of our congregations with active mission relationships report one to four countries of involvement. For some that might not be anything more than a commitment to pray for a specific missionary serving in a particular country, and for others, it might mean a regular commitment of financial support and the sending and receiving of visitors between congregations and countries. One example is St. John's Parish Church on Johns Island which has a long-term relational investment in the Diocese of Northern Uganda and the Diocese of Peru in the Province of South America.

# Do You Need Some Perspective?

By Anne Schaffer, St. Michael's Church, Charleston



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Lead coordinator for the course and Water Mission engineer, Jordan Deshon, calls the Perspectives Course "one of the most transforming experiences for any Christian to walk through. Perspectives is not just a mission class. It's an educational experience that will literally change your perspective, and it will ignite a passion in you to see Jesus worshiped in the nations and in your neighborhood."

As you consider the world we live in and where your life as a Christian fits into the bigger picture, what thoughts come to mind? Do you ever feel like you could use some perspective? What if I told you that you could fellowship weekly with other believers from all walks of life to gain a deeper understanding of God's purposes and heart of love for all of humanity and, in the meantime, discover how your life matters in the grand scheme of things? Well, there is such a time and space for this, and you're invited! It's rightly called Perspectives.

The Perspectives class, or Perspectives on the Christian World Movement, is coming back to the Charleston area in the spring of 2025.

What is Perspectives? In short, it's a 15-week class which explores the Biblical, historical, cultural, and strategic view of God's heart of mission that all people from everywhere come to know Him and His love. "Perspectives isn't a course solely about world missions [though]. It's a study program rooted in Scripture clarifying each believer's remarkable opportunity to co-labor with God in His global purpose." (Perspectives website)

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shipped in the nations and in your neighborhood."

Those who have taken the course before often share similar sentiments and have stories of how it has made an impact on their worldview, lives, and ministries. One example is Dr. Bill Sasser, Director of both Dental Community Fellowship and North Charleston Dental Outreach, and his wife Susalee. He shares how "my wife and I had served overseas on a number of short-term trips [for] years and thought we understood international missions pretty well. However, the Perspectives course made us realize that the world-wide mission effort was so much broader and involved than our limited viewpoint. Christ calls each of us to "do" in His name, but to be fully effective, we need the knowledge and experience of those in the field of missiology."

Internationally bound or not, any believer who simply desires to follow God wholeheartedly will be encouraged, challenged and equipped to look beyond himself and find where they fit into the picture of God's global purpose of redemption. The Rev. Greg Smith, Associate for Evangelism and Connections at St. Michael's in Charleston, has taken the course, calling it "fantastic." He says, "There are some keystone courses every Christian should take: Alpha to begin your journey for sure, but the Perspectives course is a vital next step in taking the Gospel to the world. Too often we just fill our heads with knowledge. Perspective balances great knowledge about what God is doing to win the world with practical and in-depth understanding of how to shape the Gospel for the world."

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# Hidden Holy Land Pilgrimage

By The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence, Canon for Global Missions, ADOSC

The Anglican Diocese of Egypt in the Province of Alexandria invites you to come on a pilgrimage to experience the "Hidden Holy Land" of Egypt through the lens of the local Anglican Church. Tour unparalleled ancient sites like the Great Pyramids of Giza. Travel the desert roads where monasticism began. Learn what it has been like for Christians who have lived in a majority-Muslim context

Land Pilgrimage is planned for February 3-14, 2025. We will be gracefully hosted in the Anglican guest houses in both Cairo and Alexandria, and also enjoy an overnight sojourn to see Luxor and to cruise the Nile. My wife, Lynn, and I will assist as the diocesan coordinators for this pilgrimage, working closely with Kristin Jacobs, Partnership Office Supervisor in Cairo.

Our diocese has enjoyed a long



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for hundreds of years. Follow the footsteps of Jesus, Mary and Joseph when they were refugees from King Herod, and witness how today's Anglican Church is continuing to welcome and serve refugees, and many others. Come and listen to your brothers and sisters in the Anglican Church of Egypt. Learn from their stories, see the way they serve, and encourage them with your presence.

This incredible opportunity is being offered to the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina for a group that will be limited to no more than 15 participants. This Hidden Holy

and fruitful relationship with the Diocese of Egypt over many years by welcoming and hosting multiple Egyptian clergy in our midst. The Archbishop of Alexandria, Samy Fawzy Shehata, has now extended this invitation for us to come from South Carolina to experience the wonders of his country and to witness the many ministries of his province that are making a difference for the Kingdom of God. For further information about the full itinerary and pricing, you may contact me, Canon Bob Lawrence at [blawrence@adosc.org](mailto:blawrence@adosc.org) or (843) 276-1758.

# St Michael's "Hurting Coast" Team Serves Church in Maine

By Sherrie Driver, St. Michael's Church, Charleston

On July 6, St. Michael's Church, Charleston, sent a team of 19 to Rise Anglican Church in Portland, ME. We spent a glorious week stepping out of our daily routines to share God's love by participating in a variety of activities, all dedicated to spreading the word of Christ to a largely unchurched people group. The Rev'd Dan Wolf, the Rector, and Kayly

gation of a different denomination and joining the Anglican Diocese of the Northeast (ADNE). Rise, ADNE and Dandelion Ministries, led by the Rev'd Kate Norris and the Rev'd Sean Norris in Cutchogue, NY, are all what St. Michael's has designated as "Hurting Coast ministry partners." It's our hope to spread the good news of God's love as he revives hearts for Christ in this part of our country.



SHERRIE DRIVER

We took four team prayer walks around town which enabled us to meet and pray with people of all backgrounds, held a parents' night out/mini-VBS, and picked up trash in the neighborhood around the church after the 10 a.m. Sunday service.

Transue, his assistant for mission and family ministry, led and worked with us the whole week.

Rise Anglican Church was planted by Dan and Carrie Wolf three years ago and has grown from a home gathering to a brick-and-mortar church by merging with a smaller, older, like-minded congre-

The ADNE has been holding multiple reawakening conferences in their diocese and is seeing great results.

Our team lodged at Oceanwood Camp and Conference Center at Orchard Beach, about 20 minutes from Rise Church. With no air conditioning, we slept in bunk beds with as many electric fans blowing on us

as we could muster. The weather was every bit as hot as Charleston, unlike the expected cooler weather I promised the team. My flannel PJs were a bad choice. The team, ranging in age from 12 to 80, enjoyed lots of laughter, fun and joyful moments. We worked hard, prayed hard, had long days, experienced numerous God-filled moments, walked on the nearby beach to relax, and were blessed to eat plenty of lobster.

