

# Jubilate Deo

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Winter 2025



## New Season, New Focus, New Staff

By Joy Hunter, Editor

**W**hen Bishop Edgar considers the whole of the diocese, something catches his attention. “If you look at a map of our diocese—this is a generalization—but south of I-26, and east of I-95, we’ve got churches. North of I-20, both east and west of I-95, we’ve got a number of churches. But between I-95 and Hwy 17, and between I-26 and I-20, nothing! In all those little towns, we have almost no churches. There’s a gaping hole in the middle, a lot of opportunities for church planting.”

In addition to focusing on church planting, the Bishop also wants to strengthen our smallest churches, many of which are in rural areas and smaller towns, and lack a full-time rector or vicar.

### Assisting Our Smallest Churches

“What I want to do in ‘25 and probably ‘26 is devote a lot of time to getting to know our smallest churches,” he said. “I want to do whatever I can to help those churches catch a vision of who they are and how they, true to who they are, can grow and have an impact in their communities.”

“There’s that famous Ronald Reagan quip, ‘I’m from the government and I’m here to help.’ I think most of our churches would feel just as blessed to hear the bishop say, ‘I’m here to help.’ So I have to build relationships, gain trust, come to know who they really are. What is life like on the ground for those churches? Not until I really know that, and know them, will I ever be able to, in a legitimate, authentic way, help them grow and thrive. As these last three years have unfolded, that has emerged as the desire of my heart.”

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### Churches Disappearing

“When I look at some of our churches, it’s hard to see how they will survive more than three to five years, and that’s not an acceptable option in my mind. I can’t imagine those communities and our diocese without them. I want them to grow and thrive, and I want to help them figure out how to do that.”

In the coming two years, the Bishop wants to devote his time to our smaller churches, to help them better understand who they are, their contexts, and how they can reach their communities.

### Focusing on Church Identity

“First, I want to help them focus on who they are as a church. What is their community like? What are their demographics? Who’s coming and going, and how’s the community changing? Are there prospects for growth in the future?”



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“Beth and I drive around South Carolina and see empty church buildings all over the place,” said Bishop Edgar. “Churches have been moving out or shutting down. I would like to see the church reclaim rural America.”

“We’ll also ask ‘what do you do well as a church?’ Every one of our churches does something well. ‘How do you do what you already do well for a greater number of people? How do you invite people into that thing that you love about yourself?’ That’s the first question.”

### Invitation Evangelism

“The second question is, ‘when was the last time you invited somebody to come with you to church?’ There are big challenges to churches growing, no question about it. But there are also some simple things to do if you’ll just do them.”

“When we say the word evangelism, people think of standing on a street corner with a Bible or a tract. But really, inviting somebody to church—somebody you already know, somebody you already love, somebody you already ‘get,’—inviting that person to church with you is the simplest step in evangelism. We just don’t do that very much. We underestimate the power of invitation.”

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## Consecrated!

### The Parish Church Begins New Season

By The Rev. Jamie Sosnowski,  
The Parish Church at Habersham, Beaufort

*Editor’s Note: Bishop Chip Edgar joyfully consecrated the Parish Church at Habersham on Friday, January 24, 2025, one day later than originally scheduled due to the snowstorm which blanketed the east coast.*

I’ve been attending services led from the Prayer Book my entire life. But I have never once been to a service consecrating a new church building. And I don’t know when or if I will ever see one again. Things that are rare can end up being valuable treasures, and

## St. Philip’s to Host Convention March 14-15, 2025

The theme for the 2025 Convention of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, which will be held March 14-15 at St. Philip’s Church in Charleston, is “Walk in a Manner Worthy of the Lord.”

The Convention will open on Friday with a service of Holy Eucharist including the annual Clergy Renewal of Vows and a message from Bishop David Bryan at 4:00 p.m., followed by a courtyard social hour at 5:30 pm.

Registration for the business section of the gathering will begin at 7:30 on Saturday morning, and a continental breakfast will be provided. Members of the Diocesan Youth Commission will open the business meeting with Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m., after which Bishop Edgar will give his annual address and conduct the meeting. The aim is to end at noon. Participants will be provided with a boxed lunch.

### Elections

Diocesan elections will take place on Saturday morning. The following individuals have been nominated to serve in diocesan offices. Photographs and short bios are available on the Convention page at [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org).

### Standing Committee

We will elect two members of the clergy and two lay persons to serve a three-year term on the Standing Committee. Those nominated include: the Rev. Will Klauber, the Rev. Dr. Jady Koch, the Rev. Chance Perdue, the Rev. Corey Prescott, the Rev. Jamie Sosnowski, Lindsay Dew, Ben Dixon, Susan MacDonald and Pam Poelker.

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## What We Learned From the 2024 Hurricane Season

### A Message from Stephen Haynsworth, our Diocesan Disaster Preparedness and Relief Coordinator

#### What Did We Learn From the 2024 Hurricane Season?

- Hurricanes can affect areas far from the coast in unexpected ways, as we saw with the extensive flood damage in North Carolina.
- Preparation is key to an effective recovery.
- Relying on the government to provide assistance following a widespread disaster is inefficient. Churches respond more quickly and are able to offer immediate physical and spiritual help.

• When collecting supplies, a detailed list, coordinated by those on the ground, is imperative to avoid burdening communities with unusable clothing donations or parking lots full of bottled water.

- Churches need Parish Disaster Coordinators. When a disaster strikes, the Rector can focus on parish needs, while the Parish Disaster Coordinator can work on emergency assessment, communicate needs, and coordinate outside help.

ARDF is encouraging every diocese to have a Diocesan Disaster Coordinator and each parish to have a Parish Disaster Coordinator.



BILL READ

Above, men from our Diocese join with others to clear away debris following Hurricane Helene.

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**WE ARE 90% OF THE WAY THERE. CAN YOU HELP US?**

**\$150K** NEEDED FOR A DONOR MATCH

Through God's grace and favor, Camp Jubilee is more than 90% of the way to raising the funds needed for our new property in Beaufort, SC! Together we have raised \$3.7M of the \$4.0M needed. A generous donor has offered to give a \$150K matching gift. We just need to raise an additional \$150K. Yes, friends, we are this close. Can you help? Please partner

with us in the amazing work the Lord is doing at Camp Jubilee. To Him be the glory, now and forever. Also, join us at Camp Jubilee on March 1 for our Day of Jubilee! Let's Go Camping!

The Very Rev. Ken Weldon, Executive Director; Mr. John Benson, Chair, Camp Jubilee Trustees; The Very Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector, St. Helena's, Beaufort

## Join us for a "Day of Jubilee" at Camp Jubilee on March 1

Camp Jubilee is excited to host you and your family on March 1 for a Day of Jubilee at Camp Jubilee, 333 Brickyard Point South, Beaufort. We'll worship together, explore the new property, hear plans for the camp's future, and celebrate God's provision! This will be a wonderful time to see and enjoy the property first hand. The event will begin 1:00 p.m. with an initial gathering, followed by Holy Eucharist and groundbreaking at 2:00 p.m. Food, music, and celebration will conclude the day. Come early. Stay late. Come when you can. Leave when you have to. Just come! Bring a friend, a folding chair, and we'll see you there! Visit <https://www.campjubileesc.org> to RSVP and let them know you're coming.



## Bishop Calls Jordan as Archdeacon

Bishop Chip Edgar has called the Revd Hunter Jordan to serve part-time on the Diocesan staff as an Archdeacon, beginning February 1. In that position Jordan will oversee the work of the Diocesan Canons and assist the Rev. Canon Jim Lewis on various tasks, as needed. "I'm looking forward to having Hunter help with oversight, planning, as well as counsel on logistics and creative problem solving," said Bishop Edgar. "I trust this new structure will be a blessing to our whole diocese."



JOY HUNTER

Hunter grew up in Florence, SC. He attended Clemson University, where he earned a degree in Business Management, and served as a Young Life leader, while spending his summers at Camp St. Christopher. He married his wife, Walker, and served as family pastor at Trinity Myrtle Beach.

He attended Nashotah House Theological Seminary, receiving an MDiv; he then served as Rector of St. Matthew's, Darlington. After a season of establishing and support-

ing campus ministries in the South with the Coalition for Christian Outreach, Hunter returned to parish ministry as the Associate Rector at St. Helena's Anglican Church in Beaufort, SC. Hunter will continue his ministry as the Associate Rector at St. Helena's, as he takes on this new role of Archdeacon part-time for the Diocese.

Hunter and Walker live in Beaufort with their three children, Tindall Claire, Emma Ruth, and Walter. He enjoys cooking, hiking, hunting, and fly-fishing in his "free time." He is excited about this new role and opportunity to support the work of the Diocese and individual churches.

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MONA STURGIS

After knocking on the front door with his crozier, Bishop Edgar is admitted to The Parish Church, beginning the service.

But this week was different—unforgettable. The ice and snow were so thick on the ground of the coastal Lowcountry that it crushed the tent where we used to worship on Sundays. So, we moved the service back one day to allow the ice to melt. Even then, it was hard to say who could still make it. Most of us were stuck at home unable to do much of anything for the better part of a week.

But for all the cold outside in the frozen darkness, the warmth of the Holy Spirit and the joy of the Lord filled this newly blessed church. From the moment when the Bishop knocked on the church door with the crozier, to him anointing the altar table with oil, all the way through to the reception afterward, I saw faces full of joy. So many people who have supported the effort, who have endured many trials, who have put in so many hours, so much work. We were all celebrating a dream now become real.

The contrast between inside and outside only serve to highlight the moment further and bring to mind John 1: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it."

Thinking back to the early days, to the first few "what if" conversations about planting a daughter church from St. Helena's, it felt slow and fast in equal measure. A bit like people say about raising young children: "The days are slow, but the years are fast."

I remember an encouragement from a fellow priest in the Diocese: "We overestimate what we can do in one year and we underestimate what we can do in five."

When I look at the church building, I can't help but think of the many people who God brought together who were essential to seeing this building built. I don't know where we would be without each of them. They labored for five years to one purpose in unity and dedication to the Lord.

As a result, and with no reservation, I am confident in the Sovereignty of God. How can

I believe this service will be a treasure in my heart forever.

The prayers were new to me, but their intention is abundantly clear and they answer the question: "What is a Church for?"

The bishop prayed for the Holy Spirit to bless the church and set it aside for its main purpose: for God to be glorified. And over and over in the liturgy, it was made clear that God desires to dwell with His people, and to shape them more and more into His image through the saving grace of Jesus Christ. The prayer of the church warden said it well: "Grant, Lord Christ, that here we may be united with you and with one another, so that our lives may be sustained and sanctified for your service."

Weather challenges are nothing new for The Parish Church congregation. After being outdoors for every service since we started, we thought we'd seen it all. We can handle heat, rain, bugs, wind, and cold. Raincoats and all-weather gear used to be our most common dress code on Sundays.

## South Carolina Welcomes Snow

On January 22, parishes around the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina woke to find their churches blanketed in a layer of beautiful, white snow.

Many thanks to the photographers who captured images. Shown below, (left to right, starting top row) St. Paul's Anglican, Summer-

ville (Toni Scott), The Parish Church, Habersham (Mona Sturgis), St. Paul's, Hollywood (Madison Kuzia), Old St. Andrew's, Charleston (Jim Gibson), St. Matthew's, Fort Motte (Janet Echols), Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville (James Gibson), Top photo: Christ St. Paul's, Yonges Island (Madison Kuzia, Bottom photo: St. Philip's, Charleston (Michael Wiser), Christ Church, Adams Run (Madison Kuzia)



## Register Now for Camp Jubilee

Summer is quickly approaching, and Camp Jubilee is hard at work preparing for its third summer of ministry! Camp Jubilee will continue to host sessions at Camp Kinard and Awanita Valley this year. As in summers past, campers will participate in fun activities, build genuine community, and encounter the Lord through scripture, worship, and prayer. This summer campers will learn about who the Lord is, and the hope of the gospel, as they study the account of Jesus raising Lazarus found in John 11.

Camper registration opened in January and is off to a strong start. Space is still available in most sessions, but spots are filling fast. If you or someone you know is interested in finding out more about Camp Jubilee or registering for camp, you can visit [campjubileesc.org](http://campjubileesc.org) or contact Justin Johnson (Camp Director) at [jjohnson@adosc.org](mailto:jjohnson@adosc.org) or 843-628-2363. We hope to see you at Camp Jubilee this summer! Let's Go Camping!

View the Camp Jubilee schedule on page 16

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I be otherwise after having a front-row seat to watch His plans unfold in our own story? How could I remember all the crucial decision points, challenges, spiritual milestones, and open doors and not trust that Jesus is on the throne?

I can't believe we are here now, and I absolutely can believe we are here. The Lord's unfolding guidance was clear throughout. We only needed two things: to discern His will and remain prayerfully obedient to it. The rest flowed from that. All glory to God.

Though there are many aspects of our story that are unique, there are some that aren't. And my hope is that there are other consecrations in the Diocese in the not-too-distant future.

I hope other churches will be inspired to plant new churches. I hope congregations that lost properties will consecrate new church buildings. We could use those pages of the Prayer Book a little more often. My prayer is that here in Habersham, and many other places around the Diocese, future generations will come to know the saving love of Jesus Christ through the ministry of this church being The Church.

Watch the consecration service online: <https://theparish.org/media>

# "Friday is My Prayer Day. How Can I Pray for You?"

By The Rev. Hamilton Smith, St. Thomas' Anglican Church, Mt. Pleasant

In 2009, the clergy of our diocese were asked to read Reggie McNeal's *Missional Renaissance, Changing the Scorecard for the Church*. The book was a blessing, but it had an unexpected impact on me that inspired one of the most fruitful things I do in ministry. While McNeal was convincing his readers to be more creative and open about their faith, he used an example of how he always asked how he could pray for the people taking his order in restaurants. I was intrigued by this bold invitation and began to practice it. To my surprise, every server I asked had a prayer request and they were deeply moved by the offer. This became a regular practice for me.

When I planted St. Thomas' Church in 2013, I was looking for new ways to engage my community with Jesus. Inspired by the success of asking servers in restaurants, the Holy Spirit nudged me to start asking people I was in relationship with how I could pray for them. I decided to start texting them as it seemed the safest way to do it. I began with those in my immediate spheres of influence: relatives, neighbors, my wife's co-workers we were friends with, friends we had made through my children's sports and arts activities, my children's teachers, and vendors used by the Church. I did not filter based upon their religious beliefs. Most weren't Christians.

The response was shocking. I texted about 100 people that first time, and all of them not only responded but responded positively. All of them sent back some sort of a prayer request (even if it was a generic "pray for peace"). Many of them added how special it made them feel to be remembered. Many said it made them feel loved.

I took a leap the next month and expanded my prayer list to everyone in my phone's contact list. This is approximately 500 people.



JOY HUNTER

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It includes my closest family members as well as my HVAC repairman and everyone in between.

What began as a small way to reach out to my neighbors and friends has become a major tool for evangelism as well as pastoral care. In the 11 years I've been doing this, I've only had three people ask me to not text them. The rest have not only welcomed it, but some have called me in a time of crisis because they had no one else to turn to. Just this past fall, a non-church going person I've

been sending prayer texts to for seven years reached out because she was facing a life crisis. She's now attending St. Thomas'. This is just one of many stories.

I would encourage you to start doing this with those in your web of relationships. You would be surprised at how positive the response will be. It will open doors to faith conversations. At the very least, it will make a person feel like the Church has not forgotten about them.

Here are a few practical points on how to do this:

- Set aside two mornings the week you want to send out the prayer texts. It takes about 2-3 hours to send out the texts and 4-5 hours to pray the requests.
- Send out the requests on Tuesday morning and set aside Friday as the prayer day. This gives people time to reply.
- Start at the beginning of your contact list. Cut and paste the request from person to person. I've also found it helpful to start with your name so people don't think your text is a robo text.
- Don't open the replies until Friday. That way you don't lose track of the replies.

• Send a personalized reply after you have prayed for each person. This is what takes the extra time, but it really makes the people you pray for feel loved.

