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The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

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“What Do I Owe My Successor? ... The Diocese?”

Bishop Addresses the Convention

“But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:12-14

It is now less than a year before our next bishop is ordained and consecrated. I remember how Bishop Salmon once described his last months as bishop when asked if he was winding down. “Think NASCAR.” He said. “I feel like I am driving in a race. On February 24th I will drive into the Pit Stop. Jump out and South Carolina XIV will jump in, that’s what winding down looks like to me.” It was not only an apt description of how it felt for him, it is also an accurate description of how it felt for me jumping into the driver’s seat. The only thing Bishop Salmon got wrong was the date. It turned out to be January 26, 2008 rather than February 24, 2007. I said during my first bishop’s address in 2009 that the one thing giving me solace was a quotation from that famous racing driver, Mario Andretti—“If everything seems under control, you’re just not going fast enough.” I’ve finally quit waiting for it to get under control, for as Andretti declared, “If you wait, all that happens is that you get older.” So we might as well press on. And if you’re pressing onto something it might as well be, as St. Paul’s says, to the upward call in Christ Jesus.

I have long forgotten the source, but there is a story told of a renowned artist who was teaching some students to paint out of doors, with broad strokes, and under a fading light. They were on an overlook above a rural scene. Farmlands, an old barn, and a gloriously setting sun. As he walked along surveying the work of his understudies, he stopped behind one student who had begun with the sunset but left it almost in mid-stroke to begin painting in detail the shingles on the barn. In exasperation, the great artist exclaimed.

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Diocese Presses on Holding Second Virtual Convention in March

By Joy Hunter, Communications Director, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Pressing on” was the theme of Bishop Mark Lawrence’s address to the Convention of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, March 13, 2021. And, despite COVID-19, press on we did, with nearly 300 clergy and lay delegates participating from their own homes and churches, while the Bishop and Diocesan staff operated from the Diocesan offices in Charleston. “There is no replacement for person-to-person worship and fellowship,” said the Bishop in his address yet despite the setback, there was a sense of community with the saints gathered – not in one place – but at one time to be the church and accomplish the business of the convention.

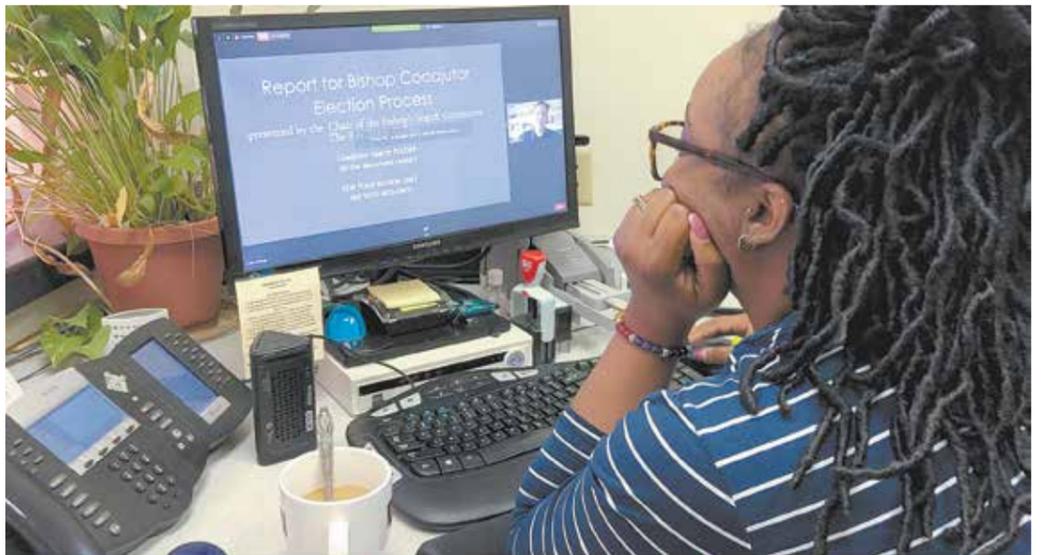
Bishop Lawrence’s Address

It was the second to the last time the Bishop would address an annual convention and he described “winding down” in the words his predecessor Bishop Ed Salmon used, “Think NASCAR,” with the current bishop driving into the pit stop and the next one jumping in.

“With just one more lap around the ecclesiastical track,” said Bishop Lawrence, “I ask myself two questions. ‘What do I owe my successor?’ And ‘What do I owe the Diocese?’ before jumping out of the driver’s seat?”

In considering what he owes his successor, the Bishop outlined his plans for meeting with, “shoring up and strengthening” the diocesan staff and leaders of Diocesan ministries; the Diocesan Council; those who oversee the discernment, call and training for ordained ministry; and the Deans and Standing Committee.

Before reflecting on what he owed the Diocese, the Bishop praised the clergy and the congregations for how they had pressed on



Nearly 300 clergy and lay delegates joined the Convention from their own homes and churches. Above: The Diocesan staff participate from the Diocesan offices in Charleston.

despite the challenges posed by COVID-19, celebrating the many ways “creativity has abounded, and the work and ministry of the churches have gone on.”

“I want to pause in this convention to celebrate our clergy – rectors, vicars, assisting priests and deacons and their lay members for your extraordinary ministry during these extraordinary times!” he said. “Not only that but for how you have helped and learned from one another building up the body of Christ. ... Well done good and faithful servants.”