Everyone was given an important role for each activity. The guys did reconstruction work to make a new sacristy and storage space. They converted the old sacristy into a room for nursing moms/crying babies. They repainted the narthex and two bathrooms off the parish hall and filled tote bags for an FCA camp to be held the next week. Our youth cooked a big southern meal for 40+ people and held the first healing prayer service for Rise following the meal along with our team's six prayer ministers. We took four team prayer walks around town which enabled us to meet and pray with people of all backgrounds, held a parents' night out/mini-VBS, and picked up trash in the neighborhood around the church after the 10 a.m. Sunday service.

Our team showed such willingness to love anyone we encountered during our trip. We all

stepped out of our comfort zones on multiple occasions such as offering prayer to people on the streets, on the beach, at the hardware checkout and grocery store. The response we received from many was that they read their Bibles, they prayed regularly, and attended a church, which was so refreshing. Our eyes,



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however, were also opened to the people who replied they already felt spirituality on their own and did not need a church family or stated they didn't believe in Christ. But even with contrary beliefs, these same people accepted our offer to pray with them. We were blessed by God

opening the door for us to minister to them.

We hope the testimony of this trip will encourage you to think about how you can help spread God's love by participating in mission trips right here in the U.S.

## We Need to Rejoice More

A Teenager Reflects on a Family Trip to Kenya

Susanna Prescott, Age 16, Good Samaritan Anglican, Summerville

This past June, my family and I went to northern Kenya to visit a good friend of our family, Qampicha Wario, who we met when my dad was in seminary and I was still a baby. It was planned as a vacation but turned into an encouraging and learning experience about God's work at play in the diocese of Marsabit. For me, it was the people and country, not the food, I loved the most. That is not saying the food wasn't great. It was.

I felt very humbled there. We have a lot of



extra things here and they just have what they need. Maybe less. Even so, the Kenyans are so happy, rejoicing even during hard situations. This is a great pointer for us. It reminded me we need to rejoice more often.

We visited church planters to encourage them and learn about God's work there. Going to church was unlike anything I have ever seen or heard before—lots of singing and dancing and praising the Lord.

Our family stopped by a church planter's house in the middle of the Chalbi Desert one day around 2 p.m. Her daughter had just come back from collecting water. She had left at 5 a.m. It just showed me how privileged I am — water just at my fingertips.

The Gabra church planter said a few things including, "I am thankful I am here in this place (in the middle of the desert) because I don't know if I would've been a Christian otherwise."

Hearing that was such a good reminder to me to praise God wherever I am.

Earlier in the trip we drove through the slums of



QAMPICHA WARIO

Visiting with Rendille women at a girls' high school in Karare.

Nairobi. That was very humbling. People were living in shacks and begging for food on the side of the road.

Throughout the trip I was reminded — by the places where we stayed, the food, the outhouses, the schools, the kids (some very young) walking home from school on the side of the road, the difficulty of getting water, the kids not in school tending their family's flock of goats, sheep, cows, donkeys, or camels, and many other things — about how privileged I am to have air conditioning, a good school, clean water, a car, and the ability to go to school.



LANIER PRESCOTT

Visiting with and encouraging a church planter, Doko Roba, (right) in the Christian Gabra village in the Chalbi Desert.

## Perspectives

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One final plug comes from Jenny Noyes, Executive Director of New Wineskins Missionary Network, who highly recommends taking Perspectives. She also suggests using their new six-week Anglican Introduction to Missions (AIM) curriculum as a lead-in, then going even deeper with the full Perspectives course.

If you will be in the Charleston area this coming spring, you don't want to miss the opportunity to join with others in taking Perspectives. The class offers three tracks and will be held January 7 to April 22, 2025 at James Island Christian Church. This is the first and possibly only time it will be offered on James Island as the location changes every year. More details and registration info are on the class page: <https://perspectives.org/courses/charleston-sc-spring-25/>. Register by December 15th and save \$35 by entering code EBIRD-015449 at checkout!

If you're outside the Charleston area, you can search for a class near you on the Perspectives website, or contact the regional director for the Carolinas, Nancy Sturrock at [nancy.sturrock@perspectives.org](mailto:nancy.sturrock@perspectives.org). Perhaps you could be involved in starting one up in your area. I'd encourage you to start praying and preparing now and think of others to invite!

Anne Schaffer is an ADOSC missionary and serves full-time with SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders) as a language and culture coach. She also serves on the Anglican Missional Partnership Committee for our diocese. You can learn more about her ministry or contact her via her personal ministry page at <https://give.samsusa.org/missionary/anne-schaffer>.

# 'Tis Grace Has Brought Me Safe Thus Far

An Update From The Rev. Jason Hamshaw

*"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Great is Your faithfulness!" — Lamentations 3:22-23*

As many with cancer know, the journey is one of delaying death—survival. Every day that passes, you are a survivor, yet as someone diagnosed with advanced cancer, it has been difficult to see a clear end in sight, only a progressively lower risk as time passes without recurrence. From reading and listening to many people's stories, I've learned that every cancer journey is unique. I also know that some cannot even say they have had such a good response to treatment; they continue to live with cancer, or it has already taken them. Having been told to expect more chemo after surgery, I am deeply thankful to God and to all those who have treated me, prayed for me, and supported my healing. My main tumor has been removed, and all my tests indicate a miraculous response to chemo and radiation. I give God glory and praise with thanksgiving that He has brought me safe thus far.

I petition my healer and Savior, Jesus Christ, that it will not be cancer that leads to my death, but some future ailment (or Christ's return!) at a time when I will have seen my

children marry and have been able to shower His love on any grandchildren I may have. I long for a long life with my wife and the ability to preach the Kingdom of God with every breath. As you might imagine or know too well, the present reality of our human mortality is constant. Yet, in every contemplation of death, I learn my true reality. I cannot sustain myself even for a moment—it is all in Christ and for Christ. All is a gift, and only through trust can I move forward.

For me, trust takes work: to see the weight of my burden, my pain, and vulnerability, and to rest in the fact that in this mortal body, I have One who can lead me home. Regardless of the outcome, His grace is enough. We face each day, each burden, with Him. The reality is that my greatest burden has already been carried; He has already won eternity. It seems irrational to contemplate any thoughts of self-pity. My body now bears scars, and I have had to make permanent life adjustments—a thorn in my flesh, so to speak. These are continual reminders of His kindness to me and my ongoing need to trust that His grace is enough. In any healing, there is a temporal nature; even Lazarus, after being raised from the grave, had to die again. Yet, having seen death, he could move forward with all the more confidence, knowing my Redeemer lives and that He is the resurrection and the life.

During one of my times in the ICU, while I was bleeding out, it seemed to me that God spoke to me, saying that He would strike my hip and I would continue to strive with Him. While many medical professionals thought, "He's not leaving here alive, and even if he does, it's stage 4, and the numbers are so high that he hasn't got long," God was speaking a word to me before I even knew the seriousness of the problem. I have always held these words lightly compared to the truth of God's Word, but at the same time, I have trusted that I heard His guidance as a promise to me, as strength in the storm. He was in the boat with me and is able to calm each storm as they pass.

