

Jubilate Deo

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Summer 2026

Christian Formation Critically Important

Bishop Edgar Addresses 2026 Diocesan Convention

The following is a transcript of the address given by Bishop Chip Edgar on Saturday, March 14 at the 2026 Convention of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, held at the Marina Inn in Myrtle Beach, SC. It has been edited for readability.

It has been quite a year since we were last together for the Convention in Charleston! We've encountered many challenges and we've had to work our way through hard places; some are now behind us ... some still lie ahead.

Legal Proceedings' Concerns Raised

First, after five years, a verdict was reached in the trial of Bp Ruch, (Diocese of the Upper Midwest). Our diocese was drawn into that fray last summer, and again in December when the verdict was issued, as one of our own, Mr. Alan Runyan, both a hero to us and a godly man, was unfairly denigrated during the proceedings and then again in the final, 71-page verdict.

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Bishop Calls for Engagement in Christian Formation

Diocesan Convention Held in Myrtle Beach

By Joy Hunter, Director of Communications

Bishop Chip Edgar stressed the importance of intentional Christian formation in both his sermon and his address during the convention of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, which was held March 13-14, 2026 in Myrtle Beach. The theme of the gathering was "Becoming Fully Mature in Christ." Hosted by Trinity Church and conducted at both the church and the Marina Inn and Resort, the convention brought together more than 350 clergy and delegates from across the coastal and eastern parts of the state to hear from the Bishop, receive updates from several ministries, approve the budget, and elect individuals to serve in various offices.

Opening Service of Holy Eucharist

During the opening service of Holy Eucharist, which included the Clergy Renewal of Vows, Bishop Edgar told stories of two young people who had left the church after "deconstructing" their faith. "It's worth noting," he said, "that these kids typically are the generational result of churches that turned away



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from taking the teaching ministry of the church seriously." He later added, "The church's task is not simply to create powerful experiences. The church's task is to call people to be immersed in the truth of the gospel until the heart begins to desire God rightly, the mind recognizes what is

really true, and our lives follow in faithful obedience."

Bishop Edgar Addresses Convention

In his address on Saturday, the bishop spoke about the current Pro-

vincial legal proceedings, celebrated recent fund raising successes, noting that in the last four years our churches have raised "\$65 million dollars and urged those present to join in supporting both the Thrive Together initiative and Camp Jubilee, but his main thrust was again education. He called on churches to reinstate Sunday morning Christian Education programs; get involved with or build K-12 Christian schools; and support Christian home-school co-ops. "Today I want to call all of our parishes to the critically important ministry of Christian education," he said.

Business Meeting

The business meeting was preceded with a service of morning prayer led by our Youth Commission. Maggie O'Dell, a senior at the Charleston School of the Arts, and member of Church of the Holy

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Summer's Here! Let's Go Camping!

By The Rev. Marshall Huey, Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, Chair, Camp Jubilee Trustees

Summer is here—and that means it's time to go camping! On May 29, Camp Jubilee opened the first session of its fourth summer season. More than 600 campers are registered to attend across nine week-long sessions running through July 25. This year, Camp Jubilee sessions are being held at Camp Kinard and Camp Hannon, both located in South Carolina's upstate.



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More than 600 campers are registered to attend Camp Jubilee this summer. Above, campers enjoy water fun.

Staffing Summer Camp

Our Executive Director, the Rev. Canon Ken Weldon, and Camp Director, Justin Johnson continue to faithfully oversee Camp Jubilee's

operations. This summer, 20 full-time staff members will lead and care for our campers, joined by nine ordained Anglican priests who will take turns serving as chaplains throughout the season. We are also

grateful for eight volunteer interns and 60 volunteer cabin counselors who will support our staff and mentor our children.

In preparation for the summer, our full-time staff spent more than two weeks together in prayer, worship, and study.

The theme for this summer is "The True and Better," and our chaplains and staff will be teaching on the story of David and Goliath. Our campers will hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, be shaped by the Holy Spirit, and return home ready to share Jesus with others in their homes, schools, and neighbor-

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St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church Has a New Home



BILL OLDLAND

On Thursday, April 9, St. Bartholomew's Anglican Church purchased the former church building of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Hartsville. The four-and-a-half-acre property, located on Hwy 151, is just five minutes from downtown. The 5,200 sq. ft. structure has a sanctuary, office space, nursery, small kitchen, parish hall, two classrooms, and four bathrooms. "All through this journey, we have seen and experienced the

presence of God," said the rector, the Rev. Bill Oldland. "He has provided everything we have needed down to the smallest detail. Now, he has provided us our home." The church is embarking on a capital campaign to make necessary renovations and hope to move in by August. "We are excited and ready to see what God has in store for us now. We give him all the glory and honor. It is simply amazing what happens in our lives when we say 'Yes' to God's call."



Welcome Center



Guest Cottage



Camper Cabin



Chapel Pavillion

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hoods. What a great summer they and we will have!

Even though we currently have to rent our summer camp facilities, we are so blessed that, to date, we have raised \$4 million and have completely paid for the beautiful property that will become our future and permanent home!

Day of Jubilee

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As with last year's gathering, the true centerpiece of the day was the property itself —78 beautiful waterfront acres with one mile of waterfront on Lady's Island, South Carolina, just over the bridge from Beaufort. With beautiful weather and breathtaking views of the marsh and river, it was a gift to gather together in such a special place. We reflected with gratitude on all the Lord has done—and all He continues to do—through this ministry and on this sacred ground.

A special highlight was the presence of our Bishop, the Right Rev. Chip Edgar, who preached a wonderful sermon on the importance of retreat, prayer, and renewal in the life of the Church. During his message, Bishop Edgar pointed to a young girl in the congregation and reminded us that one day even her grandchildren may attend Camp Jubilee. His words beautifully cap-

tured the reality that this is a generational—even multi-generational—investment in the future of our Diocese.

New Offices

We are also excited to announce that Camp Jubilee now has dedicated office space at 2219 Prince Street in Beaufort. The office includes a conference area, workroom/break area, and three offices for the Executive Director, Summer Camp Director, and Camp Administrator.

We are currently interviewing candidates for an executive assistant position to help support operations and communications.

The 231 Society

In addition to summer camp operations, Camp Jubilee currently focuses on two primary fundraising efforts.

The first is our Annual Fund, which raised more than \$100,000 last year to support camp operations.

To strengthen ongoing support, the Board of Trustees has launched the 231 Society. You may have noticed the green square "231" stickers around the Diocese. These reference



channel marker 231 on the Intra-coastal Waterway, adjacent to the Camp Jubilee property.

Anyone who contributes at least \$231 annually to the Camp Jubilee Annual Fund becomes a member of the 231 Society. We hope to host special gatherings for members throughout the year at the camp property.

Our prayer is that at least 231 families across the Diocese will

welcome to increase their gifts to meet the threshold.

Camp Development Fund

Our second major fundraising effort is the Capital Development Fund. Michael "Mickey" Sinkus is helping guide us through this important season as we prepare for the future development of the property.



Dining Hall

join the 231 Society and help Camp Jubilee continue moving toward long-term operational sustainability.

If you would like to join, please mail a check for at least \$231 payable to Camp Jubilee and write "231 Society" on the memo line. Those who have already given at or above that amount this year will automatically be included, and current donors are

As you can see from the images on this page, final architectural plans have already been completed for several of the buildings, including the Dining Hall, Jubilee Hall, Welcome Center, Chapel Pavillion, camper cabins, guest cottages, pool and pool pavilion, and recreational areas.

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Spirit, Daniel Island, gave a moving testimony about God's redeeming work in her life.

Bishop Edgar recognized those who, since our last convention, were ordained to the priesthood: the Rev. Zach Barton, The Rev. Tom Cannon and the Rev. Hunter Myers; the transitional diaconate: the Rev. Debra Eident and the Rev. Camden Windham; and the vocational diaconate: the Rev. John Davis and the Rev. Roland Skinner. He also recognized those transferring into the diocese: the Rev. Jonathan Collins, the Rev. Dave Fisher and the Rev. Woody Volland. In addition, the Bishop remembered clergy who had died in the previous year: the Rev. Edwin Coleman, the Rev. Kay Fryman and the Rev. Kathie Phillips.

Susan Burns, who had recently retired as diocesan Human Resource Manager and Finance Assistant after having served on staff for 19 years, was recognized for her many years of service.

The Bishop invited two residential seminarians, Dylan Moore who attends Nashotah House, and Coby Tucker who attends Trinity Anglican Seminary, to greet the convention. Both shared brief videos from each of their schools.

Archdeacon Hunter Jordan spoke briefly of his work with our diocesan canons; his partnership with Bishop Edgar and the Congregational Development committee; and the joy he has in assisting local churches in clarifying their vision, mission, and values. Jordan stressed that the Diocese exists to serve local churches, not the other way around. "If there is any way I can serve you or your parish in this shared calling, I would be honored to walk alongside you," he said.

One of the highlights of the convention came when the Rev. Canon Ken Weldon, Executive Director of Camp Jubilee, announced that during the gathering one of our churches offered to donate the funds required to build a camper cabin on our new camp property. Only five more cabins to go!

Elections

The Convention elected the following individuals to serve the diocese:

Standing Committee: the Very Rev. Karl Burns, the Very Rev. Will Klauber, Susan MacDonald and Bradford Marshall

Diocesan Council: the Rev. Fred Ochieng Onyango, the Rev. John Sosnowski, Les Sease and Josh Wills

Ecclesiastical Court: the Very Rev. Gary Beson, the Rev. Chet Houston, Ashley Bryant Harbin, Mikell Scarborough

Provincial Assembly: the Rev. Canon Laura Bowman, the Very Rev. John Burwell, the Rev. Claudia Carucci, the Very Rev. Shay Gaillard, the Rev. Ryan Landes, the Rev. Cindy Larsen, the Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, the Rev. Zach Miller, the Rev. Hamilton Smith, John Benson, Janis Breazeale, Anna Bruner, Katherine Cannon, Ashley Bryant Harbin, Joy Hunter, Cathy Jacobs, Justin Johnson, and Jessica Smith.

Budget Approved

Following a report from Johnnie Wallace, treasurer, the convention passed the nearly \$3 million 2026 budget.

Resolution R1 Adopted

The Convention adopted Resolution R1, which was the second reading of a resolution first passed at the March 15, 2025 convention. This resolution edited our Diocesan Constitution to correct grammatical errors and inconsistencies and to clearly reflect existing practices in the diocese.

Inspiring Videos

This year the convention received several updates via videos. One, which featured students, teachers and administrators at Anglican schools currently in our diocese, drove home the Bishop's desire to see an Anglican K-12 school in every deanery; another provided an update from each of the clergy leading congregations which lost property in the litigation with the Episcopal Church. Another brought home the important work – and fun – going on at Camp Jubilee.

Conclusion

Before adjourning the meeting, Bishop Edgar thanked the Youth Commission for leading Morning Prayer and for their assistance throughout the convention, and the staff and volunteers of Trinity Church for all they had done hosting the convention. He announced that our next convention will be held at All Saints, Florence, March 12-13, 2027.

View all convention talks, videos, photos and other resources at <https://adosc.org/news-events/2026-diocesan-convention/>



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CAMP BOB COOPER
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To learn more about these events, visit <https://adosc.org/ministries-and-departments/student-ministries/>

Church Planting Doors Open

By The Rev. Daniel Miles, Church Planter, ADOSC

Thank you for your continued prayers for the church plant in Manning. Several miles outside of town, toward Lake Marion, is an area called Wyboo, where around 5,000 people live. Its annual population growth is almost 7%! People are being drawn to the natural beauty of the lake and the opportunity for recreation.

We've been praying for open doors to begin meeting in this community. Those prayers have been answered in surprising ways!

For several weeks we've been gathering with a group of 25-30 in a building in the heart of Wyboo. We've been encouraged by the hunger that exists to know God and be known in community. After one of our prayer gatherings, one lady recently said, "I've thought for years that there needs to be a church in Wyboo."

We've announced our gatherings sparingly online. We hope to use this tool more effectively as we grow. The vast majority of people that have "found" us have come through personal invitations in our community. We are realizing how critical it is to meet people where they are, showing genuine interest in them and their stories. The first question for us is not "how do we get them to attend something" but rather "how can we get to know this person and point them to the One who can satisfy their deepest longings? Think John 4!"

Please pray that the Lord would continue to shape this group into a Gospel-centered community.

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Gifts to the Capital Development Fund will enable us to begin construction on our new property. Above, a glimpse from the second session of this year's camp.

This summer and fall, we hope to complete the permitting process as we continue important pre-construction work, including civil engineering and architectural planning. Our hope is to begin infrastructure development in early 2027.

We estimate that the full build-out of Camp Jubilee will ultimately cost approximately \$20 million. Encouragingly, several significant gifts are already in progress, and three parishes are currently considering sponsoring camper cabins.

If you would like to visit the property or discuss giving opportunities, please contact the Rev. Canon Ken Weldon at (843) 269-5688.

As we look ahead, keep an eye out for future diocesan gatherings and special events at Camp Jubilee. We have so much to celebrate as we reflect on the Lord's faithfulness to our Diocese and parishes during this important season in our history.

Camp Jubilee is your camp and retreat center. We hope you'll come visit us soon.

To learn more visit <https://www.campjubileesc.org/>. Write to us at: Camp Jubilee, P.O. Box 994, Beaufort, SC 29902. We would love to hear from you.



Click the QR Code to give to a Camp Jubilee fund.

The Donut, the Beach, and That First, Faithful Step

An Interview with The Rev. Canon Todd Simonis, ADOSC Canon for Church Planting

On May 4, 2026 I had an opportunity to chat with Todd Simonis about church planting and evangelism. Here's an edited version of our conversation. Joy Hunter, Editor

The Scarcity Trap

Todd, why are so few of our churches planting churches?

I think for our diocese, the last several years have been spent navigating loss and fear and what might be taken from us. It's hard to think generously if we have a mentality of scarcity.

As Anglicans, we have difficulty planting churches because we primarily think of "church" as a 90-minute, Sunday-morning expression. Trying to figure out how to replicate that somewhere else can be paralyzing. Where are we going to meet? What's the rent going to cost? How are we going to have a choir? An organ? Silver and candles?

The first step toward planting a church is starting something new, start anything new.

The Church on Fripp was certainly something new. How did you start that?

Actually, I didn't start the Church on Fripp. Back in 2018, about 10 St. Helena's members, who lived full time on Fripp, came and asked if we could do something evangelistic on the island. They pitched the idea of us doing some kind of beach service for about seven weeks. The plan was for it to be for the tourists, but what happened that first summer is many of the residents came to faith.

Baptizing them caused a big stir. People were asking, "What's going on?"

At the end of the seven weeks, the locals pulled me aside and said, "You can't stop! We didn't realize what we were missing. We need this to continue."

So, rather than stopping, we paused, reorganized and continued meeting in October of 2018. By God's Grace we have been meeting ever since.

We actually have two kinds of churches – the cold-weather one, which we hold in a small, all-faiths chapel. We can cram about 200 people in it, but we have overflow at this point in the off-season. Then, once the weather turns warm, we get out to the beach. That's when it becomes much more evangelistic. We've never had a Sunday when we've been out setting things up that



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Two weeks ago, there was a woman out walking on the beach. She'd had a miscarriage the previous week, and said, "I knew I needed to get away. Fripp was my happy place, so I'm here by myself."

I said, "Well, I don't believe in coincidences. Can we pray for you?" We all stopped

The Beach and the Witness Protection Program

I joke that in the summer months we're the Church of the Witness Protection Program because everybody wears hats and sunglasses, and I don't really know who's there. But the numbers increase, especially in the summer. And we've seen a lot of healing.