Lastly, perseverance is key. Keep sending them unless someone asks you to stop. Even if they don't reply, they know that the Lord has not forgotten them.

## New Wineskins for Global Mission Conference

Hope for the Nations, September 17-20, Ridgecrest Conference Center in Black Mountain, NC

This conference, New Wineskins' signature event, occurs every three years. It's more than a global missions training conference. It has become a family reunion for mission-minded Anglicans from all over the world. The most recent conference, held in September 2022, gathered more than 2,000 people from over 60 nations!

Through worship, prayer, teaching, and partnership, the New Wineskins Conference gathers cross-cultural workers, global partners, mission agencies, resource ministries, and the global church to discover effective ways to collaborate with God and one another to fulfill the Great Commission.

Most of the Anglican Global Mission Partner agencies bring their field missionaries together to



participate in the conference. Interacting and building relationships with these front-line warriors is one of the things that make the New Wineskins experience so unique. True partnerships are formed when people discover where their passions for mission intersect.

Churches benefit most when they bring a team and return home with a renewed vision and a plan to implement. Many missionaries trace

their initial calling to an encounter they had with the Lord or another Christian brother or sister at a New Wineskins conference.

**Here are the top 10 things you can expect from a New Wineskins for Global Mission conference:**

- Learn from keynote speakers from all over the world
- Choose from over 100 talks on topics including unreached people groups, arts in missions, relief and development, refugee outreach, and reaching people of every age group, ethnic group, and religious background
- Hear testimonies of the great and wonderful things that God is doing in every corner of the globe
- Worship the Lord in lively unity with people from many different nations

- Pray together for the 2.1 billion people still unreached, the persecuted Church, and for God's people to reach out in love

- Receive prayer for ministry anointing, healing, and boldness to obey God's call to go far and near

- Interact with exhibitors from over 60 mission agencies, seminaries, and outreach ministries from around the world

- Bring your children and teenaged youth to participate in age-appropriate missional programs

- Network and build friendships over meals and conversations in rocking chairs

- Participate in a pre-conference where you can go deeper on a specific topic

Learn more and register at <https://www.newwineskinsconference.org/>

## Register for a New Wineskins Pre-Conference

New Wineskins offers a variety of pre-conferences to allow attendees to go deeper into an area of particular interest. Most pre-conferences are only a \$25 add-on ticket! These trainings vary in length from 1/2 a day to two full days; some even offer official certification. We anticipate about 15 of these pre-conferences coming together, so visit <https://www.newwineskinsconference.org/pre-conferences> often for new options.

**Current offerings include:**

- AFM's Hope for the Unreached & AFM's Reaching Muslims with the Gospel
- SAMS's Hope for the Nations through Relationships with the Global Church
- Always Forward's Developing Missional Leaders
- Matthew 25 Initiatives's Gathering
- Befriending International Students
- Persecuted Church: New Opportunities for Advocates

# Caring for Those Who Care for the Next Generation of Anglicans

By Zach Barton, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston



WADE SPEES

*If you attended church as a young child then you know it took a number of adults who cared enough about you and your faith to hold you, teach you, play with you, learn your name, and guide you along the path of following Jesus. But who was there to care for and equip the adults who cared for you and equipped you when you were a young child or a teenager?*

I have a question for you. Wherever you're reading this, I want you to take a moment and answer this question:

What is your earliest memory of experiencing God? (It's okay, take a moment and think back. This newspaper will be right here when you've got it.)

What was your earliest memory of experiencing God? Maybe a memory as clear as yesterday came to your mind. But, if you've grown up in the church like I have, it may have taken you a few moments to think that far back! And for the many of us in the ADOSC who grew up in church, we are here today, in large part, because of the faithfulness of those who answered the call to form little hearts and minds in the love of God.

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But who was there to care for and equip the adults who cared for you and equipped you

when you were a young child or a teenager?

Who is caring for and equipping the adults in your church who help form our children and teens? We have clergy retreats and conferences in our diocese for men and women and worship directors and young clergy and so forth. But how do our churches' children's ministry pastors and directors receive care and resources and community?

If you're a rector or a children's, youth, or family ministry staff member in this diocese I want to let you know about the Next Generation Leadership Initiative of the ACNA. The NGLI is a Provincial Initiative begun under the tenure of former Archbishop Foley Beach. As a children's ministry director in this diocese I also have the privilege of serving as a team member of the Family Leadership Network, which is a part of the NGLI. Our work in the Family Leadership Network is to care for, equip, and create a community for the adults who teach and shepherd the children

in our churches across the ACNA. And our hope is that every children's ministry leader (whether paid staff or volunteer) would know that our network exists to come alongside them and offer community and resources to help them do what God has called them to do.

The Family Leadership Network meets once a month via Zoom to discuss important kids ministry topics with experts and trusted authors in our field. We also offer an active Slack channel community where kids ministry leaders can ask questions, crowd-source information, and receive prayer and moral support every week of the year!

Our website, [nextgenanglican.com/family-leadership-network](https://nextgenanglican.com/family-leadership-network), offers free resources like a curriculum matrix to help you think through the myriad of kids' curricula out there, as well as resources for helping safeguard our children. We have liturgical seasons guides and family discipleship resources and more—all free on our website.

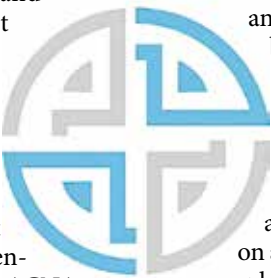
So often, it's easy for the good people in our churches who serve our children to give and give and give of themselves while running the risk of burnout. That can be a very isolating place to be.

I've been in family ministry for 15 years and in that time I've heard of clergy and worship pastor retreats and cohorts for pastors and leaders but hardly ever for those in children's ministry. When I served in another denomination our leaders had groups and events they were a part of to be refreshed and renewed. But nothing like that ever existed for someone like me in children's ministry with my own unique joys and challenges that this ministry brings. Ministry to children can often be a very beautiful yet exhausting

and unseen area of ministry. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed and isolated in this work.

But now, because of the good work of the Family Leadership Network of the NGLI, that doesn't have to be the case anymore. If you volunteer or serve on a family ministry staff in this Diocese, please know that there is a place for you here in the Family Leadership Network.

One of the best ways we, as Anglicans, can care for the next generation is by caring for those who care for the next generation. And the Family Leadership Network of NGLI is here to do just that! Visit <https://nextgenanglican.com/family-leadership-network/> to learn more.



# GrandCamp: A Wonderful Investment

By Sherry Schumann, St. Paul's Anglican, Summerville / President, Christian Grandparenting Network

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and the GrandCamp staff are thrilled to announce that registration is now open for this year's GrandCamp, which will be held at Epworth by the Sea (St. Simon's Island, GA), June 16-20, 2025. This summer our theme is "Paul: Before and After."

## The History of GrandCamp

In 1998, God gave Cavin Harper a vision to bring grandparents and grandchildren together for a grand faith adventure in the beautiful Pikes Peak region in Colorado. Faithful to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Cavin and his wife, Diane, established



RILEIGH BARBER

GrandCamp. In addition, Cavin founded the first-ever grandparent ministry, now known as Christian Grandparenting Network.

For years, the initial GrandCamp served hundreds of grandparents and their grandchildren, ages seven to 12, until it wasn't able to meet the growing demand. A decision was made by the ministry to take the GrandCamp experience to a national level by offering a program model for various camps, churches, and denominations. Today, there are multiple GrandCamps in the United States and Canada, and more are being planned by Christian Grandparenting Network each year.

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# Building a New Culture Through Classical Education

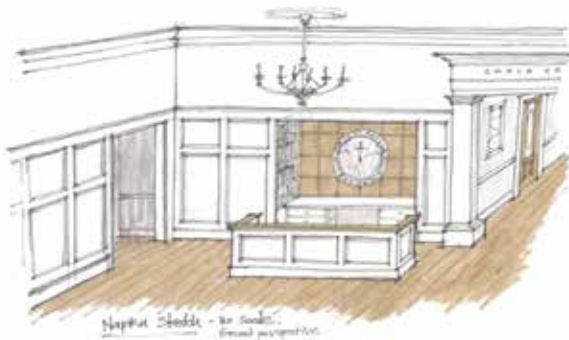
## St. Philip's Academy Set to Open in 2025

By Trisha Reese, Primary School Director, St. Philip's Academy, Charleston

Have you heard the exciting news? St. Philip's Church of Charleston is launching a new church ministry—St. Philip's Academy: A Christian School in the Classical Tradition. We are now accepting applications to our 4K and 5K classes for the 2025–2026 school year. Our goal is to add grades incrementally through twelfth grade. The school's first classrooms will be on St. Philip's campus in an office building that has functioned as a school in the past and we are now upfitting. Our school motto is *Omnia Christi Gloriae*—all things for the glory of Christ!

Thanks to the enormous generosity and sacrificial giving of our congregation, we are within reach of our goal to raise \$5 million to fund this new ministry.

You may have some questions. Why start a school? What is a classical school like?



*An architect's proposed rendering of the school's lobby.*

As our Rector, the Rev. Jeff Miller, explained to our congregation on May 7, 2024, we currently run the risk of losing our children to the world and not making them disciples of Jesus Christ. "We have failed to recognize that cultures cultivate, and our duty as Christians is clear: we need a new culture, one that cultivates a new type of person." No longer should we allow the world

to shape our children into its image; we need to follow Paul's instructions in Ephesians 4 to raise children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. The Greek word for this "nurture and admonition" is *paideia* and comes directly out of the classical education system of Ancient Greece.

The ancient Greeks and Hebrews and early Christians understood that to cultivate the soul of a people, the people must be knit together by the right culture (*paideia*).

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*Paideia* trains the affections of the heart, mind, and body. The *paideia* of the Lord will feed the soul on all that is good, true, and beautiful. The *paideia* of the Lord understands that when we image bearers of God become who He made us to be, we will want to live virtuously as is best for us. When the church partners with families through schools in raising their children in this *paideia* of the Lord, the result prayerfully will be loving, intelligent, strong, resilient, faithful, joyful, and courageous disciples of Jesus Christ.

Invented by the Greeks and adapted by the Romans and Christians in the early medieval period, classical education uses the seven liberal arts called the trivium (word-based skills) and quadrivium (number-based skills) to cultivate the mind of the learner to become

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### Diocesan Council

We will elect two members of the clergy and two lay persons to serve a three-year term on the Diocesan Council. Those nominated include: the Rev. David Cumbie, the Rev. Newman Lawrence, the Rev. David Rowe, Sallie Brach, Frank Gibson, Randy Howie, Terrance Jenkins and Margie Williams.

### Ecclesiastical Court

We will elect three members of the clergy and two lay persons to serve a three-year term on the Ecclesiastical Court. Those nominated include: the Rev. Scott Poelker, the Rev. Dr. Michael Ridgill, the Rev. Hamilton Smith, Rick Adams, David Devane, Hal Frampton and Nina Mack.

Registration will close on Friday, March 1. Due to ongoing renovations inside St. Philip's, attendance by visitors will, unfortunately, be limited. Questions? Contact the Rev. Joyce Harder at [jharder@adosc.org](mailto:jharder@adosc.org).

## What We Learned

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For the last year, ARDF has been providing training for Coordinators, hosting monthly video conferences where best practices and relevant resources are shared.

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- You have been the hands and feet of Jesus.

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## Upcoming ARDF Relief Trips

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### March 8 - 15, 2025

Partner: Adventures In Mission; Black Mountain, NC. The cost is \$350 per person, limited to 20.

### March 30 - April 5, 2025

Partner: Fuller Center Disaster Re-Builders; Black Mountain, NC. The cost is \$250, limited to 18 people.

### March 23 - 29, 2025

Partner: Fuller Center Disaster Re-Builders, Black Mountain, NC. The cost is \$250, limited to 18.

### Family Trip: June 15-20, 2025

Partner: Adventures In Mission and Family Leadership Network (NGLI). *This trip is intended for families with children ages 7-18 to serve together.* Ridgecrest Conference Center, NC. The cost is \$175 per person (Early bird pricing for first 20 people), limited to 20-30 people, must be over age seven.

### June 22-28, 2025

Partner: Fuller Center Disaster Re-Builders, Black Mountain, NC. Cost: \$250, limited to 18.

# Diocesan Churches Embrace Parish Nursing

By Susan C. Keller, RN, BSN, St. Philip's Church, Charleston

Parish nursing, as we know it today, began in the 1980s through the vision of Granger Westberg, a Lutheran pastor in Chicago, who had a vision for nursing to include the "intentional care of the spirit" as well as caring for a person's physical wellbeing. Westberg envisioned a return of the nursing role to its historic Christian roots of caring for a person's mind, body, and soul. Much has transpired since then and now parish nursing, known more commonly as faith community nursing, is a nationally recognized specialty of professional nursing.

You can learn more about it at <https://www.westberginstitute.org/faith-community-nursing/>

There are at least 56 nurses currently serving in churches in South Carolina. We know of ones in Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches, and now nurses are serving in two of our diocesan churches: All Saints' Anglican Church in Florence and St. Philip's Church in Charleston.

## Embarking on a Journey of Learning

In an effort to learn more about parish nursing, I visited and interviewed 10 parish nurses in our state.

It was fascinating to learn that each nurse's particular gifts and call were quite different. Some hold screenings and workshops. Some coordinate compassionate care services like transportation, meal preparation and minor home repairs. Most, however, serve as nurse advocates and educators. The difference is that these nurses unabashedly bring the presence of our Lord Jesus into their caring of body, soul and spirit.

## Amazing Nurses at All Saints' Anglican, Florence

It was wonderful to travel to Florence with my friend and colleague, Ellen O'Dell, RN, to learn about the parish nursing ministry at All Saints' Anglican. Two amazing nurses share the role there. Both are quite accomplished professionals, giving of themselves to serve God in their church. Marie Saleeby RN, MSN served at McLeod Regional Hospital as Senior Vice President and Chief Administrator. Marty Hucks FNP, MSN, APHN-BC is a family nurse practitioner and an Associate Professor at Francis Marion University in the College of Nursing. Both women have been involved in expanding the Faith Community Nursing movement in South Caro-



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*"The Lord brought a very special parishioner and me together as he faced a life-altering challenge," says Keller. In photos with Colonel Myron Harrington.*

lina. All Saints' has an office where these nurses counsel parishioners, provide handouts on a variety of health issues, plan seminars, and so much more. They told me beautiful stories of ways the Lord is using them in their parish.

The Rev. Jason Hamshaw, rector of All Saints' Anglican where Marty and Marie serve, had this to say about the parish nursing ministry in his church, "Personally, the parish nursing ministry has been instrumental in saving my life and has profoundly impacted others in our church. It bridges the gap between medical and spiritual care, equipping parishioners to make informed decisions with confidence. By offering preventive care, health planning, and long-term support, churches become a first point of contact and provide holistic care. Training teams to manage emergencies on church property adds essential safety, ensuring we care for both body and soul."

## Beginning Program at St. Philip's Church

Last June, I began serving as the parish nurse at St. Philip's Church, Charleston. I had recently retired from a 40+ year career in nursing and reached out to our rector, the Rev. Jeff Miller, to see if I could be of any help in the church from a nursing perspective. That started the ball rolling, and it has been a true honor to be able to incorporate my faith fully alongside serving as a nurse advocate and health counselor. My particular heart's concern is toward

the care and wellbeing of older parishioners whose health care is often fragmented or whose medications or medical conditions are confusing. Patients are being pushed more and more towards managing their care and appointments online. For many older folks, this is extremely difficult. Many people also do not have family close by to help them. I am happy to jump in and help when needed. So far for me, this has included home visits, lots of phone calls, and attending some important



medical appointments, as well as organizing a new offering for our church, Grief Share, which began in January.

The Lord brought a very special parishioner and me together as he faced a life-altering challenge. Colonel Myron Harrington is much beloved in our community and known by many. Last year, he was diagnosed with advanced prostate cancer. I have had the sheer privilege of being a small part of his life (and his family's lives) as he continues to undergo treatments to slow the disease's progression. We have laughed and cried, rejoiced over good news, and prayed earnestly over difficult news. Joy Hunter and I had the opportunity to sit down with him and ask him what he thought about the parish nursing role.