The journey is not over, but the risk decreases the longer I continue to be a survivor. I have one more nodule in my lungs that the doctors are observing. We're waiting until it's big enough to radiate. I am deeply thank-



CHELSEA HAMSHAW

Reunited after two weeks in and out of ICU, Jason embraces sons Mark and Jack.

ful that I am not alone, especially because of the Proverbs 31 woman God placed as my wife, who bears the greatest emotional weight of this journey. She has been a testimony of devotion to Jesus, continually transforming my heart in love for both her and my Lord. Thank you, church, both locally and at large, for pouring out so much love and support, carrying me as the paralyzed man was carried to Jesus many times over. I am thankful to be able to serve as a pastor and consider it a great joy and honor. I am also

thankful to continue being a husband and father. What brings me to tears most often is when I look at my family and imagine the pain and difficulty I would leave behind if I died. In this, I pray for them most of all. Ultimately, my life is surrendered to Christ; Thy will be done. 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and His grace will lead me home.

## People News

Zach Barton, who serves as the Director of Children's Ministry at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, as well as at the Provincial level with the Family Leadership Network of the Next Generation Leadership Initiative, has become a postulant for Holy Orders



in the ADOSC. This is the formal process of training and formation leading to ordination to the transitional diaconate and ultimately the priesthood. Zach grew up in Texas and, before joining the Cathedral in 2022, served churches in Texas, Florida, and mostly recently Boston, MA. Zach holds an M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He has been married to Jillian for 13 years and together they have four children.

Claire Buxton accepted a call to serve as the Children's Ministry Director at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island. Claire grew up in Mount Pleasant and graduated from Wando High School before attending the University of South Carolina. She has over seven



years of children's ministry experience, including the past four as Children's Ministry Director at St. Andrew's, Mount Pleasant. She loves children and has a passion for them to know Jesus and his Gospel. She has three sons: James (17), Griffin (11), and Freddy (9). She is an avid reader and loves spending time with friends and family, running, hiking, and escaping to the mountains when she can! Her first day was July 7, 2024.

St. Michael's, Charleston called McKenna Falarski to be their full-



time Youth Ministry Leader. McKenna grew up in Los Gatos, California, and came to South Carolina for the first time through the Citadel, receiving a scholarship to play soccer. While at the Citadel, McKenna majored in Exercise Science, and in addition to soccer, was very involved with FCA (the Fellowship of Christian Athletes). After graduating from the Citadel in three years, McKenna then began her Masters of Ministry degree from Anderson College, in Anderson, SC.

Charlie Fiddler accepted a call to serve as the Director of Worship and Production at the Church of the Cross, Bluffton. In this role, Charlie works with the clergy, worship leaders and their teams, tech teams, and other Church members who serve in various capacities during worship services. He wrote, "my role, and the role of our worship team, is to be diligent in our preparation, planning, and service, to be attentive to what the Spirit is doing in our midst, and to call us all together to respond to the work God is doing in his Church here at The Church of the Cross."



Dave Fisher, who serves as a Parish Chaplain for the Church of the Holy Cross, Bluffton, was ordained to the transitional diaconate on June 28 at Christ Church in Greensburg, PA, by Bishop Mark Nordstrom of the Jurisdiction of the Armed Forces and



Chaplaincy. Dave graduated from Penn State University in 2009 with a Bachelor's degree in music. In the spring of 2011, he heeded a call to youth ministry and returned to State College, PA, serving as a youth director there for seven years. During that time, he and Caitlin met and were married. In 2018, they moved to Wilmore, Kentucky, and enrolled together at Asbury Theological Seminary, graduating in 2022 with a Master of Divinity degree and a Master's degree in Mental Health Counseling, respectively. It was during his last few months of seminary, working as a hospital chaplain intern, that Dave discerned a particular and unexpected call to ministry among those experiencing grief, pain, and uncertainty. The heart of Dave's role is to bring an awareness of God's presence and peace to those who have been separated from the flock by sickness or injury, and to walk with families through end-of-life care.

Please keep the Rev. Kay Fryman in your prayers. Kay, who serves as a deacon at St. John's, Florence, was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. She has responded well to medication and will continue serving at the church, scaling back her activities only slightly. "Sometimes I have seen God's glory revealed through his presence in our suffering with illness," she wrote in a note to the congregation. "I ask for your prayers as I keep you in mine."



Joseph Grech accepted a call to serve as the Student Minister and Worship Leader at St. Thomas Church in Mt. Pleasant. He will disciple their existing 6th - 12th graders and evangelize those who do not know Christ. As Worship Leader, he will build a worship team as well as lead on Sundays. He will also help organize their STAC Meet Up community events. Joseph will join



St. Thomas on July 15, 2025, after finishing his last year at Clemson University. In a note to the congregation Joseph wrote, "I am beyond thrilled to officially join the

STAC team as I step into a staff role at St. Thomas' Church! ... I'm so grateful for His faithful guidance, leading me into a vocation where He is truly at the center. I feel a deep sense of peace and joy about this decision and cannot wait to begin."

Bishop Alden Hathaway resigned from the staff of St. Helena's, Beaufort on July 15. In his message to the church he wrote, in part... "It is with a heavy heart, but not without a keen sense of holy timeliness, that I hereby tender my resignation from the clergy staff of The



Parish Church of St. Helena... I treasure wonderful memories as a member of the clergy team, preaching and teaching, celebrating the sacraments of the Church, pastoral calling in hospitals and homes, and serving in ministry as God leads. And especially, with Barbara, I have enjoyed the Christian fellowship, the koinonia we share, as we participate as members of this wonderful parish family." The Hathaways will continue at the church, now as members.

Congratulations to the Rev. Jeff Jacobs and his wife Kristin at the birth of their fourth child, Hosanna Joy. Hosanna was born August 24 and was 18" and weighed 5 lbs. 15 oz. Both mother and daughter are doing well. Jeff, who grew up at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville, was ordained to the priesthood in 2020 and now serves as the Priest in Charge at All Saints' Cathedral in Cairo, Egypt. His wife, Kristin,



serves in the development office of the Diocese of Egypt. Their other three children, Uriah (b. 2017), Eden (b. 2020), and Isaac (b. 2022) enjoy their visits to the pyramids and learning Arabic in preschool. The Jacobs regularly receive visitors from the U.S. and issue a quarterly newsletter.

Evan Jackson accepted a call to serve as the Director of Youth Ministry at the Church of the Good Shepherd in West Ashley. "We are excited to have Evan joining the team!" said the Rev. Will Klauber, Rector. "Like so many youth ministers in the diocese, Evan was



raised up through our diocesan summer camp ministries like Jubilee. It is my hope he will continue to make disciples among the families at Good Shepherd in much the same way that he has at camp." Evan grew up in Summerville where he and his family were members of St. Paul's Anglican Church. He graduated from Clemson University in 2024 with a bachelor's degree in religion and history. Throughout his time at Clemson, he was involved with a Christian fraternity on campus. He also worked at St. Christopher and then Camp Jubilee as a summer camp staff member. At home, he loves playing with his six cats and one dog.