So, you're bringing the church to people – rather than the other way around.

In our culture, there's a lot of skepticism about church and walking into a church building. We don't have that. It's safe in that if someone wants to leave, there are unlimited exit strategies. They just walk away. Some people drop by out of curiosity. Frankly, we have a congregation of people who are really filled with gratitude.

I think that some of that has to do with us not owning a building. We've never had to discuss carpet colors or replacing the roof. We get to be a fellowship of gratitude for what the Lord has done.

Not everyone has a beach to plant on, though. How does this translate elsewhere?

Church planting is just the natural extension of discipleship. If a church is truly discipling its people, individuals should be multiplying themselves.

Some churches have evangelism committees, but evangelism should be something all of us are doing. And I get why we have a

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setting up the sound equipment, gathered around and prayed for her.

That's why we do what we do out in the open, because you never know who the Lord is going to send our way.



Breaking the Chains

Responding to Christian Persecution & Human Trafficking Conference

Registration Open

All Saints Church
Woodbridge, Virginia

Sept. 18 - 19, 2026

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Breaking the Chains:

Responding to Christian Persecution & Human Trafficking

Fri., Sept 18, 5:00-8:30 p.m. and
Sat., September 19, 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
All Saints Church, Woodbridge, VA

This conference, hosted by New Wineskins Networks, Anglican Persecuted Church Network (APCN) and Anglican Freedom Network (AFN), will bring together powerful voices from around the world – Christians who have endured persecution for their faith, as well as those faithfully serving survivors of human trafficking and modern-day slavery. We will also have speakers from both government agencies and non-profits working on these

two important issues, as well as powerful worship and prayer.

Our hope is not only to inform but equip. Together, we will explore how individuals and churches can respond through prayer, advocacy, and tangible, hands-on support. More so than ever, this is a critical moment for the Church to stand in both awareness and action.

Early Bird registration is now open and runs through July 31, 2026. Discounted hotel rooms are also reserved for the conference. Learn more and register at www.newwineskins.org/breaking-the-chains.

Building Faith Foundations at Home

Conway Church Takes a “Village” Approach

By Sean Richardson, St. Paul's, Conway

At St. Paul's Church in Conway, we believe discipleship begins at home and The Village is one of the ways we come alongside families to live that out. Gathering on the first Sunday of each month, The Village creates space for families of all ages to build relationships, grow in faith, and encourage one another. Our goal is simple but significant: to help households become places where Christ is known, loved, and followed daily.

This vision was strengthened through a providential opportunity last year. While attending a seminar in Charleston led by Rob Rienow of Visionary Family Ministries, we were introduced to a new resource: Foundations of the Christian Family: Discover God's Purpose for Your Family. After spending time exploring the material over the summer, it became clear this curriculum could serve as a powerful tool for our church.

Rather than simply offering information, the study invites families to re-examine what



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Scripture teaches about everyday life in the home. Topics range from God's design for the family throughout the Bible to practical areas like parenting, marriage, sibling relationships, and worship. With short, accessible teaching videos and guided discussions, it's designed to fit naturally into real family rhythms.

When we introduced the curriculum at our October Village gathering, something meaningful began to take

shape. Conversations grew deeper. Families began reflecting more intentionally on how they live out their faith together. Instead of feeling like another program to complete, the material has helped shift perspectives, encouraging families to see ordinary moments as opportunities for discipleship.

One of our Village participants, Dustin Ventura, shared how the study has impacted his family: “The class has been both encouraging and eye-opening as it has helped us look carefully at what Scripture actually teaches about the home, parenting, discipleship,

and family life. The material is practical, biblically grounded, and challenging in the best way, continually pointing us back to God's design for the family. It has prompted meaningful conversations and has given us a clearer understanding of the responsibility and privilege parents have in discipling their children. We are deeply thankful for the wisdom, conviction, and encouragement this study has brought to our family.”

Ryan Smith, another parent involved in The Village, said, “The Village has been such an encouraging and grounding part of our family's faith journey. We've learned the importance of intentional discipleship at home, not just teaching our children about faith, but living it out alongside them in everyday moments. We've integrated more prayer as a family, more open conversations about Scripture and character, and a greater focus on creating a Christ-centered home where our



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children feel safe, loved, and guided in truth.

We have also really appreciated the opportunity to come together with other parents to discuss the challenges and blessings of living a life of faith in today's culture. It has been encouraging to learn from one another and be reminded we are not raising our children alone. We are so grateful that our church is intentional about creating a ministry focused on strengthening families and equipping parents to raise disciples of Christ.”

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MADISON KUZIA

“The Spirit is at work, restoring and rebuilding the church,” said Bishop Edgar. Above, the Bishop processes to the front of the church at the beginning of the Friday night service of Holy Eucharist.

Having called for an independent audit of all the matters related to the trial, including the trial proceedings themselves, our Standing Committee was compelled to raise concerns with the verdict (to be clear, not with the ruling, we know that is not in our purview) to ensure that these proceedings be included in the audit.

I'm pleased to report that, so far, the ACNA's executive committee has responded to us largely positively and I am hopeful. We'll know more from them in the coming week, and we'll be reporting to you via the clergy.

Throughout all of that, our goal has been that, given we have upcoming prominent cases before the province, one including the Archbishop himself, this audit we've called for would be able to help restore some confidence that regardless of the outcome of those future trials, they'll be handled appropriately. Again, this case matters much to us as a diocese as it involves several of us who are members of the diocese who are involved in these legal proceedings. We want to do what we can as a diocese to try to ensure a fair outcome without crossing the line and tampering with that outcome.

Now, throughout all of this, I've heard people say from time to time they're tired of being asked to “trust the process” when they feel that the process has already been pretty bad and let them down. I just want to say to you all, I do not ask you to trust the process. I ask you to trust the Lord of the process and the Lord of all processes. Even as this works out, knowing that his promise is true, that all things, including mishandled church processes, will under his strong hand end up for the good, the true, and the just. Even if we must wait until all things are made new and everything sad comes out untrue.

Aslan is On the Move in our Diocese

But let's not exhaust time this morning just in bad news because God has been at work in our diocese in wonderful ways this year. As Beth and I travel around, we're always blessed week in and week out to see our parishes growing, to see them increasing in ministry to their local communities. What Beth and I see Sunday after Sunday is simply this: Aslan is on the move in South Carolina.

Thrive Together Initiative

We do have smaller congregations that are struggling more than they thrive. And so for that reason, we began the Thrive Together initiative. You heard about it in the previous issue of the Jubilate Deo, you heard about it this morning. The Thrive Together initiative is very simple. We've asked for a gift this year of \$100 from each family unit. And I am excited to tell you that that “ask” I make every time I visit a parish — so clergy, if I'm coming to visit you soon, know that I'm going to be asking — I ask simply for \$100 from each family from our diocese moving forward, and I can't believe that I get to tell you that as of today, since the middle of October when this campaign was first announced, we've raised \$175,000. And that money is going to churches that aren't able to afford clergy, helping to provide clergy and guidance for their future.

While we're on the topic of raised money, let me share some staggering figures with you. Since the settlement of our lawsuit with the Episcopal Church, our congregations, both those who lost buildings and are having to start again, as well as those who had to make up for a decade of deferred maintenance and delayed growth, have raised well over — You ready for this? \$65 million dollars. And I don't know that in that figure I've accounted for every church that has done a capital campaign. In addition to that, we have a few churches that are engaged in capital campaigns that will add \$21 million more.

The Spirit is at work, restoring and rebuilding the church. And I know as well as you do that dollars aren't the measure of the Spirit's work, of course. But my experience is that dollars don't flow where the Spirit isn't at work. Except, for some ridiculous reason, in college football, but that's another thing.

Camp Jubilee: Building Far More than a Camp

On top of that, Camp Jubilee is moving forward with incredible results. The camp program is entering its fourth year hosting camps, evangelizing, discipling kids, training and forming leaders, all the while in a place that is not our own. Now I believe that we have the best camp program in South Carolina, likely

Long before anybody ever went to a Christian camp, God was forming a people for himself by taking them away, taking them out of their normal routines of life, taking them out of their normal circles of families and friends and bringing them to places apart ... The \$20 million you'll be asked to sacrifice will enable us to set apart a place where God can slow us down, remove the distractions to which we become so desperately addicted, to get the Egypt out of us. And to form us into his people.

the entire Southeast. And we're doing it in small, rented facilities with nothing but the opportunity in the future to grow and expand when we finally move into our new facility that will be built on our property at Lady's Island. The challenge is — moving in is only \$20 million away.

But before you let that discourage you, remember what I just told

you about how much has already been raised in our churches, and we can do more. As I said to the crowd gathered just a week ago at Camp Jubilee for our second annual Day of Jubilee, I want you to know that we're building more than just a camp. We're building, participating in, something far older, far greater than that. We're building something that's at the very heart of how, in the biblical story, God has been drawing people to himself.

Long before anybody ever went to a Christian camp, God was forming a people for himself by taking them away, taking them out of their normal routines of life, taking them out of their normal circles of families and friends and bringing them to places apart where he can order and form them as his own.

Throughout biblical history, God took people away from their ordinary environments in order to form them into his particular people. God took Moses out of Egypt, then he took Moses and all of Israel out into the wilderness for 40 years. And scripture tells us why. God had to get Egypt out of them. You see, the wilderness was no detour in God's plan. It was God's way of formation.

Israel wandered until an entire generation had the opportunity to be shaped into God's covenant people. And we need to be shaped too. Much in our own day and in our larger culture needs to be gotten out of us like Egypt was gotten out of Israel. We're hyper-connected digitally, overstimulated, busy, all while we know that hurry and busyness and distraction act as enemies of spiritual growth.

So this, then, is what God does. He calls his people away, away to be formed. Look at the whole biblical witness. Moses, Isaiah, Israel, Elijah, all withdrew. Jesus withdrew.

And when they did, they heard, they learned from, and were shaped by God. So brothers and sisters, we're not raising \$20 million to build a camp. No, the \$20 million that you'll be asked to sacrifice will

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ACNA Provincial Gatherings Scheduled for June

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

The Province of the Anglican Church in North America will be conducting important business during the month of June. Your prayers are coveted for both meetings.

The Council will meet June 17-19 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to conduct its annual business, with representative from all the dioceses of the Province. In addition to approving the annual budget for the Provincial office, it will be voting on several important proposed amendments to the Provincial canons.

The most significant are the Title IV proposals that, if approved, will completely replace the current canons regarding the discipline of clergy misconduct.

There will also be proposed changes to Title I of the canons that will provide a more robust order for succession in the event either the Archbishop or the Dean of the Province are unable to serve, for whatever reason.

Both measures are extremely timely and crucial to the ongoing ecclesiastical health of the Province. Please pray for the wisdom and discernment of the Council to move all these matters forward.

If passed by Council, the Canon amendments must then be approved by Provincial Assembly. The Assembly will meet virtually on June 25 to take up whatever proposals are recommended to it by the Council. Please keep them in your prayers for the work they must then do. We will have over 20 clergy and lay delegates participating from the ADOSC. Pray for their wisdom and discernment as well.

Because Children Matter

A Jubilata Deo Interview with the Rev. Canon Zach Barton, Newly Appointed Director of the ACNA Family Leadership Network

Zach, as the Canon for Children's Ministry at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, you understand the issues children's ministry leaders face. Tell us about the Family Leadership Network and how it can help those serving in children's ministry.

The official mission is to support Family Ministry leaders in the ACNA in their work of cultivating a vital partnership between church and home to raise the next generation of disciples. Which is a fancy way to say we connect Children's Ministry directors to each other and support them by helping them minister to the kids and families in their churches.

We offer something hardly any other American Christian denomination is offering: meaningful community for children's pastors and family ministry directors and high-quality Anglican resources for Children's Ministries across the Province.

How did you get involved in FLN and how long ago?

I began joining the monthly FLN Zoom gatherings in 2022 and shortly after was asked by the previous director, Deacon Liz Stewart, to join her FLN leadership team. At the beginning of 2026, Liz and Kate Harris, ACNA Director of Outreach and Development, asked me to consider becoming the new director. After some prayer and discernment I joyfully accepted.

What are some of its strengths?

The Family Leadership Network's greatest strength is the relational connections Children's Ministry directors and pastors can make immediately by getting involved in our Slack community and monthly Zoom calls. (Slack is a cloud-based



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team collaboration app and "work operating system" designed to replace internal email with real-time, organized messaging.) No other denomination is creating space for their Children's Pastors to connect with each other, crowdsource information in real time, and receive high-level coaching and resources.

What are some of the issues children's ministry leaders face that many outside that area of ministry might not know/understand?

Being a priest and a Children's Ministry director at the same time affords me an interesting vantage point. In my 15 years of firsthand experience, Children's Ministry is most often something that happens

"over there"—out of sight, out of mind. We all agree that ministry to children is important, but how that works out practically sometimes betrays our professed support of faith formation for children, parents, and households.

Many Children's Ministry directors feel disconnected from, and largely unsupported by, their rector and vestry. Children's Ministry isn't as attractive or visible as being up front preaching, singing, or supporting the prayer team. Children's Ministry happens on the floor (the actual floor), in classrooms surrounded by kids with lots of energy, and involves cleaning up things most of us would otherwise leave for custodians. Children's Ministers can often be treated like "The Help" and being a Children's Ministry director

can often feel like being on an island. I've been there and know many of my colleagues are in that spot. But it doesn't have to be that way!

Explain what makes children's ministry so critical.

Because children matter. They matter to the God we worship every Sunday. As my esteemed colleague, Canon Hunter Myers says, "There's no Junior Holy Spirit." Admittedly, children aren't big donors to our capital campaigns; they're expensive, exhausting, and often along for a free meal like a roommate who never pays rent or does their own laundry. Kids are physically small and intrinsically vulnerable novices in the human experience.

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Christ Church Spends a Day of Service at Water Mission

By Sherry Rest, Christ Church Anglican, Mt. Pleasant

Did you know more than 2 billion people lack access to safe water? To better understand the crisis and give our church members an opportunity to make a difference, the Outreach Leadership Team of Christ Church Anglican, Mount Pleasant, and a group of our members gathered at Water Mission's North Charleston international headquarters on April 25 for a day of service.

We began with a tour of the facility during which we gained a deeper understanding of the global water crisis. We learned how Water Mission creates sustainable solutions by partnering with local community leaders to design, implement, and maintain safe water systems close to home—reducing the long and often dangerous journey many people must take each day to collect water. We also learned about Water Mission's Living Water program, which includes a church and community mobilization approach that equips local pastors and leaders with tools and training to share the Gospel, ensuring that, in addition to safe water, communities are offered lasting spiritual hope.

The experience continued with an interactive refugee empathy exercise. Through this powerful presentation, we stepped into the stories of families from South Sudan who



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have been forced to flee their homes and travel long distances to the Bidibidi refugee camp in northern Uganda. The challenges faced in these circumstances are difficult to fully comprehend, yet the exercise offered a meaningful glimpse into their daily realities.

Christ Church Anglican contributed funds to purchase supplies for refugee hygiene kits, and packed 155 kits in an assembly-line fashion, ensuring each was carefully prepared to support a family of six for up to 30 days. Participants were deeply moved by the tangible impact of their efforts and the opportunity to serve families in need in such a practical way. Water Mission is a Christian engineering nonprofit dedicated to building safe water solutions for people in developing countries, refugee camps, and disaster areas. Since 2001, the organization has served more than 8 million people across 60 countries—sharing safe water and the message of God's love.

Would your church like to partner with Water Mission?

There are a number of ways to connect.

- Tour the Water Mission facility.
- Participate in team-building empathy exercises.
- Invite a Water Mission staff member to speak to your church or small group.
- Host a Water Mission information table at a church event.
- Participate in the Walk for Water.
- Borrow books on the Water crisis from the Water Mission library.