He became emotional as he thanked me for taking care of him. "To me, the spiritual aspect is the most fundamental part of what you do as a practitioner of taking care of people," he said. "We all are aware that our Lord is looking after us, but you are the one he sent."

There is no higher calling than having the privilege of coming alongside someone in need, no matter what role we play in that person's journey. As my life verse tells us, the Lord has created each of us for particular work that He prepared in advance for us to walk in. (Ephesians 2:10.)

May 2025 be a year where we all see our work—no matter where—done for furthering of the Kingdom of God and for His glory.

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# Finding Connection at The Well

By Donna Zweig, The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach

I'll never forget the first time I walked into The Well by the Sea. I had recently moved to Myrtle Beach from New Jersey all by myself. I was in the process of a divorce and it was an extremely difficult time for me. I missed my son and thought I might have made a mistake to move.

I lived on Forestbrook Road and I drove past The Well church almost every day. I read The Well's church sign – "If you think it's HOT here . . ." It made me laugh!

I noticed a white motorcycle parked



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outside without a church service being held at the church. I thought, I bet that is the pastor's bike. I ride a motorcycle and I, like most bikers, like a good sense of humor and I needed a church badly. I didn't know what an Anglican church was. I wanted to go in, but felt awkward and alone.

My day had been awful. I had a new job. Not good. Sixty-hour weeks and no breaks! My back hurt pretty badly. I felt defeated. Yet, I made the decision and walked into The Well and was greeted with love and kindness. I was seated

next to Sue and Geoff Davis. I wept in the pew. Sue suggested I ask for healing prayers. So, I went to the back of the church where people could go for immediate prayer. Each person offered a prayer for me and I couldn't stop crying. They insisted I speak to Deborah (the Rev. Deborah Hamilton, who serves as a deacon at the church).

She looked so busy and I said I must get ready for work. They still gently insisted, so I approached Deborah. I told her that I didn't know why God put me here in Myrtle Beach. Why would God want me to suffer so? I told her I miss my family; my job is awful; I don't know anyone. She told me that God chose me.

He had a special job for me and that someone on my job needs to hear from someone just like me to keep them going. We talked about a lot of things at that time and I felt much better when we finished.

I was running late to work and forgot my lunch! Oh my! Another 10-hour shift with no break and, now, no food. I raced into the elevator to hurriedly punch in.

I ran into a lady that I'd met the day before and she said, "I need you to know how happy we are you're here! You look like someone who cares and that's what we need!"

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## Campus Communion Seeks Intern for College of Charleston Ministry

By The Rev. Taylor Daniel, Campus Communion, College of Charleston



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Please pray for our search process so that the Lord may direct and bless our efforts. And if you have a young person in your parish who you think might benefit from the experience, send them our way!

Time flies! We're just a year and a half into our diocesan outreach to the College of Charleston. Campus Communion is bringing the church to campus through embodied community. Along the way, we've seen Christian students strengthened in their

faith and non-Christians excited at the chance to ask their questions while eating free food (if you doubt the effectiveness of this part of the model, ask your youth minister!). Not to mention the many opportunities for collective service and one-on-one discipleship. We praise God for these fruits.

We've also seen a need, and the chance to turn it into a leadership opportunity. To that end, Campus Communion is creating a two-year, full-time campus ministry internship. Lord willing, our new staff member will come on board this June. The job is an exciting opportunity for a young person interested in ordination in the ACNA to enter into a leadership pipeline and "test drive" ministry on campus under the direction of an ordained presbyter. For those who find a confirmation of their call in the experience, the pipeline then includes a 90% tuition scholarship to Trinity Anglican Seminary in Ambridge, PA, with whom Campus Communion is in partnership.

The campus intern's time will be split between incarnational ministry on campus (particularly to "freshman and fringe" students who have yet to be fully integrated into the group), event and curriculum planning, completing a theological study program with the campus

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## Students Contemplate "Type 2 Faith" at Regenerate Retreat

By Evan Jackson, Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

This past November, a few of our high-school students joined with others in the diocese for the Regenerate High School Retreat at Camp Bob Cooper. Our crew had a tremendous experience.

Without the distractions of phones or the busyness of everyday life, we bonded through

message, one that everyone (not just high schoolers) ought to hear.

Type 2 Faith is modeled after the concept of "Type 2 Fun," which finds joy in challenge and suffering. For example, Type 2 Fun would be the joy a rock climber feels though his fingers are cut and callused; it is the joy of a hard workout or the runner's high. This is opposed to Type 1 Fun, which is quick, easy, and consumable—with no higher stakes at hand and therefore not as satisfying or sustainable. Think video games.

The students were invited to live into a Type 2 Faith: a faith in Jesus that is challenging and marked by suffering, but ultimately filled with joy and abundant life (John 10:10). Jesus promises that true faith in Him will not be on our own terms. It will not be quick, easy, and consumable (a Type 1 Faith). Rather, the faith that Jesus calls us into is one where we deny ourselves and follow him (Mark 8:34). This is a challenging and painful call, yet a joyful call (James 1:2). It is

joyful because the Redeemer of all things, the one who overcame death and suffering by His Resurrection, is on our side—and His victory is ours (Romans 8:37). The practices that mark Type 2 Faith are thanksgiving, confession, repentance, and mission. All of these practices challenge us, requiring us to deny self, and lead to true Type 2 joy.

"The Son of God suffered unto death, not that men might not suffer, but that their suffering might be like His, and lead them up to His perfection. (George McDonald, Unspoken Sermons, Series L, II and III)



MATTIE ZANIN

Teens tackle the climbing wall during Regenerate.

activities like archery, rock climbing, small groups, and the official Regenerate Retreat Sports Commission Championship (RRSCC). Congratulations to Mery Traxler (215 pts) for placing first in the RRSCC, and to John Nash (200 pts) for placing second. And a huge thank you goes to Emma McClain, our adult chaperone, who sacrificed one of her weekends to retreat along with us.

Our retreat speaker, the Revd. Canon Aaron Buttery, spoke to the students on the theme of Type 2 Faith. It was a powerful

## "Resurrection is Beginning..." Updates From Churches Which Lost Property

Following our Diocese's separation from the Episcopal Church (TEC) in 2012, eight of our 54 churches were ultimately required to turn their properties over to TEC. One of those, St. Matthew's, Fort Motte, was able to purchase their property back. Here are updates from the remaining seven parishes. As you read through their stories, we ask you to hold them in prayer and look for ways to come alongside to offer support.

Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant  
By The Rev. Ted Duvall, Rector

As we approach 2 1/2 years out of our old campus, we continue renting worship space on Sunday mornings at Jennie Moore Elementary school, with rented offices on Highway 17 N, holding meetings in homes and other churches, and having weddings, funerals, and evening services in other churches also.

Thanks to a generous donation, we purchased land with four buildable acres, and our Building Committee has developed a Master Plan and a Phase One for our new church home. Our Capital Campaign Committee led fundraising this past fall ('24), and through the overwhelming generosity of our members and friends, we've raised the \$8 million cost of Phase One. We have more to do than Phase One and we are grateful for any donations from our diocesan family. There is a "Donate Now" button at ccaunity.org.

"For some it's been a hard journey," said Duvall, "...Yet, the life of the congregation is vibrant and the calendar is full..."

For some, it has been a hard journey. There is no quiet, traditional service in a historic chapel anymore, just the one, blended music, all-ages service in a school auditorium with everyone seated on school lunch tables that convert into benches. Yet, too, the life of the congregation is vibrant and the calendar is full with Bible studies, outreach efforts to the community, ministry for men, women, youth and children, and fellowship amid a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place.

Saint James Anglican Church, James Island  
By The Revd Richard B. Grimball, Jr., Priest-in-Charge

We are now in our second year of worshipping in our church building at 1101 Camp Road. We have a six-year lease on the property and are grateful for this respite. Before landing here, we had held services at the James Island Town Hall.

We have been blessed with the recent hire of Sam English, our new Family and Youth Ministry Coordinator. Sam grew up in the parish and has recently returned to Charleston after teaching in Los Angeles, CA and Madrid, Spain.

Bishop Edgar will soon be appointing an interim rector for the church and we are heading into the spring with a discerning vision for the hire of a music minister and the eventual call of a rector. The Prayer Ministry Team is participating in monthly teachings with Sandi



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Children gather at Saint James Anglican Church for a lesson during Vacation Bible School.

Kerner, using the Christian Healing Ministries' curriculum. In addition, the prayer ministers are helping lead healing prayer sessions at Camino Counseling Center, which opened its doors at the church in July of 2024.

The support of our in-reach and out-reach ministries has been blessed with the resurrection of our Fall Market, with this being the second year since moving into our new church building at 1101 Camp Road. The lay ministries led by men and women of the parish continue to provide teaching, fellowship, and discipleship, and our healing as a community is evident in the relationships and ministries that continue to flourish.

Please pray that we will continue to walk in the Spirit, and align ourselves as a community to God's will and timing. Please lift up the

leadership, both lay and clergy, and for modeling a continued fellowship of a love for Jesus and a love for each other.

St. David's Cheraw  
By The Rev. Jason Varnadore, Rector

Another exciting—and transitional—year has come and gone for St. David's. We started out the year in Bennettsville with a big decision: either we merge with St. Paul's or return to Cheraw. Ultimately, after a wonderful time of hospitality with St. Paul's, we decided to return to Cheraw. Not long after that, the opportunity to buy two beautiful acres across from Arrowhead Park on the bike trail opened up, and we had a great spirit of unity in that purchase.

We also moved to Kiser Funeral Home, which I believe has been a wonderful place for us. There is deep

symbolism in meeting in a funeral home. Many churches have done so, and church buildings have always been the place where we bring our dead to entrust into the hands of the resurrection God.

If I may push the image of death and resurrection a bit further, it should not be lost on any of us that the last 15 years has been an intensive pruning process. God has trimmed us back, I believe, so that He may grow us back healthier and that we may bear much fruit. Resurrection is beginning to happen at St. David's.

Several new families have started attending since we came to the funeral home. I do not wish to overstate this. I do not have an inside scoop on God's plans for us. The universal church is permanent, but local churches are not. That being said, I see signs of life—I hear children singing on Sundays! I see a lively nursery in the viewing room of the funeral home! I see a congregation that is excited about little voices. And we have returned to our roots as Christians, the Holy Scriptures!

This spring, we hope to begin building a fellowship hall on our new property. We have around \$300,000. If you have any questions or would like to contribute, please email us at saintdavidsanglican1768@gmail.com.

St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church, Hartsville, SC  
By The Rev. Bill Oldland, Rector

St. Bartholomew's has experienced a number of wonderful blessings and opportunities over the past two years and two months.

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## Diocesan Council Shares Ministry Reports

While our Diocesan e-news and Jubilate Deo share information about specific events and ministries, much more happens in the Diocese than we can cover. We are now posting the ministry reports provided to Diocesan Council members at their quarterly meetings on our diocesan website. Enjoy the following reports from our February 6, 2025 meeting by visiting <https://adosc.org/about/committees/committees-diocesan-council/>:

- Anglican Women
- Anglican Missional Partnerships
- Camp Jubilee
- Church Planting
- Clergy Care
- Grandparenting Ministry
- Healing and Prayer Ministry
- Hispanic Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Safe Churches
- Student Ministry



## Connection at The Well

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Okay, I thought ... that's weird. I told the server, "I'm so hungry and I forgot my food today!" She said, "Managers get free meals!" Shocked - I thought, No way! I know now that God answered my prayers.

I also asked Deborah, "Why do I keep praying and all I get are more disappointments?" She said I needed the connection at The Well. "There is more power when two or more gather together." I didn't understand it all then. But I now felt the power even without understanding.

After I met The Well's rector, Fr. Tom and his wife, Jackie, I knew I was home. Never before have I felt more connected to a church and its people. Thank you! Much Love!

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We are in a rented facility about two blocks from our former building. Before we rented the space, it housed Hartsville Physical Therapy. Most people in town know the property in that manner. When we introduce ourselves now, we tell them we have changed our location and our purpose. We are not into physical therapy but spiritual therapy for the soul.

In the past two years, we have baptized nine children and infants. We have also confirmed nine adults and youth, with an additional adult being received. In addition, we have multiple other people who are attending services and have shown an interest in becoming a part of our church family.

We are also growing in Christian education. In addition to Sunday school classes, we have three other adult classes. We also have an interdenominational men's group, Act Like Men, that meets for breakfast and Bible Study every Wednesday morning at 5:30.

Without a doubt, the most incredible blessing we have received has been through our outreach within the community. We partner with two other churches cooking and distributing meals at the Soup Kitchen and Community Meals. In addition to the meals, we give Christmas presents to residents at The Saleeby Center, participate in Operation Christmas Child, and support Habitat for Humanity and

Hartsville Interfaith Ministries.

We were the host church for the first Diocesan Cursillo weekend held in a parish setting in October. This past year we provided more than \$40,000 in financial assistance to charities in our community, as well as to those in areas impacted by Hurricane Helene. Finally, we became a collection point for Hurricane Relief in Hartsville, delivering more than 8,000 pounds of supplies to those in hard-hit areas.

We thank you for your prayers and support over the past two years. With God's blessing and your support, we are doing well. Please pray for God's continued blessings for our congregation, our ministry and our community.

### St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island

*By The Rev. Jeremy Shelton, Rector*

Joyful blessings through difficulty continues to be the way for St. John's Parish Church. The Lord is doing a mighty work. We continue meeting for Sunday worship at Haut Gap Middle School and rent office space at Resurrection Hall during the week. In the first quarter of 2025, we plan to have the final permits for the road onto our new property, Church Place. We will also begin a capital fundraising campaign and finalize the schematic design plans.

# "Art Opens Us to a Way of Seeing Him"

## Seasonal Art Competition Engages the Imagination of a Community

*By The Rev. Drew Miller, St. John's Anglican Church, Florence*

We really weren't sure what our people would think about our church hosting an art competition — especially one with cash prizes. We knew we had a number of members involved in the arts across Florence. We also knew that our congregation was no stranger to the arts. Our organist and choir have consistently graced our liturgy with beautiful music; our stained glass and campus architecture have called us to consider and to worship; and our Lenten Literature series has opened a variety of several short stories to us as means of encountering the Holy.

But still, an art competition? Should we really be giving money away? And what if the art is not good? What if it's not made by Christians? Will it still deepen our worship?

I had certainly never done anything like this before. If it wasn't for the vision of Uschi Jeffcoat (a St. John's member and local artist) and the support of many others, we wouldn't have done it at all.

But because the requisite gifts and vision were here, we tried it. We gave our competition a theme ("The Coming Light: A Vision of Advent") and a website (at [showsubmit.com](http://showsubmit.com)), and we invited visual artists from across the state to digitally submit images of their work. We selected a juror from out of state (Jared Seff, both a professor at SCAD and a maker of sacred art) to help us choose our winners. These would be awarded cash prizes, and their artwork would be displayed on campus during the seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. We'd also use images of their work in communications materials.

Our competition had two goals. First, we wanted to give our congregation renewed vision for the contemplation of Christ in the Advent season. This is precisely what the arts offer — avenues of seeing, and seeing differently. We hoped that these images of light might open our eyes to the coming light Himself, helping us consider Him from a different angle.

Second, we wanted to bless the arts community. For centuries the church was the



*Above, First place winner, "Light" by Robert Maniscalco. "Our competition had two goals," said Miller. "First, we wanted to give our congregation renewed vision for the contemplation of Christ ... helping us consider Him from a different angle. Second, we wanted to bless the arts community..."*

bastion and patron of the arts — how things have changed! But perhaps, if we awarded legitimate prize money, created a serious gallery space, and presented a concept worthy of artistic engagement, artists might once again find the church to be an inspiration in their vocation.