The Revd Palmer B. Kennedy, who serves as the Head Chaplain and Religion and Philosophy Department Chair at Porter-Gaud School,

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## Collin Reed Ordained to The Priesthood



Reed, following his ordination.

SADIE TUCKER

The Rev. Collin Barrett Reed was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests by Bishop Chip Edgar, on Saturday, October 4, 2024 at St. Stephen's Church in Sewickley, PA.

Having received his Master of Divinity from Trinity Anglican Seminary in May of 2024, Collin began serving full time as Assistant Rector for Pastoral Care at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Sewickley, PA, on June 1 of this year. Before answering the call to full-time vocational ministry, he received his undergraduate degree in Business Ad-

ministration from Southern Wesleyan University and had a 20-year career in the retail beverage industry. His wife Shannon, a postulant to the vocational diaconate, is the former Children's Ministry Director at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville, and the current Minister to Children and Families at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Sewickley, PA.

Collin and Shannon have two children, Jackson (22), a senior in the Professional Golf Management program at Campbell University in North Carolina, and Olivia (19) a sophomore psychology student at Robert Morris University in Pennsylvania. Collin enjoys serving in church, hanging out with family, hosting friends, exploring western PA, and golfing when he has a chance. While on a quest to find the best food in Pittsburgh, Collin discovered that Yinzers makes the world's best French fries!

Collin loves to visit with people and hear their stories of life and their faith, hope, reconciliation, and redemption found in the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Death of The Rev. James E. Hampson, Jr.

February 2, 1937 - September 5, 2024

We give thanks for the life and ministry of the Rev. James E. Hampson, Jr. who died September 5. He was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, on February 2, 1937, and graduated in 1959 from the University of Oklahoma where he met Sarah Elizabeth Oden, his wife-to-be. He received his Bachelor of Divinity from the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1962. Hampson was involved in a range of ministries. He was a co-founder of SAMS-USA (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders), an original trustee of Trinity School for Ministry (Now Trinity Anglican Seminary), and a trustee of FOCUS, an organization committed to Christian leadership in private schools.

After seminary he served two curacies and was the Rector of Christ Church in Hamilton, Massachusetts for 10 years. Jim also served as Rector at St. John's Episcopal Church in Huntingdon Valley, Pennsylvania for 10 years. After that, in 1987 he was called to St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Charleston where he served until 1999. Thinking he was retiring, Jim was called to St. John's Episcopal



Church in Tallahassee, Florida where he served five years. In 2006 he was invited to join the pastoral staff of St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral where he served until 2017.

According to *The Spiritual Journey of St. Philip's Church* by William McIntosh III, a reporter once asked Hampson about his ministry, and he replied, "I don't know of any shortcuts in the ministry; all I know is the Gospel, prayer, and hard work."

He was preceded in death by his son, James Eugene Hampson IV; brother, Frank Wallis Hampson; and brother-in-law, Dr. Thomas C. Oden. Survivors include his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Oden Hampson; two children, Anne Elizabeth Hampson Boatwright, and Mary Seeger Hampson Patterson; daughter-in-law, Jane Rutledge Hampson; and nine grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at a later date at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Trinity Anglican Seminary or the Charles Simeon Institute at St. Peter's Anglican Cathedral.

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has transferred his Canonical Residence from the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina to the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina. Palmer grew up in Mobile, AL, and was raised in the Methodist tradition. As an undergrad at Auburn University, he discerned a call to ministry, which eventually led him to Beeson Divinity School. At Beeson, he had his first exposure to the Anglican theological tradition and began serving as a youth minister at the Cathedral Church of the Advent. After completing his MDiv, Palmer began the discernment process in the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida and was ordained to the priesthood by the Rt Revd Gregory Brewer. After serving at Ascension Episcopal School and the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Lafayette, LA, for four years, he moved to Charleston in 2021 and has since been serving as the Head Chaplain and Religion & Philosophy Department Chair at Porter-Gaud School. More importantly, Palmer met his wife, Hayley, at Auburn. They have been married nine years and have two wonderful children, Patrick (3) and Claire (2). The Kennedys worship at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul and are grateful for the grace offered to them by Bishop Woodliff-Stanley and Bishop Edgar during the transition process into the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

The Diocese recently welcomed Madison Kuzia as their new Communications Assistant. Madison, who serves as the full-time Parish Administrator for Christ St. Paul's, Hollywood, will work for the Diocese part-time handling social media and assisting with the email newsletter among other projects. "It's such a gift to



have Madison on staff," said Communications Director, Joy Hunter, "she's quick, writes well, takes beautiful photos, and is a skilled graphic designer." Madison grew up worshipping at Christ-St. Paul's, Hollywood where she began sensing a call to full-time ministry. After high school, she spent two years on the mission field working with YWAM (Youth With A Mission), before returning home to Charleston. She then worked at Saint James Anglican Church, Charleston in their worship ministry and communications departments and later at St. Michael's Church, Charleston as the Assistant Director of Communications before returning to Christ-St. Paul's. Madison and her husband, Elijah, live on a "little slice of Lowcountry heaven" near her parents' farm where they love to spend time outdoors and be with family.

Jackson Lee accepted a call to serve at Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach as their Family Minister. A recent graduate of Clemson University, he grew up in the diocese as a member of Holy Comforter, Sumter, and has served on the diocesan summer camp staff for a number of years. The Rev. Chance



Perdue, Rector of Trinity Church, wrote: "We're very grateful to have Jackson as part of the Trinity Church family. He comes to us after a season of being formed at camp under the leadership of Justin Johnson, for whom I have the deepest admiration and respect. Many of us have sensed a call to ministry in Jackson's life, and I can't wait to see what the Lord does in and through him as he serves in our midst!"

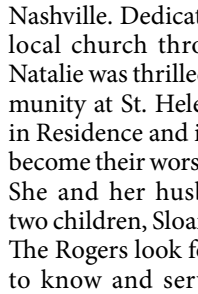
On Friday, June 14, Daniel Miles was ordained to the transitional diaconate by Bishop Chip Edgar at St. Helena's, Beaufort. A small service was held as some of Daniel's friends and family gathered around him. He has served as a pastoral associate at Saint Helena's since 2022,

helping lead worship at their 9:15 service and overseeing the church's connect ministry. Prior to going to



Saint Helena's, Daniel served as an ordained minister for 15 years in the Baptist Church. During that season, he and his family had the privilege of working for several years as missionaries in France with the International Mission Board. He met his wife, Renee, at Columbia International University where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Bible and Intercultural Studies. He also holds a Masters of Divinity from Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. Married since January 2005, Daniel and Renee, both South Carolina natives, have three children.

