

Grandparenting Ministry 2026
The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Grandparenting Ministry flourishes on the local, national and international levels!

Locally, the SC Ministry continues to be strong, steady and growing. A number of parishes have active ministries to their grandparents. Such parishes include, but not exclusive to, Christ Church Anglican, Mt Pleasant; St. John's Parish, John's Island; St. Paul's Summerville; Church of Our Saviour, John's Island; and Old St. Andrew's Parish, Charleston.

Christ Church Anglican holds monthly meetings where the grandparents open with reading together the prayer for families, #65 in BCP, followed by prayers for all of the grandchildren. They have been following Dr Rob Rienow's series on "Never Too Late". Gifts and special prayers are being formed for the seven new grandchildren arriving this year.

St. Paul's Summerville continues to include grandparents in their "Prime Timers" group. This group has various activities. Some of the activities provide social opportunities while others focus on study and prayer. There are three main grandparenting activities: Advent Devotions, Lent Devotions and a special service on Grandparent's Day.

St. John's has a monthly "Grandparent's at Prayer" gathering consistently meeting with 15 – 20 grandparents. They gather to share "Grand News" and prayer requests with light refreshments opening their time together. After praying together, either aloud or in small groups, prayer cards are distributed. After sharing encouraging words, Fr John Sosnowski offers scriptures for the next month.

Church of Our Saviour meets the first Sunday of the month for fellowship and prayer. Attendance has grown to 32 attendees. After a brief testimony or presentation, the group breaks into small groups for personal prayer requests. Fr Karl Burns, who leads the group, plans to bring in guest speakers this fall.

A big focus for the Grandparenting Ministry continues to be GrandCamp. GrandCamp 2026 will take place at Epworth by the Sea, on St. Simons Island, GA on June 15-19. The Holy Spirit moved in powerful ways and registration was filled in record time. We will have 100 attendees: 62 adults, 45 grandchildren, 3 Youth Staff. 50% of the participants for 2026 will be first time attendees.

Also, GrandCamp Staff members, under the guidance of the ministry Renewation, are in the planning stages for 3 additional GrandCamps:

- Manderley Camp & Conference Center, Pikesville, TN on July 24-26
- Kenya GrandCamp beginning Aug 26 where 300 attendees are expected
- Old St Andrews Anglican Church will offer an on-campus GrandCamp on September 11-12.

Finally, a Biblical Grandparenting Kit has been designed by Dr. Josh Mulvihill and Sherry Schumann for any church that desires to start a GrandCamp on their campus. There are five sessions in the kit. As is true for all of the curriculum for GrandCamps across our nation, the SC GrandCamp was the role model for this kit.

If any parish or priest would like to offer either a one time Grandparenting Event or start an ongoing Grandparenting ministry, I would be delighted to assist you. You may contact me at cathyjacobs4@gmail.com or 843.437.0442.

Prayerfully submitted,

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