We hoped to have enough submissions to select four winners, one for each Sunday in Advent. In the end, the juror had more work than he bargained for. We received 24 submissions from 18 different artists across the state! They employed a variety of mediums, and engaged with a variety of subject matter in a variety of styles, and I am glad I did not have to choose between them.

Our digital honorable mention gallery showcases some of our favorites (<https://>

[sjflo.org/adventart](https://sjflo.org/adventart)), and the four winners were installed in our chapel (converted into an elegant gallery space by our grounds manager). The space is open before and after worship and other campus events, and there is a regular stream of people through it each week. It seems that the gallery has something for everyone. You might not 'get' this or that piece, but sooner or later one piece or another will grab you. We also printed cards for each winning artwork, to hand out after our services. On the front is an image of the work and the title of the competition; the back of the card includes the juror's comments and that Sunday's collect. I've seen these cards on counters and fridges and even framed in peoples' homes, as visual touchpoints for the season.

Our folks found the gallery beautiful, arresting, thought-provoking, and inspiring. But perhaps more exciting

still has been the responses of the artists. Several were outrightly stunned to be chosen. I remember one artist sharing on social media that they "never expected a church to want to see their work." When a friend suggested they submit a piece to our competition, they had laughed. But, they figured, there was nothing to lose. And when they received an honorable mention, it began to re-write their understanding of God's people. What if they really cared about what I thought, or saw, or made? What if my work was valued there?

Another artist drove from out of town to attend worship with us, to see how their work

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TIMOTHY GRIGGS

*Bishop Edgar joins in prayer with the worship leaders at St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island prior to the service on February 2, 2025.*

We are continuing to grow in number, discipleship, evangelism, and mission, all while planning for the future. In 2024 St. John's Parish Church sent mission teams to both Uganda and Peru. Our ministry to the Charleston County Juvenile Detention Center grew, and local outreach to Johns Island through home repairs, the Feeding of the Multitude, and public school ministry also saw significant increase in participation.

St. John's Parish Church is committed to participating with the

Lord in the building of His Kingdom on Johns Island and beyond. We look for more opportunities to serve Him in everything we do.

### Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

*By The Rev. Will Klauber, Rector*

I write this with great joy in the fact that our Lord is moving among us, knowing that God is glorified even in our greatest trials and tribulations. Last year, Good Shepherd

faced several major unexpected challenges. Losing access to an entire wing of our preschool in order to meet code requirements in the spring, and relocating our offices at the beginning of Advent out of a space that had been very generously donated to us were just two challenges in a rather long list of things the Lord has overcome for us.

Our vestry and leadership navigated those challenges with strength and grace. We have not only met them but thrived despite them. Last fall we also shifted back to morning worship, and have experienced great stability and growth as a result. In fact, we have nearly maxed out our current worship space in the fellowship hall of Northbridge Baptist Church in West Ashley.

Over the past generation or two, baseball has seen the rise in importance of middle relief pitching, that is having someone come in and fill a gap between the starting pitcher and the closer. In much the same way, Good Shepherd is realizing that we may need to pivot and address a mid-range need for worship, office, and day school space before estab-

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# Behold the Man Takes Men on Pilgrimage with Saint Paul

By Jay Crouse, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston

With the war in Israel continuing, pilgrimages to the Holy Land have been put on hold.

So the leaders of our diocesan men's ministry annual pilgrimage trip turned our attention to a pilgrimage to Greece to walk in the steps of St. Paul.

As has been the case since 2017, our Pilgrimage Leader was the Rev. Dr. Peter Walker. Peter is a British Anglican priest and academic who is well-known for his many books and pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Greece. As he does for our pilgrimages in the Holy Land, Peter developed our 10-day itinerary in Greece. Our Behold the Man pilgrimage team Chaplain was Pastor Dan Davis, from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church, and Jeff Winkler from St. Andrew's Church, Mt. Pleasant served as our Team Leader. Along with our group of participants, our guest priest from the ADOSC was the Canon for Men's Ministry and Rector of St. Jude's Church in Waltherboro, Newman Lawrence. Our guest priest from the Episcopal Diocese of S.W. Florida was the Rev. Dale Van Wormer, who serves as an Associate Priest at St. John's in Tampa, FL.

One of the unique aspects of our Behold the Man curriculum is that, along with a traditional pilgrimage itinerary, we include many of our



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Participants enjoy the traditional, Behold the Man pilgrimage polar bear swim, this time in the Ionian Sea.

key men's ministry concepts. Such takeaways are teaming each man up with a two-by-two buddy, small-group time, hiking and talking, time for a personal spiritual retreat, and renewal of our baptismal vows, just to name a few. Another key aspect of our curriculum is creating a pace throughout the itinerary to allow time for men to process all they are seeing, hearing, and experiencing.

For many of us, we know the Epistles of Paul and we know about his Damascus Road experience, but beyond that, we do not really

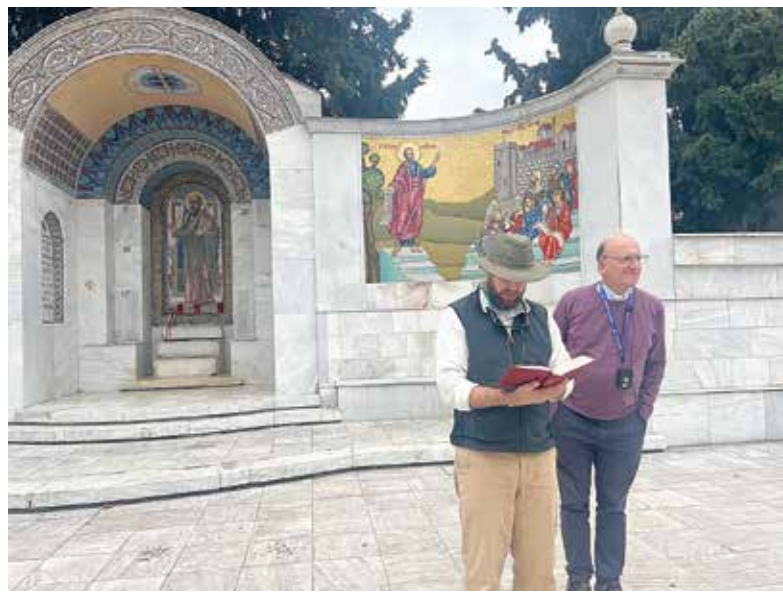
know much about the man, Paul. That changes significantly when we walk in Paul's footsteps throughout Greece. With new insights about the man, Paul, his Epistles take on new meaning and power.

To understand Paul more fully and deeply, we included four key touch points about Paul's life to connect us to him as men. Those four aspects of his life's journey which many men face include: our search for identity as men; how we pursue meaningful friendships; our search for a big, holy, audacious adventure; and our search for a masculine journey to pursue being disciple makers.

Finally, there was the country of Greece. Is there a more beautiful country in the world? Away from Athens, the country is rural, mountainous, and bounded on the east side by the Aegean Sea and on the west by the Ionian Sea. We were blessed with beautiful weather and the sharp decline of other tourists. For the team, as well as the participants, this year's pilgrimage exceeded all expectations and enhanced our relationship with God, Jesus Christ, and the New Testament. It was a "wow" pilgrimage indeed.

Behold the Man will return to Greece and the footsteps of Paul October 8-18, 2025

For information and registration please contact Behold the Man founder, Jay Crouse at [jaycrouse@aol.com](mailto:jaycrouse@aol.com) or 941-320-0271.



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The Rev. Canon Newman Lawrence our Diocesan Canon for Men's Ministry, above left, and the Rev. Dr. Peter Walker reflect on Paul's teachings at the site in Berea where Paul preached.

# "Come to the Banquet"

Compelling Others to Draw Closer to Christ

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

There's something special about gathering with family or friends around a meal. In Luke 14, Jesus told a parable that reflects our human desire to be part of such gatherings and God's heart for drawing His people to Himself.

Toward the end of what is often called "The Parable of the Great Banquet," we find these words: "And the master said to the servant, 'Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled.'" (Luke 14:23).

That verse provides three important insights when it comes to church planting.

## The Heart of God

First, it reveals the heart of God. God desires that His "house may be filled." God desires relationship

with His people throughout Scripture. In the Gospels, meals are often the context as Jesus expresses love, compassion, and mercy. In Revelation 3:20, we read of Jesus' desire for relationship expressed with a meal: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me."

This is the heart of God: that His house be filled with those who commune with Him!

## The Highways and Hedges

Second, this parable gives us direction about where to find the people that God wants to attend His banquet. The servant is told to go to the "highways and hedges." One might interpret the highways to be the obvious people to be reached. We might consider the highways to be our neighbors, co-workers, or friends. But the mention of hedges means we are also to go to the people who might initially be hidden. The hedges are likely the people who

don't look like us, act like us, or behave like us. Just as God called Adam and Eve out from their place of hiding (Genesis 3:9), so we are to lead people from the hedges to the banquet.

## Called to Compel

Third, we are told to "compel" the people to come. Notice we are not told to simply invite others. We are told to "compel" them. Does this mean we obnoxiously argue people into the Kingdom of God? No. Instead, it means that we are to demonstrate a consistent and committed love toward those we are attempting to compel.

As Paul instructs us in Colossians 4:5-6, "Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."



JOY HUNTER

It is easy to blame those absent from the banquet for not coming to the banquet. But as we are told to "compel" others to attend, we must ask ourselves: Do our words and actions compel others to draw closer to the Lord OR do our words

and actions give further reason for them to avoid the banquet? May 2025 be a year in which many come to know salvation through Jesus Christ so that many might come into the household of God. And may our love for the outsider compel others to join us in the Great Banquet. Research tells us that church planting is THE most effective way of reaching non-believers for Christ. I would love the opportunity to talk with you and/or your church about how you can be part of our church-planting efforts.

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## Updates

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lishing our forever home. Acknowledging that our current home is insufficient to maintain our growth, and that we are not yet adequately equipped to immediately step into financing and building this new home, the challenge ahead of our current leadership and vestry is to cast a vision, and establish a presence that will allow us to fill the gap between our initial plan after losing our buildings, and the home that we stand convinced the Lord has already ordained for us. Right now, we are seeking the Lord in this.

As we press on in ministry, we expect that the Lord will continue to do a mighty work in our midst. He has brought us this far and been faithful in all things, and we are convinced that he will continue to do so. We thank you for your support. I would also encourage you to join us as you are able. Whether that is in person for worship one Sunday, or in prayer. The choice is yours. Rest assured, as we all do at Good Shepherd, that the Lord who spoke creation into being has a plan for us. Assured

and confident, we continue to press on in faith through this season of tabernacling.

## Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Charleston

By The Rev. David Dubay, Rector

The congregation of Holy Trinity Anglican Church worshipped our Lord for the final time in the building they built in 1958 on Sept. 11, 2022. That last worship service included the baptism of both the great granddaughter of a founding member and our newest member at that time, the father of our Youth Minister. Many of our former rectors were in attendance, as was Bishop Edgar.

The following week we moved all of our equipment and much furniture into storage and into the office space so kindly donated to us by St. Philip's Anglican Church. During that time, Old St. Andrew's Parish gave us the funds to purchase a small trailer, as we had, at that time, become a church without walls.

Soon after that move, our congregation began worshipping in the cafeteria of the Porter Gaud School. It was a good place to take a deep breath and recover from our eviction. We worshipped in that space for one year, seeking God's will and His plan for our future as a church. In the summer of 2023 we were invited to use space on Sunday afternoons, rent free, by St. James Anglican, James Island which had also lost their property and had rented and renovated a Baptist church on James Island. This kind offer led us to moving our worship services to 3 p.m. and we worshipped there until September of 2024.

In August of 2024, I was named the Vicar of St. John's Chapel, on Hanover St., downtown Charleston. Two weeks later, the congregations of St. John's Chapel and Holy Trinity were combined and a new adventure in our Christian lives began. Our first year has been and will continue to be a period of healing and recovery for both congregations as St. John's Chapel had lost their pastor about the same time we lost our building. As a combined con-

gregation, St. John+Holy Trinity has entered into a time of prayer and fellowship in order to rebuild our church family and has recently created a diverse leadership team that will engage in prayer and Bible study and engage our surrounding neighborhoods and reestablish the church at 18 Hanover Street as a place of worship, discipleship, and Christian service, welcoming all who live nearby. This outreach to the neighborhood includes lively and joyful worship in English every Sunday at 10 am and in Spanish, every Sunday at 5 p.m. Please pray for our congregation and leadership as we walk this new path. We're grateful for the assistance we have received from St. Philip's, Old St. Andrew's, Trinity-Pinopolis, St. James, the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, and our brothers and sisters at St. John's Chapel.

Our mission continues to be to do our best to love God with all our hearts, souls, and minds, and to love our neighbors as ourselves as we worship Christ Jesus as Lord and tell the world about Him



## Honey, You Were Born Invited and Mostly Summer

Two New Books by the Rev. Louise Weld Released

By Virginia Bartels, Saint James Anglican Church, James Island

A collection of 35 sermons written by the Rev. Louise Weld of Saint James Anglican Church on James Island has been published and is now available for purchase. For years, parishioners have been asking her to put some of her sermons in a book format, making them available not only for the congregation but also for nonmembers.

In the preface, Louise tells about the farm in Virginia, which has long been a frequent gathering place for her extended family members.



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One year, at a family reunion, one of the children, overwhelmed by all the people he had never seen before, asked, "Who invited us here?" His mother replied, "Honey, you were born invited." A family saying evolved: "Remember, you were born invited."

Ultimately, one of Louise's sermons included this family story, leading to God's story and the kingdom into which each of us is born invited. She goes on to say, "Every human is created to live life in the presence of a generous Creator and to participate in every act of love he lavishes on his creation."

In her postscript, Louise states that God is forever drawing our attention both to the benefits of his presence as well as the emptiness of everything we use to replace him. God is always drawing us to himself, so in everything, we are always coming home to him.

The book contains sermons that stimulate thought and infuse faith. Just a few of the titles are "An Eternal Home Warranty," "The 'But Now' People," "Seriously, Lord?," "God the Father Is a Mother," and "Be Still and Get Moving." Those who heard these sermons preached can again hear Louise's voice, and those who did not will be introduced to her voice that challenges, affirms, clarifies, and applies his Word to our lives. One parishioner who reviewed an early copy of the book said, "Each sermon is the voice of God coming to us... To me it is a gift from God Himself."

Louise is a poet as well as a preacher, and as her sermon book was being published, she learned she had won the 2024 Charleston Free Verse Poetry Award for a group of her poems which have now been published in the volume *mostly summer*. Informing her that she was the winner, Marcus Amaker, Poet Laureate of Charleston, wrote "Letting you know that your manuscript *mostly summer* is simply gorgeous."

Both books, *Honey, You Were Born Invited* and *mostly summer*, can be ordered on Amazon or from Barnes and Nobles.

# Songs for the Valley, Holding Lament and Praise Together

## Chelsea Hamshaw Releases "Press On, Pilgrim"

By Chelsea Hamshaw, All Saints', Florence

I didn't set out to write an album. It wasn't on my mind as I walked through one of the hardest seasons of my life—Jason's battle with stage 4 cancer. Yet in that crucible of fear and faith, songs began to take shape, almost unbidden. Several of these songs rose from prayers uttered in the dark at the piano bench and from truths gripped with trembling hands.

The liturgy served as a lifeline during this time, as it has in the varying seasons of life. Its steady rhythms gave me words when I had none: "You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices," "Lift up your hearts unto the Lord," "I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table, but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy." The Scriptures and prayers I had known for years now pulsed with raw meaning. Paradoxes of hope and sorrow, life and death, strength through weakness, became the language of my days—and my songs.

Over the last few years, I had immersed myself in the study of the Psalms, which we know are prayed fully and perfectly in and through Christ. The raw cries of lament and exuberant declarations of praise are often intermingled, like every great story, like every song worth singing. On the second day of Jason's two-week stay in the CCU at McLeod Hospital, his condition was precarious, and all we knew was that he had cancer. We had been praying, hoping, pleading that the diagnosis might reveal something manageable, something early. In hindsight, our hope betrayed our ignorance. Most people with early-stage cancer don't end up in critical care, bleeding



MICAH MCCOY

I remember sitting alone as Jason was rushed off for more tests, crying out in bitter tears: "Lord, do You even hear me?!" In desperation, I turned to *Midday Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer*, grasping for some tether to hold me steady.

out because a tumor has invaded an artery. When the surgeon's words finally came—"It is stage 4"—they landed like a blow to the gut.