For more information, visit www.watermission.org or contact Mary Howell, Sr. Manager, Charleston Community Engagement for Water Mission at mhowell@watermission.org or (843) 769-7395.

Caring for Caregivers

Caregiver Retreats and Support Groups Transform Lives

By Joy Hunter, Editor

When my 91-year-old mother fell, coming down a short flight of stairs in the kitchen of her Virginia home, she finally waved the white flag. For years my siblings and I had urged her to move out of the large split level, but she didn't want to give up her independence. As my three siblings and I gathered around her hospital bed, holding her hand and praying, she agreed. She'd move to Summerville to be closer to me. Though we invited her to move in with us, she chose assisted living. That season gave me just the tiniest glimpse into what it was like to be a caregiver.

At least twice weekly, I'd make the drive to mom's place. She was so dear. I wouldn't give up a moment we had together, even the difficult ones. But the margin of time I'd had before her move filled up with trips to the stores, the pharmacy, a plethora of doctors' visits, and multiple trips to the ER.

During that time, "The Heart of the Caregiver" emails I usually skimmed took on more meaning.

Though my experience was limited compared to full-time caregivers, I was seeing the challenges they faced, so asked Mary Tutterow (the founder and author of the books, videos and organization of the same name – The Heart of the Caregiver®) if I could come as an observer to one of their day-long retreats.

That experience stays with me to this day. "The fact that caregivers come is a huge thing," said Mary. "So many won't do self-care because they feel guilty. Their coming is a sign God's Holy Spirit is already at work. They were able to find the funds, clear their schedules, get a sitter."



"Making a shift in thinking takes time," says Mary, "but there is another way for you to see your situation and know that God is in it to carry you. When we realize how much we're loved by God and begin caring with gospel hands and with gospel understanding and with the power of the Holy Spirit, everything changes."

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We gathered in a beautiful, remote lodge by the river: a young mom struggling to care for her children – both of whom had severe physical and mental challenges; a husband whose wife had Alzheimer's; a sister of a woman with schizophrenia. There were 20 of us. And as I listened to their stories, I could see burdens lifting right before my eyes. A shoulder squeezed, a tear swiped. There's something to be said for knowing you are not alone when overwhelmed by caring for a loved one.

But it wasn't just the sense of not being alone that made an impact.

"The real power of the retreat," says Mary, "is when you realize peace is possible. It's possible regardless of your circumstances. When you change your thinking to line up with what God says, you begin to realize that loving and caring for others is the second greatest commandment.

"The disease, disability, accident, etc. hasn't been some huge mistake to punish you. God has invited you into this to teach you who and Whose you truly are and to introduce you to a whole other exquisite level of love – love like Jesus has for us. We are called to lay down our lives for others who may never appreciate or understand what we are doing, but it is the essence of what God has created each of us to do."

During one of the online groups, a woman shared, "My husband has had Alzheimer's for the last 12 years, and for the last 10 years I haven't been able to look him in the eye. But yesterday in my kitchen, after taking this course, (she'd taken it three times) I was able to look him in the eye and kiss him on the lips with love in my heart for the first time in 10 years."

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More than 200 Heart of the Caregiver® support groups now operate around the world – live and online. The ministry offers teaching videos, training and guidance so any person, church, or community center can start their own peer support group. For exhausted caregivers carrying burdens few others see, ministries like Heart of the Caregiver® offer more than support — they offer hope.

If you are or know a caregiver and would like to receive help or learn more about the ministry, contact Mary at info@theheartofthecaregiver.com or visit www.theheartofthecaregiver.com.

Smith Instituted as Rector of St. Luke's Hilton Head

Editor's Note: This institution is scheduled prior to printing, but the Jubilate Deo will not arrive until after the event occurs, our apologies.

By the grace of God and the consent of the people, Bishop Chip Edgar instituted and inducted the Rev. Greg Smith as the Eighth Rector of St. Luke's Anglican Church on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 5 p.m.

The Rev. Greg Smith graduated from Wheaton College (B.Mus.) and holds an M.Div. from Trinity Anglican Seminary. Before seminary, he worked as a paramedic/firefighter on Chicago's Near North Side, an experience that shaped his love for quick assessment and teamwork. Prior to his calling to St. Luke's he served as



a Senior Associate at St. Michael's Church in Charleston. Earlier in ministry, Greg served as the ninth Rector of Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, and as college pastor at The Citadel's St. Alban's Chapel, where he planted a Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter and helped establish the I'On campus of Church of the Holy Cross. He also planted a church in Colorado that grew from a small gathering into a multi-site congregation, and served as Vice President with Apartment Life.

An active author, Greg's works include *Jesus is Bigger: A Guide to the Supreme Life through the Book of Colossians* and *Songs of the Lamb: Tracing the Echoes of Worship in the Book of Revelation*, along with additional study guides and devotional resources written to help everyday Christians grow in Scripture, worship, and gospel confidence.

But beyond the resume, Greg describes himself simply as a great sinner who serves a great Savior. He and his wife Anna have been married for more than three decades and together they love keeping up with their three amazing children, biking whenever they can, and walking their cockapoo, Teddy.

The Donut; The Beach

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welcome team at church, but all of us should be welcoming.

One thing I ask, when I meet with a church interested in planting, is do they have anything else that has a mechanism for multiplication? Do they have small groups? If they say, "Oh, our small groups are great. The same 12 women have been meeting for 17 years," I have to say, "Actually, that's not a great thing."

If we're not teaching sacrificial multiplication along the way, it's going to be really hard for a church to get behind church planting.

Sacrificial multiplication. It seems our churches are always teaching something, but we're not strong on multiplication, on evangelism.

Evangelism is just discipleship to non-believers. As you're talking with people who don't yet know the good news, you're discipling them closer to Christ, not in Christ.

Moving the Needle: The ENGEL Scale

There's this evangelism scale we used to teach called the ENGEL scale. A -10 was somebody who's never heard of Christ or they're hostile to the gospel. And then a +10

is someone who is actively sharing their faith with others. We tend to focus on getting someone from a negative one to a positive one. Our culture loves that moment of decision. But it's just as valid for the Lord to use you to take someone who's a negative six to a negative five.

You are the Donut

So, the first step isn't starting a church you can bring people to?

One of my most vivid memories is a conversation I had with my mentor. I was so frustrated that I could not get my best friend to go to church. I kept using church as the donut. I thought, "If I just get him to church and he hears the sermon, he'll..." And my mentor said, "Todd, church is not the donut. You are the donut." I didn't like that; I wanted somebody else to do the work. If I just get them there, they'll hear the sermon, listen to the music,

and God will take care of it. But it doesn't work that way.

We are the donut. Obviously, Jesus is – and the analogy breaks down here. But the goal isn't to get somebody into a church building. The goal is for the church to engage with people where they are.

Jesus never once invited anybody to synagogue. Why do we not talk about that? We've got a lot of material on Jesus. He never said once, "Come with me to synagogue."

Our problem is we want the church to do the work that's actually been entrusted to us. You and I can uniquely reach different people where we are. And we're called to disciple those we encounter where they are, to remember He's with us wherever we go. So it's Publix, it's Lowe's, it's on a walk, it's on the golf course, it's when we're cutting the lawn.

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Holy Trinity, Grahamville, Restores Historic Witness

By The Rev. James Gibson, Holy Trinity, Grahamville

The Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville has long stood as one of the Lowcountry's most enduring witnesses to faith and perseverance. Founded in 1830, the

had served the parish since 1853. Remarkably, the Bible resurfaced decades later in an attic in upstate New York and was returned to Holy Trinity in 1928, a tangible reminder of God's providence across generations.



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parish's current Carpenter Gothic church—completed in 1858—remains one of the few buildings in the region to survive the devastation of the Civil War. When federal troops passed through in 1864, the nave was converted into a field hospital. During that occupation, an officer carried off the lectern Bible that

Though the church withstood the ravages of war, the slow, unrelenting wear of time and lowcountry climate presented challenges of their own. Moss had begun to take root in the roof shingles, and the once bright paint of the wooden exterior had faded under years of sun and salt air. Yet the generosity of Holy Trinity's parishioners—and of the wider Grahamville community—has proven as steadfast as the church itself.

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Thrive Together Gifts in Action

Brad Carr to Serve at St. Paul's, Bennettsville

By Joy Hunter, Editor

On Sunday, June 7, St. Paul's Anglican Church in Bennettsville began a new season when Bishop Chip Edgar formally appointed Brad Carr to serve as their full-time Licensed Lay Pastor.

Funding for the position came, in large part, through your gifts to the Thrive Together Initiative.

When Bishop Edgar introduced the initiative, which invites each family unit in the diocese to donate \$100 annually, he said, "One of my goals for Thriving Together is for the Diocese, as a whole, to come together alongside our smaller congregations, particularly the ones that can't afford a full-time priest, and help them do that."

St. Paul's has been without a full-time pastor for several years.

Brad looks forward to attending Trinity Anglican Seminary where, beginning in August, he will be enrolled in the church-based MDiv track.

"I've been an informal student for the past few years," he said, "and I've really enjoyed that, but the prospect of being able to do that formally is really appealing. And, because I'll be on the church-based track, I'll get to do parish ministry while going to seminary, which

really fits my situation. I'm looking forward to getting in there and serving the church."

Given St Paul's great need for a pastor after years without one and given that Brad is uniquely suited to serve in this role, Bp Edgar has approved his doing distance theological education rather than residential education.

The hybrid program offers most of its course work online, but he will participate in winter and summer intensives on the Ambridge, PA campus.

"I'm really looking forward to attending classes," says Brad, "and being on a seminary campus."

Brad and his wife, Kim, South Carolina natives, grew up in the area and were high school sweethearts. They met through their Baptist youth group. Now the parents of three children (ages 14, 8 and 6), they're the owners of the popular Griggs Circle Bakery in



Hartsville. Though they will continue owning the bakery they will not be working there full time.

Jason Varnadore, the rector of St. David's, Cheraw, takes credit for introducing them to Anglicanism.

"We met the Varnadores through our homeschool co-op," says Brad. "They homeschool their kids; we homeschool ours, and we became friends. When Jason invited us to church I told him, 'I don't really want to come to your church. It might mess up our friendship.' But over time

we were looking for a new church home, and he said, 'Why don't you just come over and check us out?'"

The Carrs have been worshipping with them ever since.

At the time they began joining in Anglican worship, St. Paul's, Bennettsville and St. David's, Cheraw were meeting for combined services, but after the two decided not to

merge, Brad and his family continued on at St. David's, with Brad serving as a lay reader and Kim working in the nursery.

For the past three years Fr Varnadore has been leading services of Holy Eucharist at both churches. Now, Brad will lead Morning Prayer at St. David's at 8:30 a.m. and, after a time of fellowship, head to St. David's to attend their 11 a.m. service. Jason will come to St. Paul's once a month to offer a service of Holy Eucharist.

A number of diocesan clergy have taken Brad under their wing.

"I have such a wonderful team of people around cheering me on," he says. "Jason Varnadore, Corey Prescott and Drew Miller have been hugely supportive. I've gotten to know Hunter Jordan over the last few months, and he's wonderful. I've connected with Todd Simonis. He's great and very supportive. I'm just blown away by how these guys have come around me and spoken into my life and said, 'We believe in you.' They've been very, very encouraging. And then, of course, the bishop putting a seal of approval on all this—it seems like God's providence has been with us every step of the way."

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Because Children Matter

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They're frequently misunderstood, misbehaving or simply misfits in the world of big, important adults. But ministry to and for and with and by them is critical for the Church to fully be herself because children aren't Junior Members. In baptism, we've welcomed them into the priesthood of all believers and we've vowed to do all in our power to support them in their life in Christ. And we know that children, one day, become adults. Critical stuff!



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How has the FLN helped you personally?

Any day of the week, I can get on our FLN Slack community and ask an open question like, "Has anyone ever used ___ curriculum before?" or "What kinds of things are you all offering families during Lent?" and I will get several answers and resources from colleagues across the country in a matter of minutes. If I say, "I'm really struggling with ___." Can someone pray for me?" I will receive prayer right then.

As the Director, what will you now be responsible for?

I will be leading our FLN team and working alongside the other Provincial Leadership Network directors (Students, Access, Women's, and Antioch). I'll oversee our FLN team as we organize a year's worth of monthly Zoom gatherings for Children's Ministry leaders to connect and receive resources and training from experts in various areas that are important to anyone who ministers to children in the ACNA.

What are your hopes for the future of FLN?

One of my biggest hopes is to connect each diocese in a meaningful way to the Family Leadership Network. The FLN is my favorite thing about the ACNA and I'm on a mission to make sure all of our ACNA Children's Ministry directors know we exist and to partner with every church and diocese. I hope that "island" that Children's Ministry directors feel they are on becomes a spacious village full of friends. If the future of the ACNA is going to benefit from

well-formed Anglican children we need to invest in ACNA Children's Ministers.

How can we encourage our family or children's ministry leaders?

First: ask your church's Children's Ministry director how you can help them the most. There is so much good Kingdom work to be done with children!

Second: Parishioners—Send a note to your Children's Ministry directors telling them how much you appreciate them. Rectors—take your Children's Ministry director to lunch and ask them how you can support them! Children's Ministry directors—call me! The Family Leadership Network is here for you.

To connect with Zach and learn about the Family Leadership Network, and how your church can support Children's Ministry directors, email him at zach@your-cathedral.org.

Bible Literacy Within Our Families

By Sherry Schumann, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

Personal story: both directions and technology cause my head to spin. Recently, I programmed my phone's GPS to guide me to a specific location, and somehow I ended up with two AI women giving me directions at the same time. To make things more confusing, they weren't giving me the same directions. One told me to turn left at the light; the other told me to turn right.

Having visited this location once before, I instinctively knew that one of my guides was incorrect. The correct instructions were coming from a familiar voice, the one I usually hear on my GPS. As I drove, I found myself leaning toward the dashboard speakers to better distinguish between the two voices. I followed only the directions given by the voice I knew, and therefore successfully reached my destination.

This experience reminded me that many "voices" compete for our children's and grandchildren's attention. Some voices impart truth; others don't.

Tips for Helping our Children and Grandchildren Become Bible Literate

As devoted parents and grandparents, we have both the opportunity and the responsibility to guide our loved ones to the ultimate source of truth, namely God's Word. If your children and grandchildren do not have their own Bibles, consider purchasing one for each of them. You can choose an ornate or simple edition, leather-bound or paperback—whatever you prefer.

Giving someone a Bible won't necessarily impact their lives, though, especially if it's left unopened on a shelf or tucked away in the back of a closet simply gathering dust. It is essential that your children and grandchildren not only have a Bible but also know how to use it.

As tempting as it may be, refrain from looking up Scripture



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passages for them. Bible illiteracy is on the rise, and we want to avoid contributing to this trend. One of the greatest gifts we can give our grandchildren is helping them become comfortable with their own Bibles.

Start by explaining that the Bible consists of 66 books, listed in the Table of Contents. Point out the Old and New Testaments and note the difference between them.

Tell your children and grandchildren that everything—did I say EVERYTHING—in the Bible points to Jesus!

Next, it's time to teach them how to find a specific Bible verse or passage. Start by writing down the reference of your favorite Bible verse on a piece of paper. For example, let's use John 3:16 (NIV). Explain that John is the name of the book, the number three is the chapter, and the number sixteen indicates the verse. A verse is similar to a sentence. Demonstrate how to use the Table of Contents to find the book of John, then locate the correct chapter and verse.

While reading a particular verse or passage with your grandchildren, discuss what you've read and how it connects to your life.