Natalie Rogers has accepted a call to serve as the Artist in Residence at St. Helena's, Beaufort. Originally from Texas, Natalie has been a passionate recording artist and songwriter in Nashville for over a decade. Over the past three years, she has focused on writing songs for children, in addition to creating music for herself and her church community in



Nashville. Dedicated to serving the local church throughout her life, Natalie was thrilled to join the community at St. Helena's as the Artist in Residence and is transitioning to become their worship leader as well. She and her husband, Josh, have two children, Sloane and Desmond. The Rogers look forward to getting to know and serve the people of St. Helena's, bringing their love for music and worship to the community. Fun note: Patrick Schlabs, who serves as the Canon for Cultural Engagement at the Cathedral, is Natalie's brother.



Order in various roles, but most recently as International Chaplain, our very dear friend and brother in Christ, the Right Rev'd William J. Skilton (Bishop Bill), was honored as Bishop Emeritus of the Order," wrote Kester Heaton, President of the SC DOK Assembly, in a note to the SC Daughters. "Additionally, the International Chaplain's Cross was inscribed as the Bishop Skilton International Cross. This was presented to The Rev'd Dr. Margaret Short (ACNA) as the newly installed International Chaplain. It was a very special time for Bishop Skilton and especially for those of us in the South Carolina Assembly of the Daughters of the King."

Coby Tucker, who serves as the Director of Youth Ministry for Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Charleston, has been accepted as a



postulant for Holy Orders in the ADOSC. Previously Coby served as the part-time Director of Youth Ministry for Church of the Good Shepherd and as the youth ministry assistant at Saint James Anglican Church (both in Charleston). Coby has lived in Charleston his whole life, and attended James Island Charter High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies with a biblical languages emphasis from Charleston Southern University. He and his wife, Sadie, have been married for two years. This fall, Coby and Sadie will move to Ambridge, PA so Coby can attend Trinity Anglican Seminary and complete the M.Div. program.

St. Michael's, Charleston called Kara Wilson to serve as their new Communications Director. Kara pre-



viously served as their Family Ministry Assistant and Social Media Manager and will now take over all aspects of communication, including Sunday bulletins, the website, social media, church signage, e-blasts, and newsletters. Kara is married to Dr. Dalton Wilson. They have two grown children and six grandchildren.

The Rev. Joe Vella, who has served as an Assistant to the Rector at Old St. Andrew's in Charleston since 2013



has announced his plans to retire at the end of the year. Speaking of his ministry overseeing In-Reach, Joe wrote, "I've kept busy, and happily so, throughout these years of personal fulfillment and fruitfulness. Judy and I value sharing in the worship and discipleship at Old St. Andrew's, and in our relationships with each and every one of you." He plans to devote time to traveling as well as focusing more on his hobbies of creative writing, painting in oils, and reading. He graduated from The University of South Carolina, B.A.; and Trinity School for Ministry, Ambridge, Pennsylvania, M.Div. He was ordained a Priest in 1989 by Bishop FitzSimons Allison at St. John's, Oakland, where he was Rector. After 12 years of ordained, parish ministry, he was accepted into a Chaplain Residency at Tampa General Hospital, where he earned a Level II in Clinical Pastoral Education. He was granted an Ecclesiastical Endorsement in Healthcare, and

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## Bread & Jam Refreshes Body & Soul Unique Home Gathering for Christ Church Anglican

By Levi Henkel, Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant

It's 5:50 p.m. on a Sunday evening, and my two little girls are sitting on the front porch waiting for friends to arrive. They are so excited to see Miss Candy appear first, because my girls know she always brings fried chicken.

Within 10 minutes an appetizing smell wafts from our kitchen, and our living room resounds with boisterous conversation. Every plate from our cupboard is ready to be filled with potluck food.

Somehow, without intentional coordination, an appropriate variety of cuisine converges into a delicious dinner. Around 6:45 p.m. the musicians give a knowing nod, moving towards the piano and banjo and mandolin.

I've asked everyone to give me a favorite song ahead of time so we can all have lyrics and music to participate.

The Tennessee Waltz is first up, and you can almost feel the memories flood the room as septuagenarians croon. Eventually we get to Disney and Broadway, and the children come running downstairs in excitement. Then we're on to a new Christian song someone heard on the radio and an ancient hymn I haven't sung since I was a child.

Finally, we close in prayer, "Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep..."

On Sunday evenings this summer, Christ



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Church Anglican called this weekly gathering Bread & Jam. We treasure the opportunity to fellowship around the table and sing one another's songs. Great joy and refreshment conclude this day of sabbath rest.

## Church Planting Residency

By The Rev. Todd Simonis, Canon for Church Planting, ADOSC

Gospel ministry does not begin or end with us. That is one of the great bits of wisdom the Apostle Paul shares with his young apprentice, Timothy.

"You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men and women, who will be able to teach others also." 2 Timothy 2:1-2

As church leaders, we are called to 1) lead the flock entrusted to us; and 2) raise up leaders who will lead other flocks. The Church Planting Residency is designed to do just that. By facilitating the growth of Christ-like character, knowledge and ministry skills, this Residency prepares individuals to lead (ideally suited for the context of planting a new church).

Depending upon the context and calling of the potential leader, the Residency is a 12-18 month process that helps to launch a planter into his/her planting context. Working alongside the covering of a sending church (or supportive Deanery), the Residency helps bridge the gap between wanting to plant and actually doing it.

Applications for fall of 2024 are still being accepted. More information can be found on the Diocesan website or by contacting Rev. Todd Simonis, Canon

for Church Planting, at (843) 522-1712 or TSimonis@Sthelenas1712.org.

Here is what our 2022 Resident, Justin Johnson, had to say about his experience:

"Having the opportunity to participate in the Church Planting Residency has grown me, and the ministry I am called to, in so many ways. Todd's leadership throughout the residency taught me to understand and prioritize the conviction behind why we do

the ministry. His mentorship also helped me to distill and understand my own personal conviction and calling, allowing me to more fully step into where the Lord is calling me.

In addition to learning how to lead with the 'Why' (Conviction), I grew in my understanding of how to develop a healthy culture within a ministry team and how to set up proper systems to help that ministry flourish. I also left having built a large support network locally, across the diocese, and within the wider province. Participating in the Church Planting Residency has helped me become a stronger follower of Jesus and a better shepherd of his people which in return has blessed the ministry he has called me to."



In addition to learning how to lead with the 'Why' (Conviction), I grew in my understanding of how to develop a healthy culture within a ministry team and how to set up proper systems to help that ministry flourish," said Johnson, above. "I also left having built a large support network locally, across the diocese, and within the wider province."

## Diocese Steps Up After Hurricane Helene

By Ginger Bergstrom, St. John's Chapel and Holy Trinity Anglican, Charleston

In every area of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina we have known the impact of severe storms. You could say we have "too much" familiarity with floods and the devastation that comes from the high winds of a hurricane.