I remember sitting alone as Jason was rushed off for more tests, crying out in bitter tears: "Lord, do You even hear me?!" In desperation, I turned to *Midday Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer*, grasping for some tether to hold me steady. The psalm appointed for that day was Psalm 116. As I began to read, the opening verse washed over me: "I love the Lord, because he heard the voice of my prayer, because he inclined his ear to me; therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." What assurance in the midst of so much sorrow and fear. The Lord hears my cry and in the arms of His grace, my sorrow is held. Light pierced

through the darkness through those ancient words, spoken anew to my needy soul.

Through this season, music broke through, and felt a bit like God's glory shining in the shadowed places. These songs are not declarations of triumph or tidy answers to suffering. They are songs for the valley, holding lament and praise together, responding to the God who draws near to the brokenhearted, who lifts us from the miry ground, who has walked through the ashes of this life to lead us on to a better kingdom. The songs in this album aim to blend the language of the Psalms with the richness of hymnody, the rhythm of the liturgy with the rawness of my own experience.

Some of these songs were written months or years before Jason's

diagnosis, but came in the same unexpected way. Some songs, like "Rooted," were reshaped through this time:

*"In the cold and bitter season, in these harsh and pressing times, when I cannot find a reason, hold me close within your vine. When the pruning feels like dying, when my tears have left me dry, in Your care I leave my longing. Rooted here, I find new life."*

I pray that these songs echo a hope that is unshakable—not in outcomes, but in God's presence. The same God who meets us at the Table with bread and wine was with us in the darkness, transforming pain into grace.

If these songs resonate with others, I trust it is the Lord's work. I have no vain imaginations of glory in releasing this album, but do truly long for the church of Christ to have means by which we can praise in the midst of lament, and worship the Lord who tread through the mire for his broken, weary people. For worship is not something we manufacture; it's something we are drawn into. Even in the hardest places, "it is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give thanks." Even here, as trials rise higher than the hills, God is faithful. He will not leave us or forsake us. So, we do not lose heart.

Chelsea Hamshaw serves as the Administrator and Director of Music at All Saints' Florence. She is married to the Rev. Jason Hamshaw, the church's Rector.

## Engaging the Community: Holy Trinity, Grahamville Offers Prayers for Newly Elected Officials

"Following a season of contentious politics and elections, God is calling the church to a more substantive public witness," said the Rev. James Gibson, Rector of Holy Trinity, Grahamville, during a Sunday worship service this past November. "We should be participating in the creative acts of God in restoring what is good and true and beautiful."

Gibson had invited the newly

elected community officials in Jasper County to join his congregation for a Sunday worship service. Preaching from Jeremiah 29:1-9 and Matthew 5:13-16, he encouraged parishioners to "seek the welfare of the city" and to be "salt and light amid a culture so desperately in need of both."

In an outward and visible sign of commitment to the city's welfare, County Councilman-elect John Kemp and Sheriff-elect Chris Malphrus knelt at the altar rail while Gibson and several parishioners prayed God would impart to them divine wisdom as they prepared to assume their duties of office. They also offered prayers for state and national leaders.



County Councilman John Kemp (above right) thanks the Rev. James Gibson for the prayers offered for him by the congregation of Holy Trinity, Grahamville.

## Cathedral to Host IJM Concert

The Cathedral is excited to host Sandra McCracken with special guests Fernando Ortega and Sara Groves for a night of music and storytelling on Saturday, March 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. These talented artists will come together to share their passion for justice through their art in partnership with International Justice Mission, a global

organization that protects people in poverty from human trafficking, modern-day slavery, violence and police abuse of power. Tickets are \$25 but kids 12 and under are free. Grab your tickets now and invite your friends to join us for this beautiful night of music.

## No One Did Everything...

By The Rev. Dave Fisher, Church of the Cross, Bluffton



REBECCA HAMILTON

Acolytes, servers and clergy prepare to process at the Church of the Cross.

This article first appeared in the newsletter of the Church of the Cross, Bluffton. We reprint it with permission.

Not long ago, we had a funeral service at the historic campus. On this particular day, with Pastor Jonathan officiating and lay readers in place, I didn't have a specific practical role to perform. This put me in a unique position: I was present all day, conscious of all that was being done, and free to watch it happen.

Throughout the day I watched as many members of our congregation, some alone and others in teams, went about their work with great care and attention to detail. Whether before, during, or after the service, each one knew their work and took ownership of the task, seeing it through to completion. No one did everything, but everyone did something—something without which the worship would have been less beautiful and intuitive, or the fellowship less welcoming and comfortable.

Altar guild, bell toller, chalice bearers, crucifer, family guide, flower guild, musicians, officiant, readers, reception hosts, sexton, sound technician, ushers, worshipers (and surely I'm forgetting someone), all working together for the glory of God and the good of the family and friends.

The work of the people together added up to a beautiful testimony to the love of God, a testimony seen through busy hands rather than heard through spoken words.

*"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." - John 13:34-35*

To each of you who serves or has served in one of these roles at funerals, thank you for your faithfulness to love God and love people in this way. God's peace to you.

## Faith and Family Night at the Stingrays

Join Bishop Chip and Beth Edgar for our inaugural Family and Faith Night at the Stingrays game on March 21. This is a wonderful way to meet your brothers and sisters across the diocesan family! A block of seats in the center upper balcony has been reserved. Deacon

Joyce Harder will email tickets on March 17. There will be no assigned seating. Bishop Edgar would like us to mingle and get to know others in our diocesan family.

Saint Luke's Anglican Conference, February 27-March 1

## To Be Human: Ourselves, Our Souls, Our Bodies – Life & Living in the Image of God

Saint Luke's Anglican on Hilton Head Island will host an in-depth theological conference February 27 – March 1, 2025. To Be Human: Ourselves, Our Souls, Our Bodies – Life & Living in the Image of God will feature several guest theologians and speakers, including the esteemed Revd. Dr. Hans Boersma, Saint Benedict Servants of Christ Chair in Ascetical Theology at Nashotah House Theological Seminary and Research Professor of Theology at Regent College.

This conference will focus on humanity's true identity as created in the image of God, inspired by the Eucharistic liturgy found in the 2019 Book of Common Prayer. Saint Luke's Anglican invites all who are interested to join them for this exciting and enriching theological look at a topic foundational to the Christian faith.

"It's a timely discussion," stated

the Revd. Dr. Jady Koch, rector of Saint Luke's Anglican. "As we watch in the West the demise of what it means to be human, the way God intended, this conference will serve as a corrective to increasingly confused American and European cultures."

Other guest lecturers will include Warren Cole Smith, President of Ministry Watch; the Revd. Dr.

Greg Peters, Professor at Torrey Honors College at Biola University; the Revd. Dr. Jonathan Mumme, Associate Professor of Theology at Hillsdale College; and Anne Kennedy, author and Substack creator at Demotivation with Anne.

Event attendees will have the opportunity to fellowship and worship, including partaking in a Festival Eucharist, at the beautiful Saint Luke's Anglican church. The conference rate is \$175 per person; clergy rate is \$125 per person.

To register or to learn more about the schedule of events, visit the Saint Luke's Anglican website, [www.stlukesghi.org](http://www.stlukesghi.org), or call (843) 785-4099 and ask to speak to the Ven. Dr. Kelly O'Lear, associate rector, or Jessica Maples, executive parish administrator.

## Archbishop Wood Champions "To Be a Christian" App

By Archbishop Steve Wood, Anglican Church in North America

From the outset of the writing of "To Be A Christian, An Anglican Catechism" it was the desire of the authors and guiding committees involved to create a companion mobile app that took all of the content from this incredible book and made it available to believers all over the world, right in their pocket on their mobile phone. I am delighted to announce that close to five years after the initial publishing of our Catechism, that dream has become a reality. To Be A Christian, the official Catechism app of the ACNA, is now available in both the iOS App Store and the Google Play Store.

Thanks to a partnership with the developers of The Daily Prayer App ([www.rethinkme.com](http://www.rethinkme.com)), and after diligent work from both them and us for the better part of the last year, this app is truly something that we are quite proud of. It stays true to the timeless theological truths found in the printed text of our Catechism, while simultaneously adding beauty in the form of images pairing with each of the 368 questions. One of the most useful features in the app is the ability to tap on the Scripture references associated with a given question and see all of those references lined up in one easy to read screen. It will even read the Scripture out loud to you! I

also love how when viewing a question, only the question is presented first with no answer allowing the reader to ponder what the answer is before revealing it. The thought and care that went into the development of this App is astounding, and I believe it will be instrumental in discipleship journeys all over the world.

Speaking of "all over the world," this initial release is in English only, but as more translations of To Be A Christian are completed we are also hopeful to add them into the app to create a truly global resource as a gift to Anglicans worldwide.

It is my encouragement to you all to visit [www.thecatechismapp.com](http://www.thecatechismapp.com) and download this app on your phone today.

### App Store Description of the To Be A Christian App:

Catechesis, an age-old Christian practice of disciple-making, employs a straightforward question-and-answer format to teach new believers and church members the core tenets of Christianity. "To Be a Christian," authored by J. I. Packer and a team of Anglican leaders from our province, revital-

izes this often-overlooked tradition for contemporary Christians. This beloved catechism contains over 360 questions and answers, each supported by Scripture references, covering the full spectrum of Christian doctrine and life. Drawing from foundational texts such as the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, it provides clear, concise, and conversational guidance. Perfect for believers seeking to deepen their understanding of God's Word and strengthen their faith, the "To Be a Christian" app makes this invaluable resource accessible anytime, anywhere. Download now and start your journey of deepened spiritual growth!

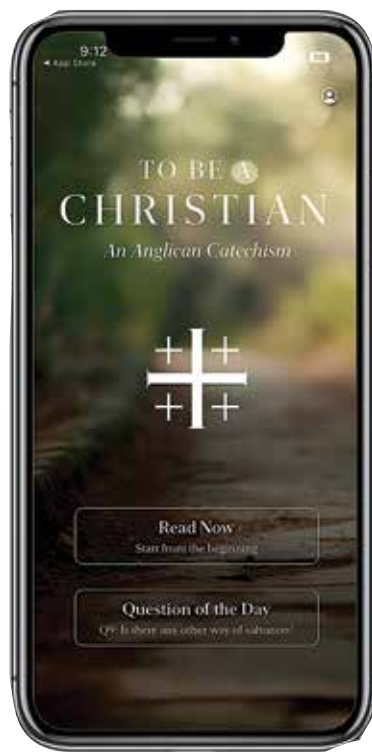
## Campus Communion

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minister, and raising their own support over the summer and new year. This allows a campus intern to get experience in the full range of ministry life while leaving a mark on the lives of individual students.

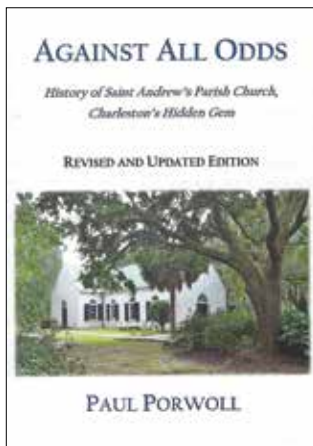
With all that said, an opportunity awaits! Please pray for our search process so that the Lord may direct and bless our efforts. And if you have a young person in your parish who you think might benefit from the experience, send them our way. An application page, along with a complete job description and list of requirements, can be found on the college ministry page of the diocesan website. Further inquiries? Pass them along via email to [tdaniel@adosc.org](mailto:tdaniel@adosc.org).

May God move His mission forward in this Epiphany season, as in all others!



## Just Published: Revised and Updated Edition of Against All Odds: History of Saint Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston's Hidden Gem

The history of this ancient church along the Ashley River is retold in a revised and updated edition of *Against All Odds*. First published in 2014, this book tells the story of a church that has struggled to stay alive through war and peace, conflict and stability, prosperity and dormancy. Most recently, the church survived a decade-long legal battle to keep its property after it left The Episcopal Church and aligned with the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and the Anglican Church in North America.



Twice the South Carolina Supreme Court ruled against Old St. Andrew's. Using every legal remedy at its disposal, the church refused to buckle. It withstood these challenges and, in the end, won its case and retained its properties. The revised and updated edition of *Against All Odds* tells this remarkable story. It may be the first time an individual church in the Diocese has told the story of its legal battle.

Old St. Andrew's was one of 10 Anglican churches established by the Church Act of 1706. Built the same year, the building was expanded in the shape of a cross in 1723. It is not only the oldest surviving church structure south of Virginia, but also South Carolina's

only remaining colonial cruciform church. After a difficult beginning, the church prospered into the 1770s. The parish became one of the wealthiest in all of British North America due to rice, indigo, and the plantation slave system that undergirded the economy. The building was severely damaged by fire in the 1760s but quickly rebuilt. A Revolutionary War skirmish occurred at the church in 1780. According to parishioners, the church was "much injured and pulled to pieces by the British Army."

St. Andrew's in the nineteenth century was a shell of its vibrant, colonial parish. With rice production relocating to the Waccamaw area and indigo no longer viable, the area suffered steep economic decline. The church felt these effects into the 1840s, when ministerial focus switched from the small, white planter class to enslaved blacks on parish plantations. The Rev. John Grimké Drayton, who transformed Magnolia into a horticultural masterpiece, was rector for 40 years (1851-91).

The Civil War decimated St. Andrew's Parish. Reverend Drayton was forbidden to use the church; it was turned into a polling place. He again focused on his black parishioners, now free, who asked him

to restart worship services. This seemingly benign request was, in fact, monumental. It was the only time this happened in South Carolina, when free blacks rejoined their prewar white minister. The church reopened in 1876 but was heavily damaged 10 years later in the Great Earthquake. Reverend Drayton, who struggled with tuberculosis most of his adult life, died in 1891. He was not replaced, and the church became dormant for the next 57 years.

St. Andrew's reopened on Easter Day 1948 to serve a burgeoning population west of the Ashley. This began a long period of rebuilding, the addition of a simple parish hall, and ever-present repairs and renovations. The church survived Hurricane Hugo in 1989 but the churchyard was decimated. In 2004-5 the church underwent one of the most comprehensive restorations in its history. In 2006 Old St. Andrew's celebrated its tercentennial and the Rev. Marshall Huey was installed as its nineteenth rector. A "recovering attorney," Fr. Marshall put his legal expertise to good use in the 10 years Old St. Andrew's fought to retain its property ownership rights in the courts.

In addition to *Against All Odds*, author Paul Porwoll has written a number of other publications about Old St. Andrew's. "In My Trials, Lord, Walk with Me": *What an Antebellum Parish Register Reveals about Race and Reconciliation* (2018) explores the world of antebellum ministry to the enslaved, based on



## Make June 13 Your Church's Night at the RiverDogs

Join Bishop Chip Edgar and Beth Jon Friday, June 13 for the annual Anglican Diocese of South Carolina's Night at the RiverDogs! The game begins at 7:05 pm.

Consider making this your church's night at the RiverDogs. A block of seats in the upper deck along the first base line has been reserved. Each ticket is \$13.00 (for

adults or children), and you can pre-purchase your parking pass for \$5.00 (in the lot it's \$10.) The deadline for purchasing tickets is Friday, May 16. Deacon Joyce Harder will send tickets and parking passes via e-mail beginning the week of May 26. If you have any questions contact the Rev. Joyce Harder at [jharder@adosc.org](mailto:jharder@adosc.org).

the discovery of the parish's original, pre-Civil War register. Available on the church website ([oldstandrews.org](http://oldstandrews.org)) are pictorial histories, an architectural tour of the church, transcribed colonial and antebellum registers, and more.