Questions you can ask include: 1) What does God reveal about Himself in this verse or passage? 2) What does it ask of us? 3) What wisdom does it hold? It's important that your discussion doesn't turn into a morality lesson or a list of rules.

God's Word is the voice of truth. Just as I recognized and followed the correct directions from a familiar voice on my GPS, the more time our precious loved ones spend reading their Bibles, the better they will be able to discern the difference between truth and lies.

Anne Graham Lotz wisely stated, "Without biblical literacy, you are just guessing your way through life, and the chances are good that you are guessing wrong." Let's make it a point this week to help our children and grandchildren become Bible literate.

Introducing Evening Prayer to Students in Cambodia

By Anthony Pelloni, SAMS Missionary Serving in Cambodia, St. Timothy's, Cane Bay

One thing Anna and I love about the Anglican church is the emphasis on liturgical seasons of the church year. The first half of the year is marked by the stages of Jesus' life and ministry culminating in the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, while the second half of the year is marked by growth in the Church and in our relationship with Christ. Seasons of the Church year give our family opportunities to focus on specific as-



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pects of Christ, his ministry, and his relationship with us while also changing or altering the ways that we choose to worship around our table. It is a great blessing that the Church Liturgical Calendar helps focus our sights on Christ in new ways!

This year I was prayerful about how our student dorms at Church of Christ our Peace (CCOP) could embody something new during the season of Lent. (The church dorms provide safe and affordable housing for students while they attend university.) How could we help the leaders and students be more intentional about their faith in Christ and their fellowship with

one another besides their normal rhythms of Bible Studies, church attendance, and the other regular aspects of life, like work and school? One of the helpful rhythms in my own life has been adopting the Anglican Service of Morning Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer (BCP) into my daily rhythm. While there are small parts of Morning Prayer that change with the seasons, (opening sentences of Scripture and antiphons) I have found that

M o r n i n g Prayer allows me to anchor my day in worshiping Christ and fills me up for whatever lies ahead. Unfortunately for our dorms, most of the students have irregular schedules during the day, making liturgical rhythms and activities challenging for our students. I prayed about what

we could do to help the students anchor their days in their spiritual walk with Christ during the heightened season of Lent.

Thankfully, the BCP also has a service for Evening Prayer! This service fits our students' rhythms a little better because most of the students arrive back to their dorms later in the evenings and they are able to close their days with communal worship with their neighbors. But why even consider something like this at all? Is Evening Prayer simply a service or thing we or the students need to add onto their already busy lives so they can be better Christians? Certainly not!

One of the biggest challenges for some of our students will ultimately be that they end up leaving our student dorms to go back to their province or village. Many of these students will be the first believer in their family or have no stable church community in their hometowns. One of the things we regularly discuss in our dorm leader meetings is how we can help students both grow in their faith as well as take ownership of their faith. I shared with them a story of my own life. I became a Christian through the Cru movement in 2010 and was heavily involved during my time in university. While I was encouraged by my Campus Pastor to be involved in a church, I never took that step to move beyond campus ministry being my church. Upon graduation it was very detrimental to my faith because the people who I had considered my 'church' all graduated and were sent out into the world. I thought I was a great Christian, but I realized that I had not taken hold of any rhythms or tools to walk faithfully outside of the immediate community around me.

Thus, the idea of Evening Prayer. We talked about how we can equip our students to be faithful Christians even when they leave our dorms, have no believing community, and have no access to a stable church. After leading Evening Prayer with the dorm leaders on Ash Wednesday, they were very excited to implement it in the dorms. By implementing spiritual rhythms in our student dorms, students who do not believe have an opportunity to experience Christ and students who already believe have their faith strengthened within their believing community and the tools that they are able to embody and experience which they can hopefully take with them when they leave our student dorms upon graduation. For many Cambodians, they do not simply become Christians upon hearing the Gospel. They often must live and practice what the faith asks of them before they are willing to



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commit to baptism or commit their lives to Christ. Life in the dorms offers this opportunity to safely live out Christian ideals in a believing community and the seasons of the Church and Anglican ideals offer the students an opportunity to experience the love of Christ grounded in Word and Sacrament.

Would you please pray for our students and dorm leaders as we make plans and seek to help these students grow in their walk with Christ? Would you also pray for the students who do not yet believe that they would experience the love of Christ through bible studies, rhythms, and the safety of the believing community? Lastly, would you pray for one student in particular who said to our dorm leaders during Lent that they want to commit themselves to Christ, but are not yet ready to fully commit to becoming a Christian? Lastly, pray that our student dorms are safe places for students to grow in faith and love of God and neighbor.

As a closing encouragement, I would like to share some feedback from our student dorm leaders about the impact that daily Evening Prayer had on them and their students.

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Bishop Edgar's Directive for Clergy Regarding Social Media

The following directive was given to the clergy at our 2026 Diocesan Convention. It may be found on our website at www.adosc.org.

With this Bishop's Directive, I intend to provide "lawful and honest" instruction to the clergy of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina regarding online communication. I intend that this will inform and, in some cases, restrict the publication of, and commentary on, social media by the clergy of our diocese. I also intend that clergy will adopt similar policies for staff and volunteers of their congregations. For the purposes of this directive, social media refers to any facility for online publication and commentary, including blogs, wikis, social networking sites such as, but not limited to, Facebook, LinkedIn, X (formerly Twitter), TikTok, Instagram, and YouTube; content refers to all material posted on social media, including likes and links to other sites.

The online world is a challenge to navigate well. In a recent letter (18 February 2026), Matthew Soerens, National Coordinator of the Evangelical Immigration Table, wrote, "social media algorithms amplify fights and disagreement—they show me precisely the perspectives that will most outrage me, which keeps me looking at my screen longer (and



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might also keep me from sleeping well)." Given that, it is worth considering whether social media can, in fact, actually be helpful. Social media creates a false sense of nearness and obligation to problems that may not, in fact, be ours to address.

Social media interactions are, by definition, public and social, and not private. Clergy are held to a higher standard of responsibility in their use of these platforms. Being clergy is an honor, privilege, and responsibility that comes with influence, but also requires discretion and often sacrifice of our rights, obligating us to wise self-censorship and self-control. I expect all social media posts by our clergy to adhere

to the highest standard of Christian decorum. All that we do reflects on our Lord, His Church, our Diocese, and our ministry.

To that end, I first offer five (edited) questions that Archbishop Emeritus Foley Beach requires his diocese to ask before posting anything...

1. Is it the truth? Along with that, ask: Why is it my responsibility to speak this truth or address this situation?
2. Have I talked to the person before I post about the person?
3. Will it benefit all concerned?
4. Do my words reflect well on Jesus Christ and on His Church?
5. Will I someday need to

apologize and confess what I have written as a sin?

These helpful questions can serve as a beginning point and a filter for online interactions. From there, I offer a few wise policies, developed by my friend and fellow bishop, Alex Farmer, for the clergy of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese. (Again, I have edited these for our situation.)

1. Never post, repost, favorably comment on, or like content that reflects poorly on Christ Jesus and his Church, other clergy, or yourself.
2. Follow the same rules of courtesy and mature behavior you would observe in any face-to-face interaction.
3. Think about consequences and how your message might be perceived before you post.
4. Always protect the innocent and vulnerable.
5. Be careful not to infringe copyrights. Remember that this can be a cause of litigation.
6. Watch your language and tone. Never speak with malice or contempt. Never engage in libel, slander, gossip, or belittling or degrading language or post images (such as memes) that put down or degrade anyone. Never be obscene.
7. Refrain from non-ministry related engagement with social media during working hours.
8. If you would not feel comfortable saying something from the

pulpit or seeing something attributable to you in the media, refrain from posting, reposting, favorably commenting on, or liking such content.

9. Never post, repost, favorably comment on, or like content that is derogatory to individuals based on race, color, ancestry, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age, disability, or religion, including, but not limited to, slurs, jokes, stereotypes or other inappropriate remarks.

10. Never post, repost, favorably comment on, or like content that threatens or advocates the use of violence against an individual or group of individuals.

11. Political engagement and social issues represent a difficult area. Many issues have clear Biblical warrant, such as protecting the unborn, racial equality, compassion for the poor, and care for the alien. While it is certainly right to support these issues publicly, great care needs to be taken to speak appropriately without unnecessarily dividing the Body of Christ. Clergy need to avoid partisanship when commenting on such matters. In general, sending emails directly to your congregation asking for prayers or other acts of compassion during social unrest is better than social media postings.

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Cross Erected at Camp Jubilee

St. Philip's Bible Study Erects Cross "For Such a Time as This"

By Dr. Malcolm Rhodes, St. Philip's Church, Charleston

The Friday Men's Bible Study, at St. Philip's, completed our study of Esther on February 20, and then a dozen members made the trek to the Camp Jubilee site on Lady's Island to raise a cross under live oaks on the bank of Factory Creek, the visual center point of upcoming construction.

An underlying theme of the book of Esther is being in the right place "for such a time as this," and this was THE time, although this project had its beginning some 23 years ago. The late Preston Hipp, a founder and leader of this Bible study, felt that mariners in Charleston needed a cross overlooking the harbor after seeing similar Mariner's Crosses in the

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Baptism at the Charleston County Juvenile Detention Center

By Timothy Griggs, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island

Walt, Heath, Chrissy, Libby, Claudia, and Meemee, please stand." Fr. Jeremy Shelton began his sermon on Sunday, May 12, by asking the six who regularly visit the Charleston County Juvenile Detention Center to stand. Reluctantly, they stood. Then he asked who in the congregation had ever written cards to the youth in the detention center or donated supplies. A majority of the congregation stood. Then he invited anyone who had prayed for the detention center to stand. At this point, almost every soul in the room was standing.

What an amazing visual representation of the passion and love the congregation of St. John's Parish Church has for this ministry. It's hard to believe that it began only a few years ago. In 2021, Chrissy Binz felt led by the Spirit to call the Charleston County Juvenile Detention Center.

"I was slow to act," she said. "After weeks of ignoring the Holy Spirit's direction, I finally made a call with very little expectation. Well... God showed me." Despite her hesitance and unbelief, she was immediately transferred to Captain Brown. He fully supported the idea to provide bags of toiletries, snacks, and cards of love and encouragement for the youth.

A few days before Christmas, Chrissy and Libby Puckette dropped off 60 of these "Jesus Bags" from St. John's Parish Church for the detention center. On Christmas Eve, Chrissy received a call from Captain Brown. "He called to thank us and told us the bags were a hit," Chrissy said. "When they received the bags, there was a quiet over the cell blocks... all the youth were on their beds, not eating the chocolate bars, but reading the cards."

For the past five years, St. John's Parish Church has continued to provide Jesus Bags, making sure each one has an abundance

of cards, as well as treats for the staff. However, dropping off Jesus Bags throughout the year was just the beginning of the ministry the Lord wanted to establish. The six people Fr. Jeremy asked to stand have invested in visiting the youth in the detention center on a regular basis. They have given art classes, led a gardening program and an exercise program. They helped get a basketball goal donated and an awning for the recreational area, which provides much-needed shade.

Claudia Boyce offered her artistic skills to the ministry but had no idea how they could help. When Major Harris, who was over the Detention Center at the time, heard this, "she was so full of joy and anticipation, saying she had always had a dream of having art murals in the otherwise sterile hallways." And so Claudia worked with the youth, a couple at a time, to paint murals along the otherwise sterile halls.

"[This ministry] fills a void that many of these children have lived with their entire lives: the need for love." Heath Gunther says, "Some of these youth have no one to love



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them at home. Most of these children haven't had these principles, [the fruit of the Spirit], to help them navigate their lives; instead, they have been consumed by gangs, violence and drugs. Showing up and loving them as Jesus does performs wonders."

"The students who end up in the Detention Center are captive by the environment they come from and swim in," Walt Miller says. "It is difficult for any of us to pull out of what is comfortable and known to embrace a new type of life. We as Christians are faced with [the call to] repentance, and for these students, repenting is such a foreign concept. They have so few models of it that it is almost

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Building Faith Foundations

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Research consistently shows that much of a child's worldview is formed by the age of 13, making those early years especially important for shaping how children understand truth, identity, and God's design for life. In a culture filled with competing messages, parents in The Village have recognized the importance of intentionally teaching a biblical worldview while their children are young.

Robin Richardson shared how her family has been engaging in those conversations together through a worldview curriculum: "If parents are the primary disciple-makers of the family, we must take an active role in discipling our children. For the last two months, on Wednesday nights, my son and I have been working our way through *Comparative Worldview*, a curriculum produced by Foundation Worldview that's designed to show how the biblical worldview aligns with what can be witnessed in reality. As my child grows older, he will spend increasingly more time away from his father and me. He will encounter new ideas and theories about life, and we want him to be able to evaluate these ideas through the lens of Scripture. Already we have discussed that truth is what is real, not what we feel or prefer, but is based on God's standard, as He is the author of truth. We will continue to look at three more of life's big questions: How did life begin? Who am I? And how do I know what is right and wrong?"

"I can't say that every minute of doing this study is always fun. There are days where he doesn't want to get started because he'd rather be with

his friends, and there are days when I don't want to do the prep work ahead of time. However, if I really believe parents are the primary disciple-makers in the family, and if learning to distinguish biblical truth from worldly falsehood is important, then I need to insist that both of us put in the time required to learn and grow. I want my son to grow up with the critical thinking skills necessary to recognize and turn toward God's truth while simultaneously dismissing the world's lies."

We're also looking ahead with anticipation. Rob Rienow will be joining us for a special intergenerational teaching event on Sunday, September 20, followed by a family-focused weekend on January 8-10, 2027. These gatherings will give our entire church family the chance to learn together and continue building a shared vision for Christ-centered homes.

As we reflect on this season, we're reminded that strong families don't happen by accident. They are formed over time through intentional faith and shared commitment. Resources like Foundations of the Christian Family can serve as a helpful guide, but the real work happens around dinner tables, during bedtime prayers, and in everyday conversations. We encourage parents, grandparents, and ministry leaders alike to consider how this curriculum, and others like it, could strengthen discipleship within their own homes and ministries. Together, may we continue building households rooted in Christ, where faith is not only taught, but joyfully lived out from one generation to the next.

Healthcare: A Sacred Ministry

The Diocese of Egypt Requests our Help

By The Rev. Canon Bob Lawrence, ADOSC Canon for Global Missions

The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina has long enjoyed a special relationship with the Diocese of Egypt. Last year, through the actions of Diocesan Council at the recommendation of the diocesan Anglican Missional Partnership committee, we renewed a formal companion relationship with the Anglican Province of Alexandria, which includes the Diocese of Egypt. The Province also includes the Dioceses of North Africa, Horn of Africa, and Gambella.

We recently received an invitation from the Diocese of Egypt to participate in their ministry of providing medical care by assisting in the purchase of a CT Scan unit for their hospital in Sadat City. Medical mission has been part of the ministry of the Diocese of Egypt since the turn of the twentieth century, when an Irish Missionary, Dr. Frank Harpur, equipped a boat as a mobile medical clinic to serve communities up and down the Nile River. He eventually felt led to stop in the town of Menouf, and the mobile clinic was converted into a permanent hospital in 1910. It still serves and thrives today as the Harpur Memorial Hospital in Menouf. On the centennial anniversary of the Menouf hospital's founding, the Diocese opened its sister hospital in Sadat City in 2010. The Harpur Memorial Hospital in Sadat City is now in need of the CT Scan unit at a purchase price of over \$258,000.

I have had the personal opportunity to visit both of these hospitals to see the level of care and

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love extended to their patients. In 2019, I joined a group of students from Trinity Anglican Seminary, including both Will Klauber and Jeff Jacobs, in a visit to the Sadat City hospital. More recently in February 2025, the pilgrimage group from our diocese visited the hospital in Menouf. We witnessed firsthand the vision and mission of their ministry of being a distinguished place of holistic healing and a beacon of light to all for God's glory, and with God's help to offer loving healthcare and hope to all people.