On September 26 another named storm, Hurricane Helene, found a path no one would ever predict. The places that once provided Carolinians with shelter from annual named storms and the blessing of the "evac-cation" complete with apple-picking and family memories – have suffered the injury of the "eye" and her ire!

The western Carolinas are not alone. Neighborliness is becoming contagious! Across our diocese people and their parishes have sprung into action. As soon as was permitted, trucks, buses and trailers were loaded and rolled north and west to ferry supplies and chainsaws.

St. Paul's Church, Conway joined with students, teachers, staff and families at Conway Christian School and packed a bus twice over and another 22 ft. truck with relief supplies.

The Rev. Will Klauber, Rector of Good Shepherd, Charleston and a parishioner dropped stove fuel off to a man on Central Mountain, helped clear trees and limbs off a house, and made a food drop in downtown Asheville.

Church of the Holy Cross, Sumter joined forces with other Florence Deanery parishes to send drivers and relief supplies, connecting with friends at a Western North Carolina fire department. Even the Freshfield's parking lot on Kiawah was commandeered by the servants of the Lord filling up a



Team from Holy Comforter, Sumter, delivers supplies to flood ravaged western North Carolina.

U-Haul from Church of the Savior on Johns Island.

Many more neighborly actions have occurred quietly as church folk have opened their own homes to displaced family or friends and delivered meals to support host families in Georgetown and certainly other places not seen.

A note in scripture from John to Gaius, in John 3:5-8 sounds familiar, "Beloved, it is a faithful thing you do in all your efforts for these brothers, strangers as they are, who testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on their journey in a manner worthy of God. For they have gone out for the sake of the name, accepting nothing from the Gentiles. Therefore we ought to support people like these, that we may be fellow workers for the truth."

The Apostle John seems to make little distinction between hospitality and support. Through

disasters like these you get to see God's hand of provision and kindness repeatedly extended. We seem to pay more attention, remembering the ways God protected us in the past and recognizing the grief that "got put in its place" by the hand of Jesus in the midst of mucking out mud. In our area of Carolina, we know a bit about mud.

At present there are collection points around the Diocese for supplies. These drop sites will serve as organization hubs prior to transport. Stephen Haynsworth, our Diocesan Disaster Relief Coordinator, is organizing drivers for trailers and has secured support from Water Mission for larger shipments. There is even a trailer of relief supplies being delivered North of Boone this

weekend by a parishioner en route to a family wedding.

In addition to the groundswell, ARDF is supplying \$500 to any ACNA church that wants to spearhead an effort to get supplies where they are needed most. They are continuing to empower the local church to answer the question "what can we do" in a more immediate and physical way.

In conversation with Beverly Jordan, Co-Chair of the Acts 1:8 initiative at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville, we learned that the church, which serves as one of several collection points, released \$6,000 for hurricane relief efforts.

"Disaster Recovery is both a sprint and a marathon," says Haynsworth. The relief efforts have begun and the recovery efforts loom large before us, but what we have witnessed in the Anglican Diocese of SC time and again is that miracles come out of mud and the people of the Anglican Diocese of South

Carolina are positioning for the long haul.

Prayers are being raised in parishes across the country and you are invited to join in prayer for our growing team of recovery volunteers and the expanding ministry of Anglican Relief and Development.

To volunteer, visit <https://adosc.org/ongoing-hurricane-relief-efforts/>

To find local supply drop-off locations, and learn about opportunities to volunteer on a relief team, visit [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org)

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was a Chaplain with The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast in Pinellas County. He is married to Judy Rentiers of Charleston, and they have three adult children and four grandchildren.

The Rev. Tom Woodle, who has served as the Rector of The Well By the Sea in Myrtle Beach for the last 15 years, recently announced his plans to retire some time after Christmas 2024. In a note to



the congregation he wrote, "During the last few years, I have often told the Lord to let me know when it was time for me to get out of the way. During a Sunday morning service two or

three months ago, I heard that call, loud and clear, that it was time... I believe that God has confirmed this message to me and instructed me that now is the time for me to step aside and allow a younger priest with new vision and energy to take this ministry on its next journey... To say that this is difficult for me would be an understatement... The people of The Well are the best church people I have ever known, and we love you all immeasurably. And I hope that this church will not seek to take the easy road forward, but will take the more difficult and less-traveled road that will lead to greater ministry for Jesus and His Church."

# Local Charity Puts 12,000 Children's Bible Storybooks in Homes

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Patricia Milley, a member of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Conway, loves children, loves the Bible, and believes putting children's Bible storybooks in homes will make the world a better place. She started a nonprofit organization called Children's Bible Story Books in Every Home (CBSB) and in just seven years they've given away over 12,900 books.

The seed for CBSB was planted nearly 80 years ago.

"My Aunt Fannie wrote a Bible Workbook in 1943," says Patricia. "At the time, both the Old and New Testaments were taught in Loris High School. In eighth grade, I won the Bible medal." (A point of pride for her.) "I was her only niece to ever win the Bible medal."

Fannie gave Bibles to all her students and Patricia hoped, once she reached adulthood, to do the same.

"At USC in 1958 we were taught by Dr. William Savage to teach the whole child—spiritually, mentally, physically, and socially," she says.

Rulings by the US Supreme Court in 1962-63, removed the teaching of scripture from public school curriculums.

"I realized (by not teaching the Bible) I wasn't teaching the whole child," says Patricia. "So, I ordered Bibles for all my children. I didn't ask anybody. Because forgiveness is easier to get than permission. I got a list of addresses for all my students, went to their homes, and asked if I could give each one a Bible. I never had a parent say no. I did that for 14 years."

Patricia funded that effort from her own pocket. "Sometimes I had 18-20 students. Some years I had over 100. That was when I was teaching science labs, and had all the



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third, fourth, and fifth graders."

When she retired in 2000, Patricia wrote about the need for Bible storybooks in every home on Facebook.

"In Deuteronomy 6, God makes it very clear that the parents are responsible for the Biblical education of their children," she said, "since *'faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God.'* We need to give parents an instruction booklet."

Harry Dubose, a total stranger at the time, responded, "When do we start?"

Patricia needed \$800 to achieve 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status for her organization. "Harry got three people at Trinity, Myrtle Beach, to give \$200 apiece," says Patricia. "Then Harry and a friend of mine gave the other \$200." (Her daughter and son-in-law are members of Trinity.)

"He got the money for my 501(c)(3). I felt if God could provide the money for that, it was a go."

They received initial funds from the Chapin Foundation.

"We have 400 people on our mailing list and in addition to foundations we have three or four generous donors," said Patricia. "We've been in business for seven years. We started in 2017 and we've raised \$146,000 and given away 12,900 books."