The revised and updated edition of *Against All Odds* is 399 pages and includes 155 images and extensive referencing. The book is available in softcover for \$25 through the church office at 2604 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29414.

## Apply Now for an ARDF Church to Church Grant

By Emily Meisner, Anglican Relief and Development Fund

Does your church already have an Anglican partner overseas?

ARDF's mission is to resource the local church to meet the needs in its community, and we know that many churches and dioceses in the Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) already have overseas Anglican partners and connections. Our Church to Church matching grants are designed to foster and enhance the impact of those existing partnerships! All ACNA churches and dioceses located in the U.S. with an Anglican church partner who is meeting needs in their community are eligible to apply for this grant. Your church will raise funds, and ARDF will match those funds to support the vision of your overseas Anglican partner.

The grant funds will be used to support a community development project in the overseas location. Potential project focuses include, but are not limited to: access to clean water, climate resilience, agriculture, education, healthcare, and economic empowerment.

### Our Grant Process

We will be reviewing and approving these grants on a rolling basis as funds are available. We began accepting applications this year on January 10, 2025. Once we receive an application, we take several weeks to review. Once approved, ARDF takes several months to raise

funds to match those provided by the US ACNA partner. Once funds are raised, ARDF disburses all funds to the project.

To learn more visit <https://ardf.org/church-to-church-grant-application-page>.



## Looking for A Gift for Your Clergy? Consider an ADOSC Tippet Seal

At the 2024 Clergy Retreat, our new, hand-embroidered tippet seals were revealed. Distributed by Charles Brewster of Charleston, the seals were made in London by a company that produces much of the heraldry for various Royal military branches.

The tippet seals are \$135 each or \$110 for two or more.

To learn more contact Joyce Harder at [jharder@adosc.org](mailto:jharder@adosc.org) or call her at (843) 722-4075.

## New Season, New Focus

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"Beth tells a good story. When we moved here, she kept hearing about Jeff Miller's Thursday noon Bible study. Everybody would say, 'Oh, you should go. It's great!' And she would say, 'I want to go.' But her life pattern got established, and Thursdays would come and go, and she never went. A year and a half went by, and she mentioned that to an older woman who loved that Bible study. So in September last year, when the studies were starting back up again, that kind woman called Beth and said, 'Would you go with me on Thursday, and sit at my table, and have lunch with me for this Bible study?'"

"Now, if we're in town, Beth never misses, and it's all because of that one invitation. I don't think we realize how the simple power of invitation can transform our churches."

"Those are the first things. What do you do well? Are you inviting? The harder part is, what are you inviting them to? We hear the word "excellence" tossed around. I don't like that word as some standard. I mean, I've always believed that I'm a first-rate, second-rate-er. But I work to be the best I can. I strive to do a good job. Whatever our churches are doing ought to be good, as good as they can be. Those are the kinds of things I want to really dig into with congregations, and particularly our smaller congregations."

## Church Planting in Rural Areas

The Bishop doesn't want our diocese to neglect church planting in rural South Carolina.

"The ACNA is a church-planting province. Most of our dioceses didn't exist 20 years ago. They exist now because churches have been planted. But currently in the United States church planting is being done mostly in big cities and college towns. Places where there are cool coffee shops. This is the broad trend, not just in the ACNA. Over the past 50 years, denominational ministry efforts in the United States have been focused on big cities and college towns. Rural America has frequently been abandoned by the church."

"Beth and I drive around South Carolina and see empty church buildings all over the place. It used to be, 50 years ago, that the heartland of America—rural areas and small towns—was the salt of the earth. Solid, virtuous, moral. Many of those communities have been devastated by the problems that face the United States: drug abuse, divorce, family chaos. At that same time, churches have been moving out or shutting down."

"I would like to see the church reclaim that part of America. But that's harder. It's not instantly rewarding. It's hard to find church planters who want to do that work. Our diocese has great stories of success in that work already, so we've

got resources to pull from in terms of know-how. Those are the places where you find our congregations that need our help, encouragement and revisioning."

## Archdeacon Jordan Joins Staff

In order to free the Bishop up so he can concentrate on these congregations, the diocese has made staffing additions. Our newly hired Assisting Bishop David Bryan and Bishop Emeritus Mark Lawrence help Bishop Edgar with annual parish visits.

In addition, in February Bishop Edgar called the Rev. Hunter Jordan, who serves as an Associate Rector at St. Helena's in Beaufort, to come on staff part-time to serve as his Archdeacon. Jordan's primary role will be to oversee the Diocesan Canons, providing them with support, direction and accountability. In addition, he will help Canon Jim Lewis with his enormous workload.

"I'm looking forward to having Hunter help with oversight and planning, as well as counsel on logistics and creative problem solving," said Bishop Edgar. The Bishop has worked with Jordan on projects in the past, finding his insights extremely helpful. "I trust this new structure will be a blessing to our whole Diocese," he said.

Read more about Archdeacon Hunter Jordan on page 2.

## Daniel Miles Ordained to the Priesthood

On Sunday, December 22, 2024 Bishop Chip Edgar ordained the Rev. Daniel Joseph Miles to the Sacred Order of Priests at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, South Carolina.



Daniel serves with the Connect Ministry at St. Helena's, helping new members find ways to belong and serve. Also, in addition to serving on the preaching rotation, he has helped lead worship at their

9:15 a.m. contemporary service.

A South Carolina native, he received his undergraduate degrees in Bible and Inter-Cultural Studies from Columbia International University in Columbia. He earned his M.Div from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC and holds a certificate in Anglican Studies from Trinity Anglican Seminary.

Daniel and his wife, Renée, who were married in 2005, have three children Jack (14), William (12), and Claire (10).

Daniel and his family enjoy spending time together outdoors, paddling on Lake Marion, and making music together.

## Aaron Schnupp Ordained to the Diaconate

On Monday, January 6, 2025 Bishop Chip Edgar ordained Aaron Matthew Schnupp to the Sacred Order of Deacons at St. Michael's Church in Charleston, South Carolina.



Aaron, a Charleston native, has a bachelor's degree in religious studies from the University of South Carolina and graduated in December 2024 with a Master of Divinity from Samford University's Beeson Divinity School. Schnupp was the fall 2024 recipient of the school's James Earl Massey Student Preaching Award.

Raised in a Christian home, Aaron sensed a call to ministry during his freshman year at USC. "It just made sense in the truest and deepest way," Schnupp said.

He is an accomplished guitarist and singer and has a 2021 album out on Spotify called, "Don't Lose Your Laughter."

Aaron and his wife, Emma, whom he met while interning at Church of the Apostles in Columbia, SC, have a daughter, Liliias, born this past August. The Schnupps have just recently moved back to Charleston, where Aaron is serving as a curate at St. Michael's Church.

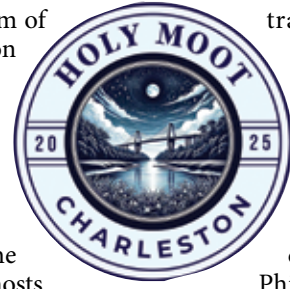
## Where Heaven Meets Middle-earth

Tolkien Conference March 8

By the Rev. David Rowe, Chaplain, Porter Gaud School, Charleston

What does the Kingdom of God have in common with the Kingdom of Gondor? How does Middle-earth intersect with "on earth as it is in heaven"? These questions, and many others, will be the subject of discussion on Saturday, March 8, when the Cathedral of St. Luke & St. Paul hosts Holy Moot, a one-day conference focusing on the interplay of Christian theology with the works of JRR Tolkien.

An ecumenical event, Holy Moot will see voices from a broad range of Christian



traditions reflecting on the "joy beyond the walls of the world" that Tolkien's books point to. Presenters include Joel Scandrett, co-author of the ACNA Catechism and Professor at Trinity Anglican Seminary; musicians; a novelist; a visual artist; various clergy; and Brian McGreevy of St. Philip's, Charleston, whose love of Tolkien and the Inklings was fleshed out in the 2023 Mere Anglicanism conference.

For more information and to register, see [www.holymoot.org](http://www.holymoot.org). In-person tickets are \$50, while on-line attendance is \$15 per person.

## Visionary Family Conference at St. Michael's, Charleston, February 28-March 1

Join with Dr. Rob Rienow of Visionary Family Ministries for an inspiring three-day Visionary Family Conference designed to strengthen your family and deepen your faith. Whether you're looking to invest in your marriage, grow as a parent, or navigate the challenges of grandparenting, this event has something for everyone.

On Friday night they'll focus on Visionary Marriage Date Night. Saturday morning will focus on Visionary parenting and grandparenting. On Saturday afternoon they'll tackle "Never too late," and during Sunday worship they'll share on "Your Family and God's Plan for the World. The cost is \$20. Visit <https://visionaryfam.com/event/charleston/to> learn more and register.

## People News

Gretchen Bolen, a seasoned children's minister, recently accepted a call to serve as the Children's Minister at St. Helena's in Beaufort.



Gretchen moved to Beaufort from Pittsburgh when her husband became the Headmaster at Holy Trinity Classical Christian

School. In a note to the congregation, the Rev. Shay Gaillard wrote, "Gretchen and I met to talk about this position in late September and she officially entered the process soon after that. What became immediately evident to both Hunter (Jordan) and me is that Gretchen is a highly competent and gifted minister to children. Her five years of children's ministry is buttressed by years of teaching and a degree in theatre." Gretchen and her husband, Kevin, have three children.

The Rev. Canon Laura Bowman, the Diocesan Canon for Safe Churches, who has been serving concurrently as an Assistant at the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, is transitioning to work full-time for the Diocese. In a letter to the congregation,



The Rev. David Cumbie shared, "Laura has been an invaluable part of Holy Cross's ministry," and added, "I am deeply grateful for her and am confident she will be a tremendous blessing to our Diocese and the ACNA."

Jay Crouse, who has served as the Coordinator for Men's Ministry in the Diocese since January 1, 2015, stepped down from the position as of December 31, 2024. On January



1, 2024, Newman Lawrence, Rector of St. Jude's, Walterboro, was appointed by Bishop Edgar to serve as Diocesan Canon for Men's Ministry. He and Jay journeyed together throughout 2024, two-by-two, with much success. Jay will continue to lead the unique Behold the Man pilgrimages and will serve on the ministry team for the men of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul.

Sam English recently joined the staff of Saint James Anglican Church, James Island as their Family and Youth Minister. Sam has been a member of Saint James since childhood—helping at the Day School in the summer, as an acolyte, and as an Eagle Scout from



Troop 44. In 2022, he earned a BA in English from Wofford College with a concentration in Creative Writing. During his time there, he was a Resident Assistant and was one of the heads of The Resilience Project. Following graduation, he served Americorps in South Central Los Angeles as a Student Success Coach, educating, and mentoring troubled teens. Most recently he spent a year in Madrid, Spain, working as a bilingual Conversational Assistant for the Spanish Ministry of Education. In addition to Spain, he has lived and studied in Chile, Peru, Mexico, and Denmark for various periods during the last six years. He is prayerfully looking forward to serving the Lord as the Youth and Family Minister at Saint James to help foster Biblical fellowship, active service, outreach, and love of the Lord.

The Rev. Fred Gough, who serves as the Vicar of St. Barnabus, Dillon was awarded a Doctorate of Divinity, honoris causa, by the Board of Trustees, faculty and administration of St. Andrew's Theological College and Seminary in Charlotte, NC.



Fred received his BA from the University of Tennessee in Chattanooga, his MDiv from Virginia Theological Seminary, served for 40 years in military service and 52 years in parish ministry. He was awarded the Doctorate of Divinity for his dedicated service and unwavering support of SATCS.



Congratulations to Rianna and the Rev. Ryan Landes who welcomed a new addition, Arabella Eve Landes on Thursday, October 31. Eve weighed 5 lb, 16 oz and was 19.5 inches long. A prayer of blessing, sent to the congregation of Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, where Ryan serves as the Lay Theologian in Residence and Catechist, read, "May she be blessed with health, happiness, and a lifetime filled with love and joy. May God grant wisdom, strength, and boundless love to her parents, Rianna and Ryan, as they nurture and guide her. May Noelle

and Nathanael embrace their new roles as older siblings with joy and affection."



The Rev. Canon Bob Lawrence, who serves as the Diocesan Canon for Global Missions, was elected the Board Chair of the New Wineskins Missionary Network. Bob served two full terms as a Trustee for New Wineskins beginning in 2016. His term as Board Chair began following the annual board retreat this past August at Ridgecrest, NC which will serve as the host site for the upcoming triennial conference, New Wineskins 2025: Hope for the Nations, September 17-20.

Joette Lawrence recently accepted a call to serve as the Director of Children's Ministry at The Parish Church at Habersham in Beaufort. Joette is the wife of the Rev. Joe Lawrence and mother to Samantha, Sophia, and Andrew. Joette started working with children's ministry as a teenager where she served as Sunday School helper for several years. After high school, she served with Youth With A Mission, a Christian missions organization which allowed her to travel to various places around the world where she worked with children and often served local churches by helping to run vacation Bible schools. After becoming a mom and priest's wife she had the opportunity to serve alongside her husband in the children's ministry at Trinity Bakersfield Church in California for four years. Upon moving to South Carolina, Joette has



worked with Holy Trinity Classical Christian School as a first grade and PreK-3 teacher's assistant. Joette is thankful for yet another opportunity to disciple and teach young children while pointing them to Christ.

Charcey Priester recently joined the staff of St. Michael's Church, Charleston as their new sexton. Charcey brought with him a rich



heritage of ministry from his family, including his grandfather, grandmother, father and mother. Originally from Orangeburg, SC, Charcey now lives in Ladson. In his spare time, he enjoys writing music and designing T-shirts. Charcey is passionate about his faith and is dedicated to serving the Lord and the church community. St. Michael's was delighted to welcome him to their team.

Shannon Reed, who along with her husband the Rev. Collin Reed were active members of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville prior to heading to Trinity Anglican Seminary, was ordained to the diaconate on Saturday, January 25 by the Anglican Diocese of Pittsburgh. A South Carolina native, Shannon began her



journey serving and working in children's ministry 23 years ago, when she became a mother. She began serving in the Baptist Church, and her journey continued when the Reeds found their home in Anglicanism. Shannon, who recently received her certificate in Diaconate

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# Clergy Gather in the Mountains for Annual Retreat

By The Rev. Zach Miller, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach

This past November, clergy from around our diocese gathered at the Bonclarken Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC, for our annual clergy retreat. Throughout this retreat, we had the privilege of hearing lectures from the new Dean and President of Trinity Anglican Seminary in Ambridge Pennsylvania, the Very Rev. Dr. Bryan Hollon, on the great treasure the Anglican Church has been given in our Prayer Book.

His lectures were encouraging reminders that when we pray, we are not the primary actors. God is. And so, when we pray, especially when we enter into the liturgical prayers

and rejuvenating time together and so, if you were not able to join us this past year, I truly hope you can join us in the year to come.

## More Clergy Remarks About the Retreat:

### The Very Rev. John Burwell, Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg

We had the pleasure of hearing the new Dean and President of Trinity Anglican Seminary deliver three excellent seminary-level lectures on corporate prayer as an antidote to expressive individualism. (Please don't conflate the topic with political machinations—it wasn't anything of the sort. It was a systematic discourse—an unwritten theological treatise—on the efficacy of prayer.)

### The Rev. Jonathan Bennett, Holy Spirit, Daniel Island

This was a wonderful time of teaching, encouragement, and rest. This beautiful location is perfect for reconnecting with old friends, worshipping the Lord, and being renewed in His Word. I'm always grateful for the experience.

### The Rev. Mary Ellen Doran, Trinity Anglican Church, Pinopolis

What I like about these retreats is being able to get together and reconnect, because especially with the way the world is right now, with so much disunity, it's important for us, the church, to come together in unity, regardless of our differences, as long as we all believe Jesus Christ is Lord.

### The Rev. Tripp Jeffords, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

For me the retreat has been a wonderful time of revitalization, particularly with concentration on my prayer life and going deeper there. The talks have been wonderful, and the fellowship has been great. It's been great to reconnect with clergy I haven't seen in a very long time.