As described on the Sadat City Hospital's website: "Today, the hospital sees between 150-200 patients each day. The hospital seeks the welfare of all people, serving and loving our neighbors, both Muslim and Christian. This is a powerful way of engaging with our communities, especially as over 95% of patients are Muslim. The hospital is proud to provide trustworthy medical

services at the highest quality, at prices designed to serve patients from any economic level. In order to keep the prices low, the diocese ran a fund-raising campaign for the new hospital building and makes occasional requests for equipment. However the operating costs of the hospital, including salaries, is covered by the small patient fees. The self-sustainability is a testament to the high value with which the communities receive the services."

The healthcare ministry of the Diocese of Egypt needs our help. Sadat City is a rapidly growing area strategically located near the Cairo-Alexandria highway making it a hotspot of industrial injuries, road-traffic accidents, and emergency medical cases. The present absence of an in-house CT Scan significantly delays diagnosis, referral and life-saving interventions. The holistic mission of the Diocese of Egypt allows their hospitals to integrate professional medical excellence with Christian compassion, viewing healthcare as a sacred ministry.

If you want to help with this critical financial need, charitable contributions are welcomed and urgently needed. If you want to know more, please visit <https://dioceseofegypt.org/ministries/medical-sector/> or contact The Rev'd Canon Bob Lawrence at blawrence@adosc.org or (843) 276-1758 for some of the detailed information that has been provided from Egypt to address this need.

From Hilton Head Island to Honduras: A Mission of Faith and Friendship

By Celia Goetowski Carroll, St. Luke's Anglican Church, Hilton Head

In February 2026, a small group of seven parishioners from St. Luke's Anglican Church of Hilton Head Island, traveled to Jericho Ministries in Honduras for a week of service, fellowship, and renewal, continuing a relationship that has flourished for more than two decades. These short-term mission participants included the Rev. Greg Kronz (Rector Emeritus at St. Luke's), Meredith Kronz, Bill Phillips, Barbara Wolf, Celia Carroll, Tyler Reese, and Emily Reese.

Jericho Ministries, led by Elizabeth "Betsy" Hake, is a non-profit Christian organization consisting of three ministry sites, two in the city of Tegucigalpa, and another in the mountainous region, where the St. Luke's parishioners spent their trip. This site is a sprawling property with a main "villa" for school and gatherings, in addition to several home sites where the children live in family-style units each with a house mother.

The group immersed themselves in the daily life of Jericho, spending meaningful time with the children, mostly composed of young women and girls. Laughter and joy filled the days as the team joined in games of soccer at the ministry's beautiful new covered facility, hosted gatherings for children and staff, and celebrated birthdays for several of the young women. These simple yet thoughtful moments reflected the heart of the mission: to build relationships rooted in love, dignity, and shared faith.



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A highlight of the week was the contribution of the Rev. Greg Kronz, who served as rector of St. Luke's for 30 years. During his time at Jericho, Greg led two days of workshops for teachers and staff, offering opportunities to deepen their faith, reflect on their shared calling, and strengthen their unity as a team. His pastoral leadership and long-standing connection to the parish added a meaningful spiritual dimension to the visit.

The team also undertook a special hands-on project: painting and renovating one of Jericho's main classrooms. This space was then dedicated in honor of the Rev. Kathie Phillips, a clergy member of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and devoted missionary who supported Jericho Ministries for more than 20 years. Kathie died this past November. Her legacy of faithful service was celebrated during a touching dedication ceremony with her husband, Bill Phillips, along with their

grandchildren, Tyler and Emily Reese, present for this tribute.

For the members of St. Luke's, the week was both a continuation and a deepening of a long-standing partnership. Through shared work, worship, and fellowship, bonds were strengthened and new memories were formed. As the parish looks ahead, its commitment to Jericho Ministries remains steadfast, supporting not only the physical needs of the children but also nurturing the enduring relationships that reflect Christ's love across borders.

Holy Trinity, Grahamville

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Through several significant gifts to the Building Fund, the exterior of Holy Trinity now gleams with a fresh coat of paint. Combined with the new roof installed four years ago and the recent renovation of the Parish House, the campus has taken on a renewed beauty and vitality.

Today, the church stands not only as a historic landmark but as a vibrant spiritual home, inviting parishioners and visitors alike to worship each Sunday in a house restored to the glory of God.

Bishop's Address

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enable us to set apart a place where God can slow us down, remove the distractions to which we become so desperately addicted, to get the Egypt out of us. And to form us into his people. And all of our churches working together for the kind of ministry that's almost impossible to do in just the routines of everyday parish life.

I want you to think of this: the people who give and make sacrifices now will become the future, the spiritual ancestors of future stories. Forty years from now, you'll hear people say things like, "That week at camp changed my life." "That summer at camp clarified my calling." "That retreat restored our marriage." "That quiet morning reoriented my soul."

Now, those people will not know the names of those who gave and prayed and sacrificed and built, but God will. And that's all we want.

Christian Formation Critical

Now I've said that that kind of ministry can happen at a camp or a conference or a retreat, but I don't want you to think that that in any way diminishes the significance of everyday parish life. Don't hear me speaking negatively of routine parish ministry. That is the heartbeat of Christian life and formation, even if God sometimes has to pull us away in order to shake us up.

Today I want to call all of our parishes to the critically important ministry of Christian education. Last year I laid out three important ministry foci for the years of my episcopacy: robust Christian education, congregational support and development, and prayer book formation. That vision was summarized this way: "Rooted in Scripture and formed by the Anglican tradition, we seek to build a vital community of faith through planting and developing local churches."

So this year I want to focus on the first of those: Christian Education. In my convention address last year, I said,

"We live in an increasingly complicated world where living out the Christian faith has become a challenge... Are we preparing people to bear witness to the faith when it and its moral vision is challenged? Can we say that people in our churches are being given the tools necessary to give an answer for the hope that they have? Brothers and sisters, we must be in the business of teaching the creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, the Holy Scriptures, and the Catechism of the Church, that we might be prepared to resist the great adversary who is always on the prowl, seeking whom he may devour."

I can't honestly tell you which of our churches offer intentional, biblically, and theologically grounded Sunday school for all ages and which don't. But what I can tell you is that I believe every single one of our parishes should.

Several months ago, during one of the most difficult times of challenge that we in the diocese were facing, we were heading home from one of our parish visits. And as we set out, Beth said, "You know what I miss?" And I said, "Happiness?" She said, "No, I was just going to say Sunday school."

You see, in 2004, when I was engaged in the challenging work of church planting, it was all the rage among church planters to focus on one thing on Sunday morning. Just worship. "Don't clutter up the morning with other things." "Keep the main thing the main thing." "You can move other things like fellowship and Christian education to other days of the week. Doing that frees up space for more growth, requires fewer volunteers."

All of those are good things. But

then I met a really successful church planter who had not done that. His church ordered their Sunday mornings with plenty of space for fellowship and dedicated Christian education for everyone of all ages, from the youngest to the oldest. And I asked him, "When everyone else is going in the opposite direction in the church-planting world, why have you chosen to do this?" And he said, very simply, "It's a matter of value. If you're a church, what you do on Sunday morning is the loudest proclaimer of what you really care about. And if you move it to Wednesday or Thursday, you let people know that no matter what else you might say, it's not really your priority."

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According to the most recent Pew Research data, only about 62% of adults in the United States now identify as Christian, which is down significantly from 78% back in the mid-2000s. Yet nearly 30% of those 62% who identify as Christian call themselves "religiously unaffiliated," what has been known as "nones."

So what does that tell us? First, it tells us that spirituality and belief is still something that's widespread in these United States.

But secondly, it tells us that Christian identity and formation are sorely lacking.

When the Church Neglects her Teaching Role, Faith Becomes Shallow

Despite a continuing belief in God, Christian formation that can stand the challenges of our world just doesn't seem to be happening. All through the scriptures, the assumption is that intentional formative teaching is at the heart of what the church does. Moses in the Old Testament wrote, "These words that

I command you today shall be on your heart, and you shall diligently teach them to your children."

Diligently. That means with repetition and depth and rhythm and discipline. In the New Testament, in the book of Acts, Luke describes the habits of the earliest Christians. "They devoted themselves," we're told, "to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship and breaking of bread and prayer." That's Sunday morning activity, of course, but it's more than that as well.

And the first item listed is teaching. This was not an optional activity. It was the foundation of their community life.

The early church prioritized understanding scripture and the teaching of Christ as central to their identity before anything else. The church's vitality comes not just from ritual or fellowship, but from a shared depth of knowledge and understanding of God's word. That includes doctrine, ethics, and practical Christian living. Note, too, that this was done in community. More and more we have fallen to the idea that this work can be done on one's own time through YouTube teachers and podcasts and recorded lectures. The early church didn't gather for teaching because they lacked better technology. They gathered for teaching because they knew that learning happens best in community.

We tend to think of teaching as something that's transmitted top-down. The teacher has knowledge, he or she shares it, and the student absorbs it. What you want in that model most is the teacher's skill.



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And so one of the things that we see is even though we have good teachers in our churches, our people are chasing fancy teachers from other places.

But in reality, learning is a highly social event. A community of learners is actually more important than the teacher in shaping the understanding and retention.

Studies show that the most effective learning happens when students interact with peers, discuss, explain, debate, and teach one another in a way that strengthens understanding. The brain encodes knowledge more deeply when learners teach, argue, and explain concepts with each other. And so the believers in the early Church devoted themselves to the Apostles' teaching together. When the Church neglects her teaching role, faith becomes shallow, members are ill-equipped to disciple others, and find themselves unable to share their faith with others.

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Evening Prayer in Cambodia

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"In the beginning, it was a bit strange for us to do Evening Prayer, especially kneeling during confession because we never kneel during confession even at church. But the more we did Evening Prayer, the more we saw that we were not just doing this by ourselves but we were doing these things before God Almighty. Now, on Sundays I see several students kneeling during confession because of their experience kneeling and confessing every evening in the dorm. I think we will keep confession as a part of our worship and Bible studies even after Lent in addition to some of the Prayers (Collects) from Evening Prayer. The prayers helped teach the students how to pray in other areas of their lives and I think it is very valuable to help them grow in their faith."

"One of the things that we noticed was that many of the students made a real effort to join for Evening Prayer every evening even though they have other things to do in work and studies. While all parts of Evening Prayer were good, the most valuable part was afterwards. We saw that many of the students would not go immediately to their rooms, but they would ask each other about their lives, what was going on, what hardships they were facing, and then continue praying for one another. We were happy to see that the students were able to be more relaxed and engaging with one another through daily Evening Prayer, especially considering it was optional for them to participate."

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The Tea Room Trippers

A Spring Story About Sisterhood

By Dr. Linda Karges-Bone, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

In Spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love" wrote Alfred Lord Tennyson in 1842, but if it is springtime in the Lowcountry, the young man's mama and grandmothers are most likely plotting and planning to attend as many church tea rooms as possible. It is the way of things, and that's a good thing. Tea rooms are an iconic slice of Southern culture. According to a story in Charleston City magazine (May 2025) "The tradition commenced more than 70 years ago at Old St. Andrew's Parish Church. In 1948, the West Ashley church had been sitting idle for 57 years before a group of female congregants were tasked with cleaning the neglected sanctuary. Their packed lunches attracted the attention of passersby, and recognizing the fundraising potential, the women opened the area's first tearoom at Old St. Andrew's in 1954."

I've been to that original and most charming tea room and at least half a dozen others in the locale over the past 10 years as part of my connection with a dedicated and dynamic group of retired educators, the Tea Room Trippers. Our genesis is organic in nature. The core group of six, which expands with friends and family during tea room season, all taught together at a small college that shall remain unnamed for the sake of the innocent. We all share an affinity for British television programming, reading, children, and church.

To be perfectly honest, we also embrace a passion for old church buildings, graveyards, chicken salad, and quiche. We like nothing more than getting together dressed up in tea room finery (fascinators in our hair optional) and chatting away over a lovely lunch. From the original tea room at St. Andrew's to my home church at St. Paul's Anglican in Summerville to sites in just about every county within driving distance for lunch, the Tea Room Trippers roam from early March to late May.

Part of it is the thrill of the hunt. We employ tea room recon skills using social media, word of mouth, and church bulletins. Who is hosting the next tea room? Who can go? What date will work? The message streams can go on for days trying to coordinate a Tuesday to gather in pursuit of okra soup and Hummingbird Cake. We like to get there early. Parking



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is easier and the best desserts available. For example, if one wants to take home a hunk of coconut cake or Huguenot Torte for one's spouse, best to arrive before noon.

Gathered around the table, the excitement is palpable. Even if we just saw one another two weeks earlier (at another tea room) it is as if we have been deployed at an Arctic research station and out of the communication loop for six months. Catching up on health, husbands, hair styles, and maybe a bit of gossip, (after all we are only human) requires our full attention. There's a lot of territory to cover and the menu to consider at each spot.

The menu angst is rather de trope since tea room offerings are pretty much the same at every spot, yet we approach them with wonder

and trepidation each time. There is chicken salad on lettuce and chicken salad on assorted breads; a quiche or tomato pie; perhaps a pimento cheese option; two soups....almost always okra and she crab, and depending on the level of commitment from the hosts....a shrimp salad. That's definitely advanced tea room food, any kind of shrimp.

Then, there are the dessert options. One interesting piece of tea room trivia is the fact that in most places, the dessert trays appear for choosing before the main courses are served. Priced separately and limited in availability according to how many dedicated bakers have delivered cakes, pies, tortes, and trifles that day, the desserts are part of the reason my posse and many of the other tea room devotees show up every year. Delicious and beautiful, the desserts are a real temptation, especially when tea room season and Lent overlap. Oh, the humanity!

At St. Paul's Anglican Church in Summerville, where I worship on Sunday and balance dessert trays at our own event, the passion for certain desserts is not to be discounted. I have seen proper Southern matrons get downright sassy over the last piece of coconut pie. Some folks come to the tea room almost every day it is open and become quite agitated when a specific dessert item isn't on offer that day. "But I saw that big chocolate cake yesterday. I told myself I was coming back for that big chocolate cake and now all you have is the little one. Where is it?" One of the most fierce competitions for the dessert prize concerns a certain tiramisu that one of our members donates daily. This Italian treat just might be attached to a favorite local restaurant and is highly coveted.

Securing the right piece of cake or pie isn't the only treasure on offer at a church tea room in the south. The attached gift shop draws the faithful with items ranging from beautiful serving pieces and jewelry to handmade wreaths and baby blankets. A well-run gift shop brings in an impressive amount of additional income and, as with all the local tea room projects, proceeds inevitably go to the most worthy missions, local and global.

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Claudia Boyce (left), a member of St. John's, offered to work with the youth, a couple at a time, to paint murals along the otherwise sterile halls.

an impossible task. The idea that they can actually change the trajectory of their lives is mind-boggling to them."

Last year, Walt gained approval to start weekly church services. The youth can choose to participate in Holy Communion and share prayer requests.

"God is leading St. John's Parish Church to show these kids that they aren't forgotten," Libby Puckette says. "They are seen. Our desire is to point them to God, the one who

loves them and knows them perfectly. God was already there, and we joined Him. Youth ask for Bibles and use them. They ask for prayer. One youth even asked to be baptized."

This brings us back to Fr. Jeremy's sermon. He recounted an amazing experience on his way to the detention center to baptize the young man. As he was driving down Main

Road, he noticed a pure-white dove flying ahead of him.