The staff, of about a dozen, is all volunteer. Matt, a 22-year-old Coastal Carolina student, traveled with her to the last two diocesan conventions in Bluffton to staff a vendor table. "He was friends with my grandson and is my 'adopted grandson,'" she said. "He travels with me, to load and process books, and look after me."

They have put Bibles in the nurseries of three local hospitals inviting parents to choose a book for their baby. They give them to foster homes, day cares, and local churches. "We give them away at the Bog-Off," (a Loris County festival) and anywhere we find children. We gave away more than 400 at the Myrtle Beach Back to School Bash. We ask for donations if people can afford them, but if they cannot, that is okay. We will have a booth at the Dickens Christmas Show in Myrtle Beach."

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Patricia has many happy stories to relate about the project. "There was one little girl, she was about four or five and when we gave her the book she said, 'Oh, this is God's book!' And she hugged it! She knew it was God's Book."

The books they give away are *The New Bible in Pictures for Little Eyes* by Kenneth Taylor for younger children and *The Egermeier Bible Story Book* by Elsie Egermeier for older children.

"These are the best books we have found for the ministry and have never had a complaint about them," says Patricia. "They make the Bible come alive for children."

To learn more about the effort visit <https://childrensbiblestorybooksineveryhome.org/>

## Backpack Blessings and Prayer Buddies

By Angela Gallup, Christ the King, Pawleys Island

At Christ the King the Blessing of the Backpacks is a time set aside during Sunday worship to pray for the upcoming school year. "The Blessing of the Backpacks is one of my favorite special Sundays," said Laura Smith, the Children's and Family Ministry Director. "Seeing the excitement of the new school year in the children's eyes as they walk

in with their backpacks makes my heart so happy. As a former elementary teacher, I know how much it means to take dedicated time to pray over our students and over the educators who will be a light in their lives all year. It is just a special morning full of joy and purposeful prayer."

Smith led the congregation in prayer for our students, their faith, protection and the use of their gifts. Prayers continued for parents, caregivers and guardians and concluded with teachers and educational staff at Christ the King and in our community.

Back-to-school gifts, which were given from the generosity of this church community, were handed out to teachers. Laura shared that she "is so grateful for the outpouring of gifts for the teachers in our congregation, knowing they'll be able to purchase items on their wish list, supplies, or books for their classroom libraries."

In addition to the Blessing of the Backpacks, this year the church provided Prayer Buddy cards. Seventy-two cards were taken home, and these students will be prayed for regularly during this school year. These students are from our smallest nursery kids to our oldest college students.

Following the service, a church luncheon was hosted in honor of the students and teachers.



LAURA SMITH

# Prince George Winyah: From Him, Through Us, To the World

By Kate Brown, Prince George Winyah Parish, Georgetown

As a young youth minister, it is life-changing to experience how God fulfills his promises to go with us and lead us by His Holy Spirit. From a conversation that was started in an effort to get some help for a friend in the Bahamas, four churches are now connected for eternity and lives in both places have been changed. Here's what I have experienced in my time at our parish.

Prince George Winyah has obeyed the call in Matthew 28 to "go into the world and make disciples" in a particular way. Romans 11:36 "For from Him and Through Him and To Him are all things" is the foundation of our current vision statement: "From the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through Worship, Discipleship, and Mission/Outreach to the world." We most often use an abridged version: "From Him, Through Us, To the World."

More than four years ago, a member of our church, Sammy Grayson, approached our Rector, Gary Beson, and asked if the church could assist a friend of this community who lived in the Bahamas. Sammy's friend, Wenzel McBride, had reached out to him with a request for help with his home that had been

destroyed in Hurricane Dorian two years earlier. Sammy asked Gary, "Is there something we can do?" "With God all things are possible," was the response. Sammy and other men of Prince George, who had benefitted from their friendship with Wenzel, were stirred to action. Four of them flew down to the Abaco Islands in 2021 and returned committed to doing something in Jesus' name.

With the blessing of the Prince George Vestry, the men started a fundraising effort, and within months raised over \$100,000. Wenzel's home was repaired, and the next step was to help that community repair their local house of worship. Daystar Bible Church is an evangelical church in the Abacos that Wenzel and his family attended before Dorian. The hurricane devastated the church, lodge, and fellowship hall. Samaritan's Purse was able to replace the roof of the church, but that still left Daystar with no windows, no electricity, no running water, no seats—just walls and a roof. Since that time, Prince George has raised funds to complete the construction of their church and fellowship hall, and even added some appliances.

Two summers ago, I traveled with a small group of Prince George



MARY ANN COKER

Stella, a member of the team, makes friends with a young child.

youth and parents to the Abacos to put on their first VBS in recent memory. Earlier that year, Daystar's Pastor Livingston, his wife Sandy,

and their seventh adopted daughter, Ashley, came to Prince George for our Missions and Outreach Weekend. We celebrated all that had been done in the Bahamas and Pastor Livingston preached at our Sunday services. It was during that time that plans were made for a second VBS in the Bahamas. Sandy and Ashley came back in June and participated with our youth, staff, and members of Christ the King, Pawleys Island, who would be joining us on the mission trip. Before we knew it and without an end goal in mind other than sharing what we had been given, Prince George had a successful and fun Vacation Bible School in 2024 that included two other churches!

On our first Bahamas mission trip, we had seven missionaries from Prince George and over 50 kids participate in VBS. What we quickly realized once we arrived was that there was a huge need to provide food. This is something these Bahamian children struggle with every day. Food insecurity is a major problem for locals in the Abaco Islands. The soil is rocky and land is sparse, so crops and livestock are not able to thrive. The prices at grocery stores are some of the highest we have seen anywhere. As a result, many local families struggle to afford groceries and put food on the table. This second time around, we arrived in the Bahamas with over 300 pounds of food and supplies in our luggage, ready to feed the people of the Abacos!

This year's trip had 21 youth and adults and we served lunches to over 60 Bahamian children and their families. It was an exciting week to be a part of as we laughed, sang, taught, and worshipped with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Abacos.

More evidence of God's plan to involve people and churches was all of the non-Prince George members

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## New Counseling Center Opens at Saint James Anglican Church

The Rev. Richard Grimball has opened “The Camino Counseling Center” at Saint James Anglican Church on James Island, where he serves as Priest-in-Charge. Grimball shared that the center will “use the best of science under the authority of scripture” and their mission “is to be a ministry to the Diocese and to the Lowcountry.” The center is currently seeing clients on Mondays and Tuesdays, and scholarships are available to those in need of financial assistance. If you have any questions or would like to refer someone in need of counseling, please call (843) 819-1051, or email them at [hello@caminocounselingcenter.org](mailto:hello@caminocounselingcenter.org).