### The Rev. Drew Miller, St. John's, Florence

It's been a great retreat. I really enjoyed

being here, largely to have this space to rest, to disengage from the day-to-day stuff, and have quiet space to process and think and pray and write, and have time with brothers and sisters who are walking with the Lord and have been walking longer than I have, and to learn from them and to enjoy the fellowship of them here.

### The Rev. Taylor Daniel, Campus Communion, Anglican Ministry at the College of Charleston

This retreat has been really good. I am 32, so I'm one of the younger clergy in the Diocese, but I've attended a couple of clergy retreats now, and I feel like I'm just starting to really get it. It's a sweet time. I roomed with Jason Varnadore, and we're in totally opposite ministries. He's small town, rural, and I'm big city college, but we get along really well. We stayed up till 2:00 AM talking shop on all these things. It's been awesome.

### The Rev. Jason Hamshaw, All Saints' Church, Florence

It's been a joyful, relaxing experience. We had times where we gathered together in the evening, a whole bunch of us, with guitars singing hymns and songs from all kinds of eras and real joyful time together. The speaker has been wonderful, looking at and addressing some of the deep problems in our culture and how our rich Anglican faith can answer those problems.

### The Rev. Luke Deman, St. Timothy's, Cane Bay Summerville

I loved the opportunity to come and gather with my friends and just really rest. Maybe my calling is just hugging clergy. But the opportunity to do that has been so restorative. Just to worship together and to talk and to laugh and cry and all of that. I'm walking away very refreshed and refilled. I want to thank everybody who was involved, from speakers to small group leaders to the people who planned it and put it together. It was a wonderful time.



JOY HUNTER

"The worship at the clergy conference is one of my favorite times of worship," said the Rev. Tom Hample (above). "There's nothing like a roomful of voices united in singing the praises of our Lord!"



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of the Church, we are invited to be swept up into the prayer of Christ himself so that it is really his prayer happening in and through us. Dr. Hollon made this point emphatically by pointing out the way that our Prayer Book is nothing short of "Scripture arranged for worship," and so even the words we are invited to use in prayer are Christ's own.

In addition to these teachings, and perhaps the most encouraging part of the retreat for me, was the time this retreat allowed for connecting with other clergy that, in some cases, I hadn't seen in many years, and, in other cases, I had never met. Whether it was through shared time around a fire or grabbing a drink at a restaurant a short distance away, I was deeply encouraged to hear story after story of God's faithfulness in the lives of my fellow clergy and to hear how God was currently at work in and through their churches. Ministry can sometimes feel isolating, so this time of fellowship and mutual encouragement was invaluable. All in all, this retreat was a restful

### The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop Emeritus, ADOSC

I enjoyed being with all the clergy, with Bishop Edgar. The teaching led me to desire prayer even more than I did before. (When asked what he did for fun, he remarked, "I went for a hike! Did you have to ask?")

View additional photos from the retreat at <https://adosc.pixieset.com/clergyretreat2024/>

## Art Competition

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was incorporated into the life of a congregation. They were so moved to be welcomed and honored in their vocation.

Still another winning artist happened to be a local college professor. What a connection to make, here at a local church!

And of course, Robert Garey, one of the winners, happened to be a member of our congregation. It was just delightful for our out-of-state juror to select one of our own to be honored.

The whole thing took a fair bit of work, but it was worth every minute. Our worship has been quickened, deepened, and inspired, and our artists have been encouraged. We're already planning next year! By his light, do we see light. By the gift of his generous grace, the arts open to us a way of seeing Him who is the Light shining into darkness.

To learn more about the competition, contact the church office at (843) 662-5585.

## People News

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Studies from Trinity Anglican Seminary, has been on staff at St. Stephen's in Sewickley as the minister to children and families since October of 2022. Her passion is not only for assisting children in learning the scriptures, finding their gifts, and discovering their joy in Christ, but also discipling and serving alongside many lay ministers. Shannon and Collin have two adult children, Jackson (23) and Olivia (19).

The Rev. Joe Vella, who has served since 2013 as Assistant to the Rector at Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, recently retired. On January 5, Joe's last day at the church, OSA held a reception in his and his wife, Judy's, honor. Joe was born and raised in Beaufort. He holds a B.A. from The University of South Carolina, and received his



M.Div. from Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, Pennsylvania. He was ordained a deacon in 1988 and 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 was a Chaplain with The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast in Pinellas County. He and Judy have three adult children and four grandchildren. They currently reside in Summerville. In retirement, Joe plans to devote time to traveling as well as focusing more on his hobbies of creative writing, painting in oils, and reading.

The Rev. Phillip Wilson has accepted a call to serve on the ministry team at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville as a bi-vocational minister. Phillip was born and raised in Summerville, where he current-



ly resides with his wife, Karey, and their two children. He is a graduate of Charleston Southern University and Trinity Anglican Seminary. Phillip started in the ADOSC in 2008 as the Director of Faith Formation at Trinity Church Pinopolis, where he discerned the call to ordained ministry. In 2013, he was the Planting Pastor of Trinity, Summerville (ADOC) and began his work as a bi-vocational priest in corporate America. In 2018, Trinity, Summerville merged with St. Andrew's Park Circle, where Phillip became the Associate Pastor. Phillip was ordained by Archbishop Steve Wood in 2018 in the Anglican Diocese of the Carolinas. Phillip is also a Vice President/Client Service Advisor at Pinnacle Financial Partners. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling with his family, being on

the golf course, and spending time with friends in the great hospitality establishments that Summerville has to offer.

The Rev. Tom Woodle, the founding rector of The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach, officially retired on January 31. The vestry has named him Rector Emeritus. The church held a special retirement party for him. In addition to being ordained in 2000, Tom worked for 30+ years as a college/university professor and counselor, and spent eight years as a professional guitarist in the Nashville market. He holds a BA and MA in Religion, and a M.Ed and Ph.D. in Psychology. He is married to Jackie, a retired interior designer. They have seven grown children and 13 grandchildren. Tom has authored two



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## Hope for the Unreached New Wineskins Preconference

Sept. 15 - Sept. 17

Join us to hear Anglican Frontier Missions' cross-cultural workers (CCWs) share stories of the Father's faithfulness and the Spirit's miraculous movements in countries considered "closed" to Christian missions. Participants will have ample opportunity to fellowship with AFM CCWs, board members, and staff. In addition, Bishop Steve Breedlove and Sally Breedlove, from the Diocese of Christ our Hope, will offer teaching on effective intercessory prayer. Learn more at <https://www.newwineskinsconference.org/hope-for-the-unreached>



COREY PRESCOTT

Men of St. John's hike the Art Loeb Trail down from Tennent Mountain in North Carolina.

## Why Go On a Men's Hike?

By The Rev. Corey Prescott, Rector, St. John's Church, Florence

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Now having completed our second Men's Hike at St. John's, there's a question I keep getting asked: why do we do it?

- To break out of the routine
- To see a new perspective
- For the adventure
- For the beauty
- For the challenge
- For the camaraderie
- To seek the Lord

Ask each man and they will give you a different answer. But whatever our purposes (and whether or not we realize it), for each of us it is a step of faith. It's a chance to do something out of the ordinary, trust-

ing that God will use it in some way.

The beautiful thing about it is that he does. There is a gift that comes in trials, not despite their difficulty, but because of it. How else would we know if we can face something difficult unless we do it? How else will we know if we can trust God without putting our trust in him and seeing what he does with it?

Physical, mental, spiritual—our hikes are ripe with opportunities to put ourselves to the test, and to test our trust in God and the people he has given to us. We go onto his turf with the others whom he has gathered, to hear from him in the mountains, among the trees, across the streams and waterfalls, and in the men sitting around the campfire. And whatever the trial is, once it has passed, we see we are the better for it!

# "Grands & More" Ministry Impacts Grandparents and Grandchildren

By Wanda DeLorge, Christ Church Anglican, Mt Pleasant

In Psalm 145:4 we read, "One generation shall commend your works to another and shall declare your mighty acts."

This verse highlights a key responsibility of each generation: to share the faith and goodness of God with the next. It underscores the importance of passing down the wisdom and love of God, especially to the younger members of our families. In the context of grandparenting, this call takes on a personal and profound dimension. Grandparents have a unique opportunity to influence the spiritual lives of their grandchildren, and one way Christ Church Anglican in Mount Pleasant has embraced this responsibility is through its Grands & More Grandparenting Ministry.

I co-lead Grands & More with my husband, Tom DeLorge, and Sherry and Cash Rest. This ministry is a little over a year old and folks have been meeting monthly at the REV Federal Credit Union in Mount Pleasant for a potluck dinner, fellowship, education, and prayer. At the end of each meeting, a candle is lit and we ask the Holy Spirit to join us as we pray by name for approximately 100 grandchildren, children and more.

One of the group projects has been to present a "Gift of Love" to grandparents/parents on the arrival of new babies in the parish. We started with the purchase of two books, *Thank you God for Grandma* and *Thank you God for Grandpa* by Amy Parker, along with a beautiful calligraphy declaration print that expresses the commitment to be an intentional Christian grandparent. These gifts were presented to three families in the parish and were so warmly received we decided to expand our gift and our prayers. Newborn infant hats were purchased and blessed by Pastor CJ Ausmus. As soon as we learn about our new expectant mother, we create a place card for the hat. This place card has the name of the baby, the parents,

and the grandparents. Then our daily prayers begin! We ask that this "helmet of salvation" be an outward sign of our love and prayers. At each meeting, members lay hands on these hats. When the baby is born, they receive our "Gift of Love," which includes the books and declaration print, their baby hat, special prayer card, and a cuddly stuffed lamb embroidered with the baby's name.

Since August, five gifts of love have been presented by the group. We continue to pray for five additional expected little ones due over the next four months. One of our expected little ones is Baby Boy Ausmus, due March 25, 2025, to parents Pastor CJ and Katherine Ausmus. Pastor CJ didn't know when he was first asked to bless our infant hats that he would be on the receiving end of our prayers and gift of love!

Grands & More meetings provide a space for individuals to share their joys, concerns, and experiences as they seek to guide and support the spiritual growth of their grandchildren. This monthly meeting is not just about fellowship; it is about coming together as a community to lift up the younger generation in prayer and to discern how to share the love of Christ with them.

One of the core values of the group is the belief that prayer is a powerful tool for spiritual transformation. While many grandparents may have concerns about their grandchildren's faith or spiritual well-being, Grands & More emphasizes that God is at work, even when we cannot see the immediate results. Through regular prayer, grandparents are reminded that their influence is not limited to what they can



"Gifts of Love" presented to new parents.

directly see or do; it is also found in the quiet, faithful act of lifting their grandchildren to the Lord.

The group also provides a sense of community and encouragement. Grandparents often find that they are not alone in their concerns or hopes for their grandchildren. Sharing stories, challenges, and successes with others who understand the unique role of a grandparent fosters a spirit of support and camaraderie. Members of Grands & More can offer each other advice, share Scriptures, and pray together for specific needs. This shared commitment to prayer builds a deeper sense of connection, both with each other and with God.

Moreover, Grands & More encourages grandparents to be more intentional in their own spiritual lives. As they pray for their grandchildren, they are reminded of the importance of modeling faith through their own actions. The group challenges them to be more deliberate in sharing Scripture, stories of faith, and acts of kindness, modeling what it means to live as a disciple of Christ before their grandchildren.

Grands & More at Christ Church Anglican serves as a powerful reminder of the vital role grandparents play in shaping the spiritual lives of the next generation. Through intentional prayer and fellowship, this group equips grandparents to share their faith with their grandchildren in meaningful and impactful ways.

## St. Philip's Academy

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a free human able to serve his or her community and country in virtuous leadership. These seven liberating arts (or humanizing arts) are known as grammar, logic, rhetoric, arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music (or harmonics). When students master these integrated skills, what they will be able to achieve is formidable, but who they will be while doing it is actually beautiful. This is the education that some of the greatest minds of Western Civilization received: St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Ambrose of Milan, Queen Elizabeth I (and her descendant Queen Elizabeth II), George Washington (and all of the American founding fathers), Phyllis Wheatley, Frederick Douglass, Abigail Adams, Sir Isaac Newton, Marie Curie, C. S. Lewis, Dorothy Sayers, G.K. Chesterton and his wife, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, to name a few.

This all sounds great, doesn't it? Why start with just two classes, you might wonder? Classical education is like laying the foundation for a great church cathedral; it only happens one time, and a lot will be built upon it for decades to come. The stakes are high and so are the expectations. The study of Latin begins in second grade, and students will be able to read from the Vulgate by eighth grade and study the New Testament in Greek by the twelfth grade. Along the way, they will become

fluent in another modern foreign language, be able to speak eloquently and persuasively to their peers, read with understanding and write about the greatest literature of the Western World, win debates gracefully, and competently excel in their physics, calculus, chemistry, philosophy, and music classes. They will be athletes who excel on the playing field and actors who embody the glorious comedies and tragedies of the stage. What students achieve in the higher grades is due to the foundational work done in the earlier grades.

Classical Christian education has a proven track record. Graduates of classical Christian schools frequently are National Merit Scholars and attend some of the finest colleges and universities in the country. Graduates are often entrepreneurial — either inventors or business owners. Many graduates enter a life of civil or military service to their countries. They love to learn and can adapt to new technology and ways of working with ease. Most importantly, graduates of Christian classical schools are committed members of gospel-centered churches and desire to lead their families in the paideia of the Lord.

So what will the culture of St. Philip's Academy be in its first years? Classical school reformer Charlotte Mason said, "Education is an atmosphere, a discipline, and a life." Build-

ing St. Philip's Academy slowly and carefully is key to fulfilling these ideals. For our first year, class size is currently set at 12 students, and each classroom will have a teacher and a teacher's assistant. Every day at St. Philip's Academy will begin with a short chapel led by an Anglican chaplain. Students will learn to dedicate their hearts, minds, and bodies to the Lord so that they can prepare for their daily work as students. They will corporately pray, sing, and praise God. They will then enter beautifully appointed classrooms, which may resemble living rooms more than modern classrooms, where they will be guided by loving and wise teachers to build habits of wonder, attention, imagination, memory, perfect recall, and the physical disciplines of self-restraint, self-discipline, service, and fortitude. Their young minds will feast on the ideas from living books — examples of courage from history — and delight in memorizing poetry. Their eyes will learn to look carefully on beautiful art, and their ears will learn to hear beautiful music. The young learners will play outside in God's creation frequently, learn to wonder at the details of His incredible creation, and learn to control and exercise their bodies through gymnastic training. By the end of K5, students should have a complete grasp of En-

glish phonics and be reading independently. William Butler Yeats said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." Our young scholars will be equipped to love learning as they are fed on the good, the true, and the beautiful.

Would you like to be a part of building a new culture? St. Philip's Academy prioritizes school admission for its parishioners, but anyone is invited to apply; applicants are not restricted by church membership or personal faith commitments. We would like to specifically invite all diocesan members to consider St. Philip's Academy for their children. As our Diocese is geographically large, you might also consider starting a classical Christian school at your own church (email to the address below for some starting resources). We ask anyone reading this article to join us in prayer for all the children of the ACNA within this part of the state, and that St. Philip's Academy might serve many of you even as we seek the glory of Christ.

If you would like to learn more about St. Philip's Academy, please visit <https://www.stphilipschurchsc.org/st-philips-academy> or email [stpacademy@st.philipschurchsc.org](mailto:stpacademy@st.philipschurchsc.org) with your questions. We would love to hear from you!

## Grandcamp Continued from Page 4

### What is the GrandCamp Experience?

GrandCamp is an amazing faith adventure designed to transport grandparents and their school-age grandchildren away from the distractions of everyday life to a place where God can do a powerful work, building a legacy of faith from generation to generation.