"In all my life, I have never seen an all-white dove in the wild," he said. Immediately, his mind went to scripture. The dove ahead of him evoked the imagery of the Holy Spirit descending like a dove at Christ's baptism. "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:11 ESV) For a significant length of his drive, this dove flew ahead of Fr.

Jeremy, leading the way. It was a perfect illustration of the Spirit preparing the way. Then later, during the baptism, while Fr. Jeremy asked the youth to recite his baptismal vows and profession of faith, the youth's eyes were locked with his, an intense focus. He was not just going through the motions. The Lord had transformed his heart.

When Fr. Jeremy asked the six to stand at the beginning of his sermon, he made a valuable point. These six, following where the Holy Spirit led, laid the groundwork. They invested in relationships with this youth and all the others in the detention center. Filling a void that needs to be filled. Showing the love of Christ, not just once, but consistently, multiple times a week. This ministry flourishes because the Holy Spirit leads the way.

Because Chrissy, even when dragging her feet at first, obeyed His leading.

Because the six who go into the detention center every week show the love of Christ.

Because St. John's Parish Church continues to support them by providing Jesus Bags and praying for them.

When asked what the greatest need is for this ministry, all six of these individuals responded with the same two answers. The youth need the love of Christ and prayer.

Please pray for the ministry to the Charleston County Juvenile Detention Center. Pray for the youth, especially the young man who was recently baptized.

This is just the beginning of what the Lord is doing there.

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12. Remember, non-Christian seekers as well as unchurched Christians often check out churches and their clergy online before attending to see if they would be welcome.

As my years have passed, I have grown to see social media in an increasingly negative light, but I know that it can be and often is used positively and I don't intend to discourage that. There are Christians and Christian ministries that have developed strategies for effective social media engagement, but if you look carefully, you'll see that they follow St Paul's teaching to "encourage one another and build each other up." (1 Thess 5.11) They avoid engaging with online arguments and debate because they understand that there is little evidence to support the idea that people change their opinions on political or social issues by reading someone's post. Their purpose online is to offer a winsome and engaging depiction of Jesus, his Church, and the life of the disciple. They know, too, that the doors to the church can effectively be closed to seekers by negative online posting by clergy in particular, but by church staff members as well. Their purpose is to build up the whole Body, not to divide it.

While online disagreements can be acceptable, they should be handled carefully and lovingly, always seeking to understand others before engaging with critique. This is what I long for in our diocese, and I offer this Directive to that end. If you have any questions about your engagement with social media, please ask.

Fitzgerald to Lead Church of the Cross, Bluffton



The Rev. Joey and Brandie Fitzgerald are very excited about being in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and are looking forward to this new season with the Church of the Cross.

The Rev. Dr. Joey Fitzgerald, an Anglican priest from the Diocese of the South, has accepted a call to be the next rector of the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, beginning in August. The Rev. Chuck Owens will, at that time, step into the role of Rector Emeritus.

Fr. Joey grew up in Marietta, GA and graduated from the University of Georgia.

After a brief stint on staff with Young Life and eight years of teaching art in public schools and coaching swimming and cross country, he and his wife Brandie felt God was calling him to seminary. In 2008, they moved their family to Wilmore, KY, so Joey could work on his Master of Divinity from Asbury Theological Seminary. He graduated in 2011 and served for four years at Truro Anglican Church in Fairfax, VA as the Associate Pastor for Family Ministries. In 2015, he became the rector of Church of the Outer Banks in Nags Head, NC. In January 2021, he and his family moved to Newnan, GA and planted St. Barnabas Anglican Church. He received his Doctorate of Ministry from Asbury Seminary last year and is also the author and illustrator of two books for children and families: *The Nicene Creed Illustrated* and *Instructed for Kids and The Way of the Cross: A Family Devotion*.

Joey met his wife Brandie in the 8th grade, and after a failed middle school romance, they finally started dating again after college and were married in 1999. They have three sons, Sam (25), Jack (22), and Luke (19) who live

on Long Island and work and study in the Golf Course and Turf Grass Management industry. Last August their beautiful daughter Lila joined the saints in heaven, where she is now wrapped in the loving embrace of Jesus.

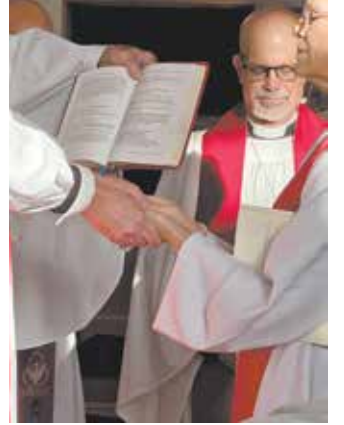
Fr. Joey, Brandie, and their sons miss Lila every day. But the promise of the resurrection, the comfort of the Holy Spirit, and the prayers of the saints have been the sustenance and hope their family has needed.

They are so excited about joining the Church of the Cross family and to continue to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Lowcountry. While Fr. Joey will serve as the rector, Brandie has accepted a position to teach at The Cross Schools where she will bring her gifts and passions as she ministers to the students there. They are also very excited about being in the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina with Bishop Edgar, getting to know the clergy and people here, and joining with all the other churches in our shared mission.

Eident Ordained to the Priesthood

Bishop Chip Edgar ordained Debra Eident to the Sacred Order of Priests on Thursday May 21 at 6 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection in Surfside Beach.

Debra has been a member of Church of the Resurrection for the past six years, where she currently teaches women's Bible study and preaches the Word on occasional Sundays. She is a native of Charlotte, NC, and previously served as an associate Lutheran minister at Christ the King Church in south Charlotte. In that capacity,



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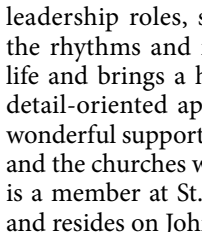
People News

Mikhael Al-Chacar has accepted a call to serve as the new Youth Minister at St. Michael's Church in Charleston.



Originally from North Carolina, Mikhael first stepped into ministry in high school as a youth intern and continued through college, serving as a youth leader and minister. After college, he spent several years in the Middle East as a missionary, doing relief work and preaching the gospel. "It was during that season that I met my lovely wife Bruna—now my wife of almost five years—who has been the greatest supporter and helpmate I could have ever hoped for," he wrote in a recent announcement to the church. "Through every step of this journey, the Lord has cultivated in me a deep love for teaching the Bible and helping people encounter God's Word with clarity, joy, and a sense of its transforming power. I am truly excited to step into this next season at St. Michael's and to invest in discipling the youth as they grow in their faith and learn to follow Jesus wholeheartedly."

Jennifer Baskin recently joined the ADOSC Staff as Accounting Assistant/Receptionist. Jennifer brings a wealth of experience supporting both church and corporate teams in administrative, payroll-adjacent, and financial processes. Having served in multiple parishes and lay leadership roles, she understands the rhythms and needs of church life and brings a highly relational, detail-oriented approach that is a wonderful support to both our staff and the churches we serve. Jennifer is a member at St. James Anglican and resides on Johns Island.

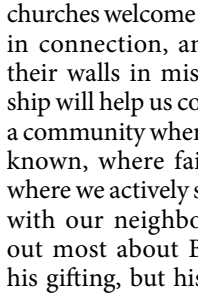


Saint James Anglican Church on James Island recently welcomed Claire Buxton to its staff as a part-time Parish Administrator. In a note to the congregation they shared,



"Claire Buxton comes to us with a wealth of ministry leadership and administration experience and is eager to share in the work that Christ is doing here at Saint James. Drew (The Rev. Drew Miller, Rector) and Claire have known each other for several years. As often happens, it seems that the Lord brought just the right person at just the right time." Claire is a native of Mt. Pleasant and has three sons, one of whom is a freshman at the Citadel and two who are in middle school.

Brent Cooley has accepted a call to serve as the Pastor for Mission and Music at the Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island. In a letter to the congregation the rector, the Very Rev. Karl Burns, wrote, "Brent brings a deep love for Christ-centered worship and a passion for helping churches welcome new people, grow in connection, and reach beyond their walls in mission. His leadership will help us continue becoming a community where people are truly known, where faith deepens, and where we actively share Christ's love with our neighbors. What stands out most about Brent is not only his gifting, but his spirit—humble, relational, and grounded in prayer. I am excited for how he will walk alongside us and help cultivate new energy for engagement, outreach, and belonging. Brent has hit the ground running this week and has already been such a blessing to our church family." Brent, who grew up in the Lowcountry, received a BS in Business from the College of Charleston. He and his wife, Erin, have two children, Corbin (12) and Violet (9).



Congratulations to Bishop Chip and Beth Edgar on the birth of their seventh grandchild, Ruby Virginia Edgar. Ruby was born to son John and daughter-in-law Amanda, at

4:04 a.m. on May 8, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz and was 19 inches long. Ruby joins siblings Jack (almost 3) and Millie Beth (16 months).

Beginning this August, the Rev. Jonathan Furst will join Holy Trinity Classical Christian School to serve as Chaplain and Dept. Chair of Humanities. He is joined by his wife, Bethany, son Shepherd (11) and daughter Ada (14). He hails from many places, including San Diego,



Philadelphia, Columbia, SC, Ithaca, NY, and most recently, the United Kingdom. Currently, he is wrapping up five years at Kingham Hill School, where he directs a program for American students, serves as one of the chaplains, leads weekly Christian Union Bible studies, and teaches classes. Prior to his current appointment, he was an assistant priest and college minister at Church of the Apostles in Columbia, and taught social studies at Ben Lippen School. Over his career, he's taught a variety of subjects and is looking forward to teaching at Holy Trinity. He holds an MA (Theological Studies) in church history from Regent College and a BA in humanities and biblical studies from Columbia International University.

Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island has welcomed Zenas Gawai as their new Worship Director. Originally from Lexington, South Carolina, Zenas is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, where he earned a BS in Business Administration (double major in Marketing and Management, with a minor in Jazz Studies) and a Master of International Business. He and his wife, Meredith, are delighted to begin this new season at Church of the Holy Cross. In a letter to the congregation, their rector, the Rev. David Cumbie shared, "Zenas



brings several years of worship ministry experience, having served in churches across Columbia and North Charleston. More importantly, he brings a deep love for Jesus, a genuine humility and gratitude, and a clear sense of calling to lead God's people in worship. He is a gifted leader with a real passion for helping the church not simply sing songs, but become a people of worship—formed by God's truth and alive to the work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. Zenas also has a sincere love for people and is eager to invest relationally in our congregation as we continue to grow."

The Rev. Richard Grimball, who, in addition to running a counseling practice, Camino Counseling, had been serving as a Pastoral Associate at Saint James Anglican, will end his season with Saint James this June. In a note to the parish he wrote, "Many of you know I have wanted to focus on my work as a counselor, and hoped someday to move my practice closer to our home in Mount Pleasant. In the past month, the opportunity to do both has arisen. Life Resources, an established Christian Counseling Center (where I served before coming to Saint James), has offered me local office space and a new client pipeline. Over the next few months, I will be relocating Camino Counseling Center." The Rev. Drew Miller, Rector of Saint James Anglican Church wrote, "Richard has been given an amazing opportunity for a local, expanded counseling ministry in Mount Pleasant. And as sad as I am to see him go, I am delighted to see him finally step into the ministry that the Lord has so clearly put on his heart."

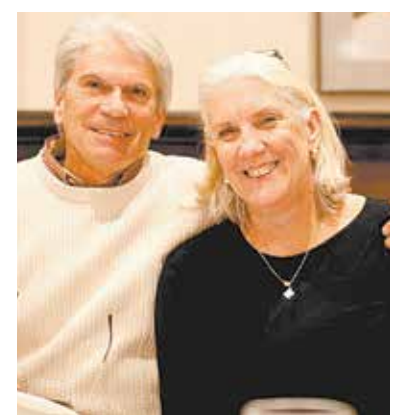


The Rev. Dr. JT Hewitt has accepted a call to serve as the Assistant Rector & Scholar in Residence at St. John's Church in Florence. JT is a Florence



native and Furman graduate who holds multiple postgraduate degrees, including a PhD in New Testament Language, Literature, and Theology from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Since receiving his doctorate in 2018, he has served in higher education—first at the University of Aberdeen and most recently as Lecturer in New Testament and Christian Origins at the University of Edinburgh. Before moving to Scotland, JT was ordained in the Presbyterian Church and served as Assistant Pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to that, he served at Grace Church Anglican in Seattle, Washington. He is married to Andrea, and together they have four children: Henrik, Avonlea, Madeleine, and Nikolai.

Please hold Michelle Isgett, wife of the Very Rev. Denman Isgett, Rector of St. Matthias, Summerton, in your prayers. Michelle was diagnosed with a brain tumor in April. In a note to the congregation, Denman wrote, "Michelle continues to be on the mend. We have been told her tumor was a grade 2 astrocytoma, and her prognosis is very good. We have more appointments yet to come concerning the details of treatment options and the like, but we are extremely grateful for this 'best-case' diagnosis. We are so thankful for all the prayers, love, and support."



Please keep Allison Lawrence, wife of Bishop Emeritus Mark Lawrence in your prayers. Allison suffered a heart attack over the Easter week-

Sargent Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate

Bishop Chip Edgar ordained Twig Sargent to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday May 2 at 2 p.m. at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort.

A native of Lake Jackson, Texas, the Rev. Twig Sargent earned a Bachelor of Music from Texas Tech University, a Master of Music from the University of Minnesota, and an M.Div. from Covenant Theological Seminary. He came to our Diocese from the Presbyterian Church in America, where he served for 13 years as a Navy Chaplain. Twig and his wife Joanna are members of St. Helena's in Beaufort. He serves on staff as Pastoral Associate for Men's Ministry, Pastoral Care, and Global and Local Missions. Married for 26 years, Twig and Joanna have four children and a daughter-in-law.



Crawford and Walters Ordained to the Transitional Diaconate

Bishop Chip Edgar ordained Alonzo Crawford and Kurt Walters to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Thursday May 7 at 6 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Delafield, Wisconsin.

The Rev. Alonzo Crawford

Alonzo Crawford earned a B.A. degree from Murray State University and a Master's of Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky. In May he received his Master of Divinity from Nashotah House Theological Seminary.



Kurt, (left) and Alonzo (right) pose with Bishop Edgar immediately following their ordination.

Alonzo and his wife, Lauren, have been married for 12 years and are blessed with two daughters, Cora (8) and Maeve (3). Natives of Kentucky, they have lived all over, including South Carolina, where Alonzo served three years as the Youth Minister at Christ Church Anglican, Mount Pleasant before moving to Wisconsin to study at Nashotah House. Alonzo recently accepted a call to serve as the Assistant for Young Adult and Family Ministries at St. Philip's Church, Charleston.

The Rev. Kurt Walters

Kurt Walters was raised in an Air Force family and grew up living in various parts of the United States. Before entering seminary, he spent over 15 years in sales management. He is married to Danielle, a professor of English at Charleston Southern University, and together they have two children, Adele and Conrad.

Kurt received his Master of Divinity from Nashotah House Theological Seminary. He has completed internships at St. James



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Anglican Church, Newport Beach and St. Michael's Anglican Church, Delafield, as well as chaplaincy training at St. Camillus Campus, where he focused on memory care and assisted living settings.

Kurt has accepted a call to serve as the curate at Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island. A curate is an ordained minister who serves under the supervision of a rector in training or early stage of ministry, assisting with duties like pastoral care, worship, and parish leadership.

end. In a recent update the Bishop shared, "Allison continues to make a slow yet steady progress in her recovery from a heart attack, blood clot, and the lifesaving vascular stent procedure. We are profoundly grateful for the prayers, texts, and cards of so many from around the diocese, the country, and (because of many relationships through the Anglican Leadership Institute and elsewhere) from those around the world who have held her in prayer. We are also enormously thankful for the ministry of the doctors, nurses and health care professionals who have assisted in her recovery. Finally, to our Lord and Healer, Jesus Christ, be glory and praise!" The diocesan office has received several requests for the Lawrence's address which is: 1465 Wisteria Drive, Florence, SC 29501.