## Donations Gratefully Accepted in Uganda

In the spring edition of the Jubilate Deo, the Rev'd Cindy Larson, Vicar of Grace Anglican Parish, Little River, asked for donations to purchase Bibles and clergy collars to take with her on her trip to Uganda in August. With your help, she and her team gave 90 study Bibles to seminarians, gave 100 Gideons New Testaments to children and provided 100 clergy with clerical collars. They also bought 112 chairs for the seminary chapel and library, restored the water harvesting system that supplies the entire seminary, rebuilt the solar power system, and gave basic food to feed over 30 families for a month. In Cindy's own words, “God multiplied our funds to meet expected and unexpected needs. I am so glad to represent our tiny mission church in Kingdom work.”

## Just When You Think You've Seen It All

“After 20 years of doing the Blessing of the Animals I thought I'd seen it all,” said the Rev. Marshall Huey, Rector of Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, following this year's event. This was the first year he encountered a snake.

“The Blessing of the Animals is really fun,” says Huey. “People from all three of our servies come and we have people from the community who aren't part of the church as well.”

They had about 50 pets (and families) attending this year. For each pet Huey recited the following, “*Bless oh Lord (pet's name), and the famly who cares for him or her in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*” He would then dip a branch in holy water and give three shakes for the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. “Some parishioners refer to it as an exorcism, some a blessing depending on the pet,” he joked.

“I want to give a shout out to Dianne Bowler who serves as our outreach chair. She's amazing,” he said. Bowler also started a West Ashley effort battling homelessness. She coordinates the Blessing of the Animals.

“On this day we do a collection for a local animal shelter and our Jr. Daughters of the King sell St Francis medals as a fund raiser for Jr. Daughters. I gave a little talk about our services and had welcome brochure and



BRENDA RINDGE

Above, Huey, the Rector of Old St. Andrew's Church in Charleston, blesses Neil Mauldin's pet snake.

prayer cards. It's a nice event to get people onto the campus and for our families to see each other. After the service we have dog biscuits and cookies. We call it 'Yappy Hour'. It's really fun and then afterward the youth pull off for Youth group.”

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## Upcoming Events

Saint James Fall Market,  
October 19

Saint James Anglican Church in Charleston is hosting a Fall Market on Saturday, October 19, from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. It will be a fun day of fellowship and community outreach that will raise funds for church programs, missions, outreach, and beyond. The market will include everything from baked goods to furniture, tools, and more! Learn more at <https://saint-james.org>.

Ft. Motte Oyster Roast and  
Shrimp Boil, November 23

The Famous Ft. Motte Oyster Roast hosted by St. Matthew's, Fort Motte, welcomes 600+ oyster fans each year! The event was first held in 1953. Come for the fun, friends, fresh oysters and shrimp! Just 35 minutes from Columbia. \$50 tickets include all you can eat delicious oysters, shrimp boil, corn, hot dogs, cole slaw, homemade desserts and, of course, sweet tea. Children 10 and under eat free. Proceeds from the event support the ministry and mission work of the Parish Church of St Matthew's. Tickets may be purchased by contacting the church at <https://www.stmatthewsfmotte.com/>.

Christ the King Community  
Nativity Festival, December 11-16

The sixth annual Community Nativity Festival is set this year for Wednesday, December 11- Monday, December 16 at Christ the King Anglican Church in Pawleys Island. This free event is open to the public from 4:00-7:00 p.m. daily and features hundreds of nativity scenes depicting the birth of Christ, using a wide variety of artistic methods and materials. On Sunday, December 15, in addition to the self-guided tour to view nativities, the evening will include food trucks, live music, vendors, and a live nativity dramatization. As word of the Nativity Festival expands, we hear more stories from people who look forward to returning year after year. Visitors have come from across the state, and some have planned their vacations around the event. We are grateful to have this growing ministry at Christ the King and we invite you all to make the journey to Pawleys Island to join us in this meaningful, fun, and reverent experience.



Regenerate High School Retreat  
Sign up with your church youth leaders.

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who knew and cared about Wenzel, his family, and the Abacos community. Many families from the Georgetown, Pawleys Island, and Murrells Inlet areas wanted to contribute to the cause. One of those contributors to the Daystar Bible church reconstruction was a longtime Georgetown resident, who is a member of Georgetown Presbyterian Church, and a generous business owner. This year, that friend flew six of our members to the Abacos in March, so our Rector, Gary, could preach at Daystar Bible Church.

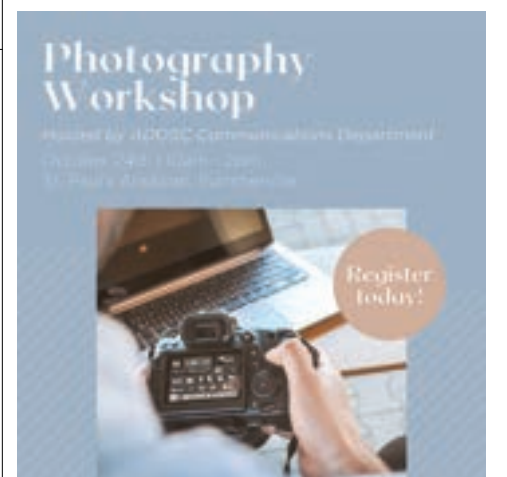
During the trip, Gary listened to the story of the challenges the Georgetown Presbyterian Church was facing looking for a new pastor and youth minister. Gary began a conversation with the church's interim leadership, which led to opening the doors of the Presbyterian Church's youth facilities to our own growing youth group. Prince George is now using their facility until the construction of the new youth space on our campus is complete. We've been meeting in their youth space since this summer and have enjoyed getting to worship and fellowship alongside the youth of Georgetown Presbyterian. It truly has been a picture of what it means to commune with the larger Church!

From a conversation that was started in an effort to get some help for a friend in the Bahamas, four churches are now connected for eternity and lives in both places have been changed. The vision for this church, From Him, Through Us, To the World, is clear to see in the ways that God has invited us to be part of his eternal plan of rescue and redemption for His creation.

## Calendar Listings

View full calendar at [adosc.org/events/](https://adosc.org/events/)

Behold the Man Pilgrimage, October 15-27  
ADOSC Photography Workshop, October 24  
Investiture of Archbishop Wood, October 30  
Regenerate High School Retreat, Nov. 8-10  
Clergy Retreat, November 11-13  
Advent Quiet Day, December 7, 2025  
Christian Men's Conference, Feb. 7-9, 2025  
Egypt Pilgrimage, Feb.3-14, 2025  
ADOSC Convention, March 14-15, 2025  
New Wineskins, September 17-20, 2025



## Diocesan Communicators' Photography Workshop, October 24

Do you Enjoy Taking Photographs of Church Events?

Join us for the upcoming Photography Workshop. ADOSC communicators and those who take photographs for their church (or would like to) are invited to attend a photography workshop on October 24 hosted by the ADOSC Communications Department. This workshop aims to empower church photographers as they capture the life of their parish through expert tips, a practice photo shoot, technique discussion, and more. Learn more and register today at <https://adosc.org/event/communicators-photography-workshop/>.

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