Each GrandCamp is unique. If you want to rock climb, pack your bags for the Colorado Rockies. If it's the sun and sand you want, sign up for St. Simons Island. While each GrandCamp location offers different experiences, all are based upon the original design format. This format includes daily intergenerational Bible teachings led by a staff member, fun outdoor activities, Scripture memorization, and evening family-time devotions led by grandparents in the privacy of their room (all the materials you need are provided). Every GrandCamp concludes with the blessing ceremony.

### What is a Normal Day at GrandCamp?

Each day begins bright and early with breakfast followed by morning worship and an intergenerational Bible lesson based on the theme. The lesson is always fun, engaging, and steeped in God's Word.

During the second half of the morning, grandparents and grandchildren are separated for 90 minutes. Grandparents attend grandparent classes affectionately known as GrandBits where they discuss what it means to be godly and intentional grandparents. Meanwhile, grandchildren spend time with leaders who lead them in activities such as arts and crafts, games, and Bible stories, all designed to reinforce the theme. Then, grandparents and grandchildren get back together for intergenerational games followed by lunch.

Afternoon and evening activities depend upon the location and culture of the camp. If you attend GrandCamp on St. Simons Island, you and your grandchildren can play Marco Polo in Epworth's Olympic-size pool one afternoon and compete in a scavenger hunt the next. A variety of evening activities are also available. One evening, you and your grandchildren will learn how to square dance; and the following evening, you will be invited to join in a hilarious and memorable game of shaving-cream wiffle ball.

As the sun sinks below the horizon, the evening activities come to an end. Grandparents and grandchildren retire to their rooms where grandparents lead personal family devotions using the Scripture passages, discussion questions, and prayers provided in their programs.

Then, a good night's rest to start the next day!

### GrandCamp is a Wonderful Investment

Testimony upon testimony attests to the fact that GrandCamp is a wonderful investment. It's a place where hearts are transformed as grandparents and grandchildren draw closer to Christ. It's a place where grandparents and grandchildren strengthen their relationship with one another as they try new adventures, share heartfelt stories, laugh aloud, talk honestly about God, and build a foundation of trust by "doing life" together. It's a place where grandparents get to know the hearts of their grandchildren, and grandchildren get to know the hearts of their grandparents.

Sign up for GrandCamp today. It will be a memory you and your grandchildren will cherish for the rest of their lives!

To learn more or to register for the GrandCamp sponsored by the Anglican Diocese of SC, visit [www.adosc.org](http://www.adosc.org). Click on Ministries/Grandparenting Ministry/GrandCamp. If you have specific questions, email Wanda DeLorge [wdelorge@christiangrandparenting.com](mailto:wdelorge@christiangrandparenting.com). For information about GrandCamps or the ministry in general, contact Sherry Schumann, President of Christian Grandparenting Network. ([sschumann@christiangrandparenting.com](mailto:sschumann@christiangrandparenting.com))

# Renew Your Faith, Rest Your Spirit at Renewal Retreat at Kanuga this June

The Renewal Retreat is a week-long retreat at Kanuga Conference Center in the mountains of Western North Carolina. It's an opportunity to leave the world behind to renew your faith, rest your spirit, and reconnect with family and friends. The week is filled with Holy Spirit-centered praise, teachings, and fellowship. An annual retreat, each year attendees leave feeling renewed and restored!

### Rob Sturdy Keynote Speaker

The Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy, a favorite keynote at Renewal two years ago, returns in 2025. He has been the Anglican Chaplain to the



Corps of Cadets at St. Alban's Anglican Chapel at the Citadel from July 2017 to the present. Worship for the week will be led by the Rev. Patrick Schlabs, the Associate Rector at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke & St. Paul in Charleston. There, he writes, arranges, and produces music called Holy City Hymns. The Rev. Dr. Becky Coerper will serve as Chaplain. She is the retired Rector of St. James in Skaneateles, New York, having served as Associate Rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville before moving

to Skaneateles. There will also be youth and children's programs.

Kanuga is a Christian retreat center in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is known as a "Thin Place" where the Lord's presence is palpable, and participants experience this closeness with the Lord each year. Located just outside of the mountain town of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Kanuga's campus includes a 30-acre lake and 20 miles of hiking trails. The Renewal Retreat at Kanuga includes three meals a day served in the dining hall and childcare during the adult program times.

Each day begins with Eucharist in one of Kanuga's outdoor chapels. Afterwards, worship sets the tone for the rest of the day, and leads into the Rev. Dr. Rob Sturdy's morning teaching. Free time after lunch allows for folks to go for a hike, swim in the lake, explore Hendersonville or nearby Brevard, or just relax and recharge. Participants also gather



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in small groups to discuss the teachings and grow in Christ together. After dinner, we have another round of worship and teaching followed by spirit-filled intercessory prayer time. Each day includes time for fellowship, worship, relaxation, and fun in a beautiful setting of God's creation!

The retreat dates are Sunday evening, June 22 to Friday breakfast, June 27, 2025. A 5% discount is available to those who register before March 1, 2025. Visit [www.renewal-retreat.org](http://www.renewal-retreat.org) to learn more and to register.

## The College of Bishops Convene

The College of Bishops convened in Melbourne, Florida, from January 13 to 17, 2025, for their annual January meeting. This gathering provided a valuable opportunity for fellowship, worship, and strategic planning for the Anglican Church in North America.



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Each morning commenced with a solemn celebration of Holy Communion, enriched by a profound exploration of Scripture led by the Rev. Canon David Short of Vancouver, Canada. Each day's work was concluded with Evening Prayer during which personal testimonies were shared. You can watch Bishop Eric Menees' testimony at <https://anglican-church.net/news/>. The communal worship set a deeply reverent tone for the meeting and reinforced the bishops' shared commitment to their gospel mission. Many of the bishops' wives also were present and shared in the worship and teaching.

As this was Archbishop Steve Wood's inaugural meeting as chair of the College of Bishops, he articulated his vision for our shared life and work together. He emphasized the urgent need to reach the 130 million people across North America who do not recognize Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. With insight from Executive Director, Deborah Tepley, Archbishop Wood updated the College on changes within the provincial

staff team and highlighted significant progress made toward achieving his initial provincial goals.

In addition to reviewing various reports from ministries and initiatives throughout the Province, the bishops consented to the elections of several bishops-elect: Jason

Grote (Bishop Co-adjutor of the Diocese of the Central States of the REC), Phil Ashley (Bishop Ordinary, Western Anglicans), Jay Cayangyang and Marshall MacClellan (Bishops Suffragan, JFAC). Bishop Paul Donison was also admitted to the College of Bishops.

Several bishops presented reports, including a very good ecumenical update from Bishop Ray Sutton. Bishop Steve Breedlove facilitated small group discussions aimed at reorganizing the College of Bishops around geographic regions. This initiative aims to enhance mission, collaboration, and support across dioceses.

Bishop Julian Dobbs delivered a comprehensive update on the newly established International Relations and Global Missions Task Force, emphasizing the critical responsibility of the College of Bishops to diligently and faithfully proclaim the message of Christ to the nations. His remarks served as a powerful reminder of the Church's mission to reach beyond borders and foster a global witness to the transformative power of the Gospel.

Additionally, Bishop Alan Hawkins presented an overview of the Lily Foundation grant awarded to the Anglican Church in North America, which focuses on clergy financial planning and health, highlighting the commitment to the well-being of church leaders.

## Grant Opportunity for Creative Church Projects

The following information was provided to the Diocese by the ACNA for promotion.

The nonprofit, Brotherhood Mutual Foundation is offering a special granting opportunity through The Kingdom Advancing Grant to innovative church programs or initiatives that not only connect people with Jesus but also are sustainable over time and can be replicated by other churches.

Brotherhood Mutual Foundation awards a total of \$150,000 annually. Since 2022, the inaugural year, 18 churches have received grants. The average individual grant ranges from \$10,000 to \$35,000. Kingdom Advancing Grant recipients not only receive funding for their initiative or program, but also are paired with an experienced ministry leader who can provide guidance and assistance.

The grant is designed to support church programs or initiatives that demonstrate the following:

- Intended to help build the Kingdom by introducing people to Jesus or strengthening their relationship with Jesus.
- Involves a unique idea that's innovative, creative, and new, and that other churches are not already doing.
- Can be sustained over time.
- Can be replicated by other churches.

The Kingdom Advancing Grant Council will make final decisions by July 2025. The Grant Council is made up of more than a dozen pastors, administrators and executive leaders from some of the most influential churches and ministries around the country. Many of these will be the same individuals providing mentorship to the grant recipients.

To be considered for a grant, initiatives must be directly overseen by a U.S. church and meet all of the requirements laid out on <https://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/foundation/kingdom-advancing-grant.html>.

Visit the site to see if your church qualifies, check out the tips for filling out a stellar grant application, and read the past grant recipient stories. The application deadline is March 31, 2025.

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## PGW to Host 78th Annual Tour of Historic Homes and Plantations, April 4 & 5



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The Estherville Plantation will be included in the tour on Saturday, April 5.

The women of Prince George Winyah Church, Georgetown will host their 78th Annual Tour of Historic Plantations and Homes on April 4 and 5. Georgetown, founded in 1729, was for two centuries one of the wealthiest areas in both the Colonial era, then in the young United States. The growing of indigo in Colonial America, then rice in the 19th century created a

wealthy society that left behind beautiful dwellings, gardens and public buildings, many of which are open to visitors only once a year. Tour goers are able to go inside most of the elegant dwellings on the tour and take a step back in time. The tour begins at the Church Parish Hall, where visitors pick up maps, brochures, and bag lunches. Beautiful artwork from the Georgetown Watercolor Society and homemade treats are available for purchase, as well as publications from the Georgetown Historical Society. At day's end, vis-

itors are invited to the very popular Tea, hosted by the ladies of Prince George Winyah at the historic Winyah Indigo Society Hall.

All monies raised by the tours are allocated to local mission work and the preservation of their historic church buildings.

Tickets are available by mail, in advance. Single-day tickets are \$60 each and two-day tickets are \$110. Advance ticket sales will be underway from February 10 until March 14, 2025. A limited number of tickets are available at the door on both tour days. The complete list of plantations and homes sites that are featured on tour, and advance ticket and lunch requests, may be found on the plantation tour's website at [www.princegeorgeplantationtours.com](http://www.princegeorgeplantationtours.com).

For more information, call (843) 633-1502 or [info@princegeorgeplantationtours.com](mailto:info@princegeorgeplantationtours.com). Forms and requests for tickets may be mailed to Plantation Tours Tickets, P.O. Box 1307, Georgetown, South Carolina, 29442.

## Register Your Children Today for Camp Jubilee



### Camp Jubilee

#### 2025 Camp Schedule

SESSION 1: K-2ND BUDDY CAMP @ CAMP KINARD  
SAT-SUN: MAY 31-JUNE 1

SESSION 2: 3RD-5TH @ CAMP KINARD  
MON-FRI: JUNE 2-6

SESSION 3: 2ND-4TH @ CAMP KINARD  
MON-THUR: JUNE 9-12

SESSION 4: K-2ND BUDDY CAMP @ CAMP KINARD  
FRI-SAT: JUNE 13-14

SESSION 5: 6TH-8TH @ CAMP KINARD  
MON-SAT: JUNE 16-21

SESSION 6: 7TH-9TH @ AWANITA VALLEY  
SUN-FRI: JUNE 22-27

SESSION 7: 4TH-6TH @ AWANITA VALLEY  
SUN-THUR: JUNE 29-JULY 3

SESSION 8: 9TH-12TH SENIOR SESSION! @ CAMP KINARD  
MON-SAT: JULY 21-26

SESSION 9: 2ND-4TH @ CAMP KINARD  
MON-THUR: JULY 28-31

Camper registration opened in January and is off to a strong start. Space is still available in most sessions, but spots are filling fast.

Visit [campjubileesc.org](http://campjubileesc.org) or contact Justin Johnson (Camp Director) at [jjohnson@adosc.org](mailto:jjohnson@adosc.org) or (843) 628-2363. Let's Go Camping!

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## Upcoming Events

### St. Paul's Anglican, Summerville to Hold Tea Room and Gift Shop in March

When it's springtime in Summerville, it's time for the light-filled Doar Hall to be transformed into a beautiful dining experience with smiles and friendly service. St. Paul's Anglican will hold their Tea Room March 17-21 and 24-28. Tables with fresh flowers and linens welcome visitors to enjoy an array of tasty dishes and homemade desserts. The dining room can seat 220 people at one time. They will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Monday-Friday for two weeks. A take-out option is also available to enjoy on their grounds or at home or work.

### Old St. Andrew's to Host Tea Room in March

Springtime in the Lowcountry means tea rooms. The Tea Room at Old St. Andrew's Parish Church in West Ashley began informally in 1948 when the parish women were preparing for the re-opening of the church which had been closed since 1891. Restaurants in the area were very limited and the women began to serve lunch to the tourists en route to the plantations. Guests were served on picnic tables on the beautiful grounds surrounded by live oaks and azaleas. Once the parish house was built, lunch was served inside and a gift shop was soon added. This tradition has continued to the present day. Every spring the Tea Room is open for two weeks, serving amazing Lowcountry tea room specialties and selling charming handmade gifts.

This year's Tea Room opens March 24 and runs until April 5. Lunch is served Monday - Saturday from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Visitors can make a reservation for parties of three or more by calling (843) 990-6281.

Diners can enjoy she crab soup, okra soup, chicken and shrimp paste sandwiches, and an amazing array of homemade desserts.

The Tea Room is an annual event for many friends and groups, including The Red Hat Ladies, DAR groups, Shadowmoss Ladies Golf Association, and buses from church groups and local assisted-living facilities.

Following lunch, guests can tour the historic church and grounds.

All proceeds are used for outreach and parish programs including WATCH (West Ashley Team Combatting Homelessness), HALOS, The Pink House, and many others.

### Day of Healing Prayer at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, March 22

Come to St. Michael's Church, Charleston, March 22, 2025, for their 62nd Day of Healing Prayer. The event will run from 9 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Acton Beard, LPCS will be the guest speaker, with a focus on 2 Timothy 1:7, "For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-control." If you could use a touch from the Holy Spirit, come listen to wise teachings and encounter Jesus through prayer. Private Prayer Ministry will be available after each teaching session. Admission is \$30 and includes all materials and a box lunch. To register, visit [stmichaelschurch.net/dohp](http://stmichaelschurch.net/dohp) or call the church office at (843) 723-0603.

### St. Philip's Church to Hold Tea Room in May

St. Philip's Church, Charleston will hold their 2025 Tea Room May 5-9 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. They will be offering their famous okra soup, chicken salad sandwiches, ham biscuits, shrimp salad, and more! Listen to the live music and finish your meal with tea or coffee and a delicious homemade dessert. You'll love their Huguenot Torte. (Here's an insider tip: pick up your dessert as soon as you get seated--before someone else takes the one you had your eye on!) After you eat, take a few minutes to browse their gift shop, conveniently located between their indoor and outdoor dining areas. Their historic sanctuary will be open for prayer, and docents will be available in the narthex to offer information and answer questions.

The Tea Room is a St. Philip's tradition that was begun in 1952 by the Women's Auxiliary and directed by Mrs. Carlton "Hattie" Davies. In its first years, the Tea Room was held in the old "Shell Shop," now known as the Tea Garden, and after some years off, the Tea Room tradition was reintroduced in 2003. Lunch is served daily in the St. Philip's Parish House and courtyard for one week in the spring. Many volunteers--men, women, and youths--donate their time, talents, and treasures to this project. Proceeds from the Tea Room benefit the ministries of St. Philip's Church. Email [stphilipstearoom@gmail.com](mailto:stphilipstearoom@gmail.com) to reserve a table for a party of six or more.

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The bishops received comprehensive updates regarding the disciplinary canons from both the Bishops Task Force on Title IV review and the Governance Task Force. This presentation included an examination of the strengths and weaknesses of the current Title IV canons as well as a review of proposed amendments and enhancements aimed at improving the structures and processes related to disciplinary matters within the Church.

In conclusion, this meeting reaffirmed the bishops' shared mission and highlighted the ongoing commitment of the Anglican Church in North America to fulfill its calling to proclaim the gospel and make disciples of all nations.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21, ESV)

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