Brandon Lukacsko has joined the staff of St. Philip's Church as their Director of Finance and Facilities.



Brandon grew up in Kentucky and brings a strong sense of service, leadership, and community to his role at St. Philip's. Brandon is passionate about supporting

meaningful, mission-driven work and the people who make it possible. He served four years in the United States Air Force, an experience that shaped his discipline, work ethic, and commitment to helping others. He enjoys travel and exploring new places, an interest that ultimately brought him and his family to Mount Pleasant in 2017. Outside of work, Brandon loves spending time with his wife, Katie, and their three children—Djuna, Jane, and Myles—who keep life full, active, and grounded. He values faith, family, and building genuine relationships within the community he serves.



Toby Matson has accepted a call to serve as the Youth Minister at All Saints, Florence. In the church's newsletter they shared, "Toby

graduated from Covenant College with a degree in Biblical and Theological Studies, and brings with him both theological formation and a clear desire to serve Christ and His Church. We are grateful for the Lord's provision in this season and for the way He continues to build up the life of our parish. As Youth Minister, Toby will help lead and disciple our young people, encouraging them to grow in the knowledge and love of God, and to be rooted deeply in the life of the Church...Please join us in praying for Toby as he prepares to transition here, and in asking the Lord to bless his ministry among us for the strengthening of our youth and the glory of Christ."

The Rev. Zachary Nash has accepted a call to serve as a Senior Associate Rector at the Church of the Cross, Bluffton. In this position, Zac will serve as the parish's executive priest, providing leadership to the staff, overseeing the church's operations, and helping to



steward the parish's resources with faithfulness and clarity of purpose. A native of Milan, Tennessee, Zac graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1997 with a BS in Communications and earned his Mdiv. from Sewanee, The University of the South, in 2001. In 2011, he completed the Air Force's Clinical Pastoral Education Residency along with multiple levels of professional military education in leadership. Zac began ministry in 1996 as a youth director and went on to lead congregations in Tennessee and Alabama, discovering early a deep love for helping people grow in their understanding of Jesus through the Scriptures. In 2006, he entered the United States Air Force as a chaplain, serving for 20 years, including as Senior Chaplain at Joint Base Charleston in South Carolina. Zac and his wife, Lara have two adult daughters. A lifelong Christian, Fr. Zac delights in guiding others into the ancient rhythms of the sacramental life and helping them encounter Christ through the Scriptures, the Sacraments, and the rich heritage of the Anglican tradition.

The Rev. Dr. Zee Okeke (pronounced Oh-kay-kay) has accepted a call to serve as an Associate Rector at St. Thomas Anglican Church in Mt. Pleasant. Dr. Okeke, his wife Chyzee and their four children moved to this country in 2025 when Chyzee was offered a position



as a nurse at MUSC. Dr. Okeke is an orthodontic surgeon by training and has consulted as an orthodontist at the University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital in Enugu, Nigeria. In 2016 he was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Samuel Ike of the Anglican Diocese of Enugu. The Okekes found St. Thomas through a Google search. They wanted a church close to their new home. Their other qualifier: send us to a church where we can serve and be needed.

Congratulations to Saralyn Ortiz who served as the diocesan receptionist and finance assistant from February 2014 until March 2026. Saralyn recently accepted a position as Office Manager for Satchel Construction. In addition to all Saralyn brought to the



office – through her cheerful disposition and assistance, she concurrently pursued another career – that of actress with the Black Fedora interactive comedy mystery theatre. "We really miss having her on our staff," said Karen Rothenberger, Diocesan Assistant Treasurer/CFO and Staff Administrator, "she was such an asset. But we are excited for her and rejoice with her in this new opportunity."

Congratulations to the Rev. Roger Revell, Rector of Christ the King, Pawleys Island, and his wife, Cindy on the birth of their third child, Eloise Jean Revell. Eloise was born on Holy Saturday, April 4, at 10:30 a.m. weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. In a note to the congregation, we read, "Both mother and baby are doing well, and

we rejoice in the gift of this precious new life. Please join us in congratulating the Revell family and praying for this sweet season of rest, joy, and blessing in their home."

Please keep the family and loved ones of Susan Sanders, wife of Deacon Frank Sanders in your prayers.



Susan died on May 14, 2026, of a stroke. Susan dedicated her professional career to public service. She began as a case manager for the South Carolina circuit courts and rose to become the Director of the Forensic Unit at the South Carolina Department of Mental Health. Following her retirement, Susan transitioned her energy into supporting Frank's ministry as a deacon at the Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island. She assisted in pastoral care, co-led small groups for aging parishioners, served as a devoted member of the Daughters of the King, and led the altar guild. Five years ago, shortly after moving to Arkansas, Susan was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. She faced her health challenges with the same grace and faith that defined her entire life. Services were held on May 31 in Springdale, Arkansas.

Eric Smith has joined the ADOSC staff as the Human Resources & Payroll Manager and Finance Assistant.



Eric brings more than 20 years of experience in IT leadership, enterprise applications, and customer-focused support, where he specialized in improving systems, documenting processes, and helping people navigate technology with confidence. His combination of technical expertise, strong relational skills, and deep involvement in his parish community uniquely equips him to provide thoughtful, pastoral support to our churches as they navigate payroll, benefits, and the platforms that support them. Eric is a member of Old St. Andrew's Parish

and resides in West Ashley. *Read an article about the award Eric received on pg 14.*

On April 10, the Rev. Charlie Walton celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood. On April 10, 1976 Bishop Gray Temple



ordained him at St. John's Church in Florence. He served as the Assistant Rector under the Rev. Steve Skardon for one year and then was called to be the Rector of Grace Church, Whiteville, NC. In addition to serving as the Rector of Grace he also served as the Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City in NC; The Church of The Holy Comforter in Sumter, SC; St. Luke's in Scottsboro, AL; and St. John's, Johns Island. He served at St. John's from 1997 until his retirement in 2005. He and his wife, Anne, have been married for 58 years and have four children and seven grandchildren. Well done, good and faithful servant!

Thrive Together

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Though Brad won't be working full-time at the bakery any longer he will take the lessons learned there into his ministry.

"Building good relationships has really been important to both Kim and I as we've run the bakery," he said. "Prioritizing relationships and people matters. It's served me well running my business, and I plan to keep doing that as a pastor."

Please keep Brad and his family as well as the parishioners of St. Paul's in your prayers during this time of transition. "St. Paul's is small," says Brad, "But they're really faithful and committed to the church. They've faithfully kept the church going, and I really admire them."

If you've not yet contributed to the Thrive Together Fund and would like to do so now, visit <https://adosc.org/thrive-together/>.

The St. George Cross Awarded to Members of Old St. Andrew's

ACNA Honors Faithful Service to Youth

Within the Anglican Church in North America, there are many who quietly give years—often decades—of faithful service to young people, much of which occurs behind the scenes, and receives little recognition. The St. George Cross Award seeks to change that.

This national award, given by the ACNA, recognizes distinguished volunteer service by adults who minister to young people through both the church and youth organizations such as Scouting America (formerly Boy Scouts of America). It is not simply a reflection of time served, but of faithful Christian example, mentorship, and a life that points young people toward Christ.

The nomination process requires affirmation from both the nominee's Scouting community and their church, including formal approval by the parish priest and senior warden.

Many adult leaders across the diocese are unaware of the award. That changed recently—at least for one parish.

Local Recognition at Old St. Andrew's

In February, during Scout Sunday services at Old St. Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston, the St. George Cross Award was presented to Eric and Romaine Smith by the Rev. Marshall Huey (Rector), along with Troop 63 Committee Chair Andrew Platte, and Advancement Chair, Ginny McGraw.



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"Young people don't have enough youth or adults in their lives that truly see them through the eyes of Christ and love them as Christ loved us," Eric shared. Eric and Romaine received the St. George Cross Award on Scout Sunday at Old St. Andrew's Parish Church.

For both of them, the moment came as a complete surprise. "I didn't even know I was nominated," said Eric.

A Life That Reflects the Award

The St. George Cross Award is not given for a single act, but for a pattern of life. In Eric and Romaine's case, that pattern began in a simple and familiar way.

"My wife and I have always believed that if you want your kids to be involved in some-

thing, then the parents need to be involved as well," said Eric.

That belief led them to step into leadership roles when their children joined Scouting. When their daughter could not find a Girl Scout troop with space to enroll her, Romaine started one. What began as parental involvement grew into a long-term commitment to serving not only their own children, but countless others.

Although Scouting America has included female participants in various programs since 1971, it was not until 2019 that girls were welcomed into its flagship Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scout) program. When that transition took place, Romaine was among the first leaders of the girls' troop, and their daughter was among its first Scouts.

Over time, their ministry expanded across both church and Scouting life—Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, leadership roles, and years of mentoring youth.

Faith at the Center

At the heart of their service is a clear, spiritual conviction.

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Tea Room Trippers

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At St. Paul's, our plant shop is a big draw. It is not uncommon to see a tiny older lady staggering out with a stack of Styrofoam dessert boxes and a giant fern. Only at the Tea Room.

Forgive me if I've focused too much on ladies at the Tea Room. Though the events are largely attended by women, there are certainly gentlemen. They fall into two groups. First, the guys who serve. Cooking, bussing tables, baking pies... the church dudes are making it happen. Next, the tea room as a lunch date. I love to see couples old and young holding hands and having a lunch out together. One couple I met celebrates their anniversary at a local tea room. Charming. There is so much love at every tea room.

And that brings me to the preeminent reason for our Tea Room Trippers group. It is the company, the sorority, the support. Tea Room time is therapy, prayer meeting, and homecoming all at once. There have been afternoons when we laughed so loud and long I thought we'd be asked to leave. At other times, our blessing lasted so long and was so arduous I wondered if the whole room might echo an "Amen." We have solved all the problems of the world in some intense discussions or simply traded book recommendations and recipes at another. Someone might shed a tear thinking of one of our tea room sisters who has gone over to glory and there are actually a few. In the serenity and sanctuary of the Tea Room, fueled by chicken salad and sweet tea, one never feels alone nor afraid. There is too much sugar, caffeine, and pure love surrounding us.

Bishop's Address

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MADISON KUZIA

"May God give us wisdom and courage to teach faithfully, to build institutions that proclaim Christ not only in word, but in mind and in life..." said Bishop Edgar.

So, this morning I am urging us all to begin with your own parish's life forming and educating more rigorously.

Again, as I mentioned last week, every single Sunday when I'm confirming Christians, I ask, "Have they been adequately prepared?" And then, according to the prayer book, I add a definition of what that would look like. I say,

"It is essential that those who wish to be confirmed or received in this church publicly confess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, have become his disciples, know and affirm the Nicene Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Ten Commandments, and have received instruction in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments and the Catechism of the Church."

Studying Scripture and catechism have always been at the heart of Christian discipleship. Again, I don't want you to hear me saying that knowledge equals formation, but I do want you to hear me say that formation that is not grounded in knowledge is weak and ultimately ineffective.

You might know that J.I. Packer spent his final decades devoted to what he called his last crusade, encouraging the church to renew the practice of the intentional formation of believers in Christian doctrine and discipleship. He believed that the church's neglect of systematic Christian education, especially with adults, was a serious deficit.

He described catechesis, that is, the process of catechizing, as "the necessary process that unites core Christian doctrine with everyday life, helping Christians to know what they believe and to live what they know." He had a favorite metaphor for the business of catechism. He said, "The faith has a basic grammar. To get the believing part straight in your mind, you must have a basic grammar of what you believe," and the catechism serves that purpose. Happily for us, he served as the theological editor for our own ACNA's catechism, *To Be a Christian: An Anglican Catechism*.

And throughout that, he argued that catechism must be recovered and embedded into the life of the church as a discipleship tool that

teaches doctrine richly grounded in Scripture and lived out in daily Christian practice.

I'll add briefly here that all across the ACNA, a kind of cottage industry is growing up around our catechism with great ideas on how to use it for instruction for all ages. I encourage you to pursue that. Think of it this way: catechizing builds a kind of theological scaffolding that allows our lives as disciples to be erected carefully.

One final Packer quote on the catechism, and it's sort of dire in nature. Packer wrote not long before he died, "The church of the future will be a well-catechized church, or it will not be a church at all." If the church is to survive and thrive in a secular world, it must recover the basic practice of systematic catechism.

Now you and I know that the church will survive. We have that on the good strong promise of Jesus. So, Packer is overstating for the purpose of making the case. But do note that Packer was not a man given to extremes. And we would do well to heed his conviction.

Like I said earlier, camp can't do it all. We need parish ministry. For camp to succeed in its role as a place apart, the local church must be doing its job in effective education and formation.

But in just that same way, and as critical as it is, and I hope that if I haven't convinced you, at least I have given you something serious to think about in terms of catechesis. The local church can't do everything either.

The Case for Anglican K-12 Schools

I've been focusing on the church's Sunday morning Christian education, but Christian education has to extend far beyond the parish classroom.

Too often we find ourselves

more effectively disciplined by voices other than the church's. Things like social media, and by the way, I have written a bishop's directive for social media engagement that will be provided to you today, offering some guidelines, especially for the clergy, on how we engage in that arena. (See pg. 8)

But we've been effectively disciplined by other voices, things like social media and news channels. They claim vastly more of our time and attention than the church is able to.

And so, if the church is going to compete, the church must be in the business of educating, of providing schools at every level. Now, not all of us are in a position to build schools, though I hope some of that will keep happening. We've seen amazing success in our diocese in forming disciples at places like Holy Trinity Classical Christian School in Beaufort, the Cross School in Bluffton, Hope Scholars Academy in Charleston, and there are many more.

But I want you to imagine our diocese, say, 20 years from now, where in every deanery there were options for Christian primary education. We could build schools, of course, but we can also easily get involved in things like homeschool co-ops and support groups. Imagine if each deanery had a few Christian middle schools and/or was involved in the area of Christian schools. Imagine if there was an Anglican Christian high school in each deanery.

And while we aren't likely to build a college or a university, our churches should be involved in helping students discern about their higher education as well, showcasing and guiding students toward Christian colleges and highlighting places at public universities where faith is nurtured and supported. Places like St. Alban's Chapel at the Citadel, Campus Communion at the College of Charleston, or places like the Christian Study Center at the University of South Carolina

and many universities. A phenomenon I have witnessed at several institutions is that honors colleges often offer uniquely friendly environments, encouraging to the faith because of their focus on the Great Books tradition.

Now what I'm advocating here is not a withdrawal from society. It's a deep formation for faithful engagement in all of society. Whatever the church does in this area, it must be available for people at all income levels. This is a kind of crucial, in-depth, all-aspects-of-life education, touching science and technology, arts, history, all of that. For as the Dutch theologian Abraham Kuyper once put it, there is not one square inch in the whole domain of human existence over which Christ, who is sovereign of all, does not cry, "Mine."

That kind of education cannot be reserved for some sort of elite group in the Church. Earlier this year, Fr. Ted Duvall shared a story with me: a mom reporting on an assignment that her daughter had encountered in their homeschooling curriculum. One of the homework questions, she wrote, was, "How do you respond to the idea that 'The heart is what's used for religion, and the brain is what's used for science.'" A few days later, her young daughter came back to her with that question and said, "I thought a lot about what you said, but I went in a different direction. Every week we hear in church that we're supposed to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, with all of our soul, with all of our mind." This little girl said, "Christianity is meant to be integrated." Bingo.

Christian Education for Trades

And while we're at it, we can't think just of the education cur-

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Church of the Holy Spirit Worship Leader Jake Willis Releases “Made Man” Album

St. Augustine once wrote the following poem for a Christmas sermon: “Man’s maker was made man... that the Bread might hunger, the Fountain thirst, the Light sleep... that the Healer might be wounded; that Life might die.” This grand poem became the central theme of a six-song concept album entitled “Made Man”, released on February 27 by Jake Willis, Music Ministries Director at Church of the Holy Spirit.

“Made Man” explores the themes of Jesus’ incarnation, life, death, and resurrection in chronological order. It is also the culmination of a decade’s worth of wrestling with God and finding peace and strength in the articulation of a deeply rooted Christology.

The album begins with the title track, based on Augustine’s above poem, followed by a song reflecting on Jesus’ 30 years of life before public ministry. It continues with “Room Still,” a song about the call of Levi the tax collector. The final three songs explore the story of the cross and resurrection, including a new arrangement of the hymn “His Be the Victor’s Name.”

“Writing and recording this project has helped me find poetic language and musical dynamics to express the beauty of the story of

Jesus, the one who lived and died as fully God and fully man,” said Willis.

To celebrate the release of “Made Man,” Church of the Holy Spirit hosted an album release concert on Sunday, May 1. A band of Holy Spirit musicians and special guests sang through the album and finished on familiar worship songs. The congregation worshiped Jesus and took an opportunity to reflect on the whole arc of the Gospel narrative. “I was grateful for the wonderful turnout, not just from Church of the Holy Spirit, but from all around the Charleston area,” said Willis.

The recorded album features guest vocals from familiar diocesan voices such as Bethany Fotia (aka Bethany Wren on streaming services), Harper Mobley Cambron, and Eliza Dennis (aka Eliza Grace on streaming services). These special guests also participated in the album release show, which Willis called “a real treat!”

Look for “Made Man” by Jake Willis, on Spotify or any major streaming service, or email jake@holyspiritdi.org if you’d like to receive a physical copy of the CD or accompanying study guide booklet.



A Big Thank You From Benjamin Singleton to His St. Philip’s Family!

By Lea Andrews, St. Philip’s Church, Charleston

When St. Philip’s sexton Benjamin Singleton and his wife, Kesha, drove into their neighborhood and approached their house after church on February 15, they saw a silver pickup truck, its front end crumpled, on the side of the road. Although there had clearly been an accident, they looked around and couldn’t figure out what the truck had hit—until they got a little closer and were met with an unwelcome surprise. Ben’s beloved 2017 black F-150, which he’d left parked in his driveway, had been knocked clear across his yard.

A neighbor saw the Singletons arrive and shared what had happened: the man driving the silver pickup truck had lost control while dealing with his son, who has special needs, and he veered across the opposite lane and into the Singletons’ yard—he would have hit the house if Ben’s truck hadn’t been there. Unfortunately, while the man’s insurance company did pay for Ben’s truck, which had been totaled, almost all of that went to paying off the loan, leaving nowhere near enough for a down payment on a new (to him) truck.

Enter Jason Ayers and the rest of Ben’s St. Philip’s family, who swiftly gathered donations to help with the down payment and get Ben back on the road! A note from Ben:



LEA ANDREWS

Benjamin Singleton with his recently acquired 2021 Ford F-150

Psalm 136: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.”

In the name of Jesus, I would like to thank everyone for the agape love that I have received during my time of sorrow and time of need. You all stepped up when I lost my mother. I felt so much love from my St. Philip’s family. Your love helped me to get through those tough times. Recently, I lost my truck due to an accident, just parked in my driveway. And once again, you all showed up with love. I just wanted to say thank you. And with the love of God, thank you so much.

With sincere love,
Benjamin Singleton

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“Young people don’t have enough youth or adults in their lives that truly see them through the eyes of Christ and love them as Christ loved us,” Eric shared.

That belief shapes how he approaches every interaction—whether with youth who are struggling, those with special needs, or those simply trying to find their place.

“I lean into my faith and ask God what I can do—to reach them, to teach them, or just to be an example. Sometimes just being there to listen is all they need.”

The Impact of Presence

Much of the impact recognized by the award comes not from large moments, but from consistent presence.

At every Scout meeting, Eric makes a point to greet each youth personally—with a handshake, eye contact, and a simple question about their lives.

“It shows that an adult cares,” he explains. “And it helps prepare them for life—how to meet people, how to show respect, how to carry themselves.” That steady investment has not gone unnoticed.

Over the years, multiple Eagle Scouts have honored Eric with mentor pins—recognition given at their Eagle Court of Honor to those who played a meaningful role in their journey. Many of the boys have spoken about how much his handshake meant to them, reflecting the personal connection and encouragement he consistently offered.

“The first time I received a mentor pin I was completely surprised, and truly humbled,” Eric recalls. “To this day, I get emotional thinking about it.”

Moments of Growth

There have been other milestones along the way, including watching both of their children earn the rank of Eagle Scout after years of effort and perseverance. Their daughter was the first girl to earn Eagle Scout in the Charleston, SC area.

But some of the most meaningful moments happen in quieter settings.

As a Sunday School teacher and Vacation Bible School volunteer, Eric has seen reserved children begin to open up and engage more deeply with their faith.

“Even when it looks like they’re not paying attention,” he says, “they really are.”

A Ministry That Continues

One of the defining aspects of the St. George Cross Award is long-term commitment—and in this case, that commitment continued even after their own children completed their Scouting journeys.

The reason is rooted in relationships.

“There are boys I’ve known for years,” Eric says. “I’ve seen them grow, and want to help them continue that journey and reach their goals.”

Hope for the Next Generation

Despite the challenges facing young people today, there is reason for hope.

“In the midst of everything—the noise of the world, online and otherwise—when their faith is

tested, they stand strong,” Eric says. “The same with Scouting - when they are faced with difficult situations, they can draw on the lessons they’ve learned and the examples they’ve seen.”

And perhaps most importantly, they know they are not alone.

“They know they can count on each other—and on the adults around them.”

An Invitation to Recognize Others

The presentation of the St. George Cross Award at Old St. Andrew’s was more than a celebration of one couple’s service—it is a reminder to the wider church.

There are many adult leaders quietly shaping the lives of young people through faithful presence, mentorship, and Christian example. The Church now has a way to recognize that work.

It is hoped that more adult Scouters across the diocese will become aware of the St. George Cross Award and consider nominating those who embody this kind of service.

For Eric, the recognition ultimately points back to the real purpose of the work.

“I don’t do this for recognition,” he says. “I do it for the youth.”

The St. George Cross Award is offered through the P.R.A.Y. program. More information, including nomination materials, can be found at www.praypub.org/adult-nominations.

Bishop’s Address

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riculum. What about the trades? They’ve been highly neglected in our culture for a long time. And the church needs to be involved in discipling and training people going into trades, too.

Years ago, when I was the rector of Church of the Apostles in Columbia, we went to the Falls Church in Virginia to look at their fellows program, to talk about bringing a similar fellows’ program back to Columbia. And as we were flying home, I kept thinking, “Well, this is great, but once again, the church is focusing all of her attention on the highest level of education.” What if we could have a fellows’ program where we encourage students who didn’t feel called to go to college to step into the trades joining with the church for a period of learning the trade, but also learning discipleship as a Christian, where they would be trained in all sorts of things. Who knows what the possibilities are?”

I want to encourage us all to begin thinking about those kinds of things, and I want to invite those of you who are concerned, with me, about that, to join me. I’m going to try to call together a group of folks to think and talk together about what we might do all across our diocese.

Shaping Thinkers who Engage Culture with Discernment

Through all of that, our goal is simple: that as Paul writes in Philippians 3, “That I may know him.” Not simply believe about him, not simply to assent to doctrinal statements, but to know him — incarnationally, per-

sonally, practically. Our Christian education in every venue, at every level, ought to nourish worshipers who pray with depth, shape thinkers who engage culture with discernment, and nurture Christians who serve their neighbors in love.

We’re at an important place in our life together as a diocese. Our diocese is in a season of amazing building and growth and visionary planning for the future. Our commitment to Christian education needs to be at the forefront of all of that. If we hope to disciple Christians for the long haul and sustain churches for generations to come, we have to be about the business of Christian education. The church once emphasized rigorous Christian education on Sundays and built schools because we believe that truth is unified in Christ Jesus and that faith seeks understanding and that the love of God must shape all of life.

In the future, we will address more directly facets of the vision laid out last year, like congregational development and church planting, and how the prayer book’s spiritual formation gathers all these things together and offers them as a part of our worship.

Until then, may God give us wisdom and courage to teach faithfully, to build institutions that proclaim Christ not only in word, but in mind and in life, so that future generations will rise up and say, we were taught him, we knew him, we walked with him.

Amen.



JOY HUNTER

2026 Diocesan Night at the RiverDogs

Nearly 250 people from 14 churches around the Diocese joined Bishop Chip and Beth Edgar to watch the Charleston RiverDogs take on the Myrtle Beach Pelicans. It didn't look like the RiverDogs could do it, but they rallied from a three-run deficit in the ninth inning, thrilling those in the stands. Regardless of what was happening down on the field, up in the bleachers our diocesan crowd was having a fabulous time, cheering for the

players, the silly contests and the fireworks. The stadium announced over the loud speaker that St. Paul's Anglican in Summerville brought the biggest group in the Diocese - with 49 people! Go St. Paul's! But shortly afterward we learned that Old St. Andrew's, Charleston, who bought tickets separately and was seated one section over, came with 90 people! Woo hoo, OSA! Did you miss it? Join us next time. Visit www.adosc.org to see a photo album.

A Cup of Cold Water Holy Comforter, Sumter, Holds Ministry Fair

By Lisa Sipp, Missions Committee Chair, Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter

A call to celebrate ministry and service with the theme of A Cup of Cold Water turned into a celebration of discovery for the church family at Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter.

The Missions Committee invited the various ministry teams to set up creative booths to share information about their ministries and provide opportunities to get involved and pray for them.

On February 8, the parish hall was transformed into a world filled with tables and displays representing 34 ministries outlining the area and type of service. Over 125 people came to see and discover how much was being done in and through our parish life. The one common thread was joy and surprise at what God is doing and a desire to get involved. There were a remarkable number of 92 signups as participants found new opportunities for being the hands and feet of Jesus.

What we discovered most was that even a cup of cold water, when multiplied, becomes a fountain for many.

An Invitation from St. Paul's Anglican Church

ABIDING IN CHRIST. LIVING ABUNDANTLY.

Join us for a refreshing time away to draw near to the One who is our source of life. Together we will rest in His presence, deepen our connection with Christ, and be equipped to live from His fullness—so we can flourish in every season.

Abide in Him. Be renewed.
Live abundantly.

RETREAT INFORMATION		
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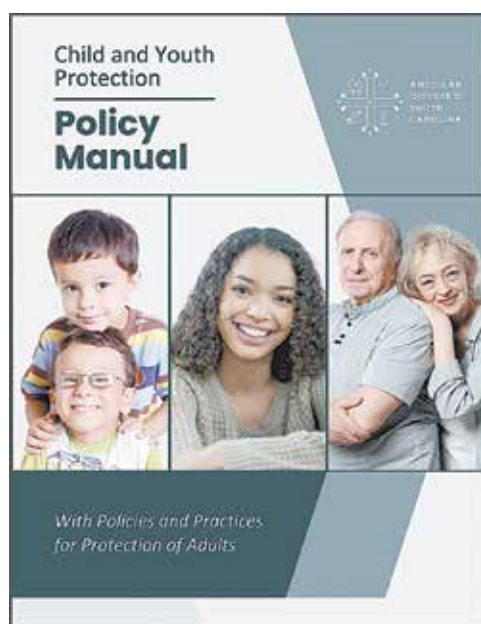
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Our Child and Youth Protection Policy Manual has been reissued in its entirety, and now includes a section of policies and practices for protection of adults. Everyone who currently has a manual should remove and discard all pages of the original manual, and then print the new manual and cover from the ADOSC web site and insert that in your binder. If there are any difficulties with printing copies of the new manual, please contact our Canon for Safe Churches, the Rev. Canon Laura Bowman for assistance at lbowman@adosc.org or (843) 241-1429.

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she served as Teaching Pastor and pastor in charge of care ministries. Debra holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing from the University of North Carolina and a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, SC.

Debra has been married to Ken for the past 33 years, and in her free time enjoys spending time with family, friends and her dog, Sadie Blue, as well as painting, crocheting and watching both college and professional sports. She especially enjoys Tarheel basketball, the Boston Red Sox and the Atlanta Braves.

Daughters of the Holy Cross Chapter Installed at St. John-Holy Trinity

It was a joyful Sunday at St. John—Holy Trinity, Charleston, on February 22, as they celebrated the installation of a chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross. This chapter, #145, will be called “Sacred Hearts United.” They look forward to supporting the church and community in prayer, study, service, and evangelism.



Ruth Chapter of DHC Installs New Members

On Sunday, April 19, 2026, Saint James Anglican Church's Ruth Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC) installed five new members: Alice Anthony, Jennifer Baskin, Rosie Colson, Sue Morrison, and Stephanie Wyatt. The Rev. Richard Grimball, chaplain for the chapter, officiated in the Installation Service, as the candidates acknowledged the Rule of Life regarding prayer, service, study, and evangelism. The Rev. Grimball blessed their crosses before chapter president Maxine Swafford presented one to each newly installed Daughter. The Rev. Drew Miller, rector and the Rev. Canon Laura Bowman, Canon for Safe Churches, and Daughter also participated. For their group project, the candidates chose to coordinate activities throughout the year to strengthen the bonds of the teachers and staff of Saint James' Day School with the parishioners of Saint James Anglican Church.

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Calendar Notes

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- Diocesan Office Closed, July 3
- ACNA Provincial Council, July 17-19
- ACNA Virtual Provincial Assembly, July 25
- Cursillo #199, August 27-30
- Diocesan Men's Hike, October 15-18
- Mondo Middle School Retreat, October 16-18
- Clergy Retreat, November 9-11
- Regenerate High School Retreat, Nov. 13-15
- 2027 Diocesan Convention, March 12-13

Cross Erected

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islands. So on Good Friday 2003, three of us raised the first cross on Shute's Folly. Several others have been placed over the decades and the Friday Men's Bible Study has maintained or replaced them through the years.

So Why Camp Jubilee? The Very Rev. Ken Weldon, executive director of Camp Jubilee, used to serve at St. Philip's and was very aware of these maritime crosses—and who was responsible for their placement. He asked our Bible study if we would make a similar, though larger, cross for this spot. His hope was that the campers, mariners, and the people of Beaufort would be able to see this cross. The Bible study embraced the task, working with a limited timeline to have it placed prior to the Day of Jubilee annual celebration on March 7.

The cross was cut, assembled, and painted at BeeHive Plantation in Parker's Ferry over several weeks, and then the group gathered to load this nearly 600-pound, 16' tall structure onto a trailer for the trip to Lady's Island. We were met on site by Ken Weldon and the Rev. Will Klauber, as well as a group of local volunteers. A pallet of concrete mix had been delivered and a 3' deep hole had been dug in this mass of oak roots prior to our arrival—thank God!

After prayer, concrete forms were laid in the hole, assignments were given, and the cross was slowly raised by hand. It was then positioned in the correct alignment as braces were placed as well as constant pressure on straps 13 feet in the air as an army of men mixed and poured over 3,000 pounds of concrete into this hole. There was a huge collective sigh of relief when the straps were loosed, the level was checked (again), and the cross was firmly in place! We celebrated with a Communion service and lunch prior to our trip back to Charleston.

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