He did express a word of caution noting “more of our older members have returned to in-person worship in numbers greater than the young.” “Generation Z those born after

1998 according to reliable research is the most unchurched generation in American history. These are their formative and perhaps in many ways their defining years.”

The Bishop stressed that though we need not meet in large gatherings the church “does need to be incarnational.” He will be assembling a team to consider updating guidance regarding the way forward.

The Bishop reiterated “the need for us to strengthen our practice and teaching on stewardship at every level throughout the diocese,” and his intention to adjust his schedule to spend more quality time with the clergy.

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News from The Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee

According to the protocols of the Anglican Church in North America, the first step in the selection process for a bishop begins with receiving suggestions from the laity and clergy of ACNA. Names were solicited for the Committee beginning February 1 and that process ended on April 1.

The Committee will go on retreat at St. Christopher April 18-19 where they will prayerfully consider the suggested names and determine

a smaller list of potential nominees with whom they will begin meeting.

On June 1, they will present a list to the Standing Committee and, following an eight-week allotment for background checks, as required by the ACNA, the list of nominees will then be published on August 1.

Please continue to hold the Committee and all involved in the process in your prayers. View the process timeline on page two.

Cross Schools Begins Phase VI of Campus Buildout

A prominent fixture of the educational landscape in the town of Bluffton since opening its doors to students over 20 years ago, Cross Schools is excited to announce the groundbreaking on its next building project on the 80-acre Buckwalter campus.

The three-story free-standing structure featuring over 13,500 sq. feet of finished space will help the school meet several needs made necessary by an unprecedented season of growth featuring the addition of a high school division for Cross. Head of School Pete Lau-

gen commented, “the addition of our freshman class in the 20-21 school year, and expanding to include sophomores, juniors and seniors in the next three years makes this a truly exciting time in the school’s history.”

The first floor of the building will feature a weight room and training facility, as well as expanded locker facilities for athletes. An ad-



ministrative office and a conference room are also planned for the first floor.

The Athletic Director’s office will be found on the second floor of the building along with an art studio space, two other classroom spaces,

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Elected to Serve in the Diocese

The convention elected the following individuals to serve on diocesan committees (*Note, they are pictured above from left to right starting from top row*): Standing Committee: The Rev. Tyler Prescott, The Rev. Rob Sturdy, Mr. George Greene and Mr. Bill Lyles; Diocesan Council: The Rev. Zach Miller, The Rev. Justin Hare, The Rev. Luke

Demian (Unexpired 1 year term), Mrs. Katie Clarkson and Mr. John Stalvey; Trustees: The Rev. Ted Duvall; Ecclesiastical Court: The Rev. Paul Fuener and Mr. Douglas Barker.

To read the brief bios of those elected, visit https://adosc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/21_conv_nominees_bklt.pdf

Diocese Presses On

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Near the end of his remarks, he spoke wistfully of realizing that each parish visitation would be his last. In the past two months he had made “10 visitations to preach, teach, confirm, receive and celebrate the Eucharist. At each I find myself wondering how I might come back to see them one last time,” he said. “... It reminds me how much you – clergy and laypersons – have come to mean to me over the years.”

Notable Videos

The convention was led in opening and closing worship by the choir of St. Philip’s Church, Charleston and the worship leaders of St. Thomas, Mt. Pleasant, respectively. Two high points of the convention came in the form of videos, “Pivoting in the Pandemic” which showed how despite COVID 19, churches found new ways to reach out and be the church. Another focused on the vibrant, growing ministry at the newest church plant Good Samaritan, Summerville.

Report from the Bishop’s Search Committee

The Rev. Jason Collins, President of the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee, gave an update on the committee’s progress describing the three-step process outlined by the ACNA in which those under consideration move from “suggestions” to “nominees” to “candidates” and outlined the revised calendar for the process. He also urged each attendee and every church to keep the process and those involved in their prayers.

Elections

The convention held elections during the convention. (See above.)

Welcoming New Clergy

The Bishop introduced those who had been ordained since the last Convention: (to the priesthood) the Rev. Chip Bateson, the Rev. Bill Clarkson, the Rev. Tom Hample, the Rev. Jeff Jacobs, and the Rev. Zach Miller; (to the transitional diaconate) the Rev. David Marten. (*Editors Note: The Vocational Deacons ordained in the previous year were inadvertently omitted from the introductions. We apologize for this oversight and are delighted to celebrate their ordinations. They are: the Rev. Claudia Berry Carucci, the Rev. Harry R. Easterling, Jr., the Rev. George F. “Skip” Reitmeier, the Rev. William Ricks Riggs, Sr. and the Rev. Nelson T. Weaver.*)

The Bishop welcomed clergy who had become canonically resident since our last gathering: The Rev. Elizabeth Bumpas from the Anglican Diocese of Northern Uganda; The Rev. Stuart Boehmig from the Anglican Mission in America; and the Rt. Rev. Bill Skilton from the Episcopal Church.

Conclusion

Before adjourning, the Bishop thanked those who had played a role in putting the convention online and announced the dates for the upcoming Electing Convention – October 16, 2021 and the Convention and Consecration, March 11-12, 2022.

The following resources from the convention may be found at www.adosc.org:

- Full Recording of 2021 Convention
- The 2021 Approved Budget

“Well done, Good and Faithful Servants...”

Video: Pivoting in a Pandemic

By Beth Breland Snyder, Diocesan Convention Coordinator

The following is the script for a video that was shown during the 2021 Diocesan Convention. It highlights the many ways our Diocese pivoted during the pandemic. View the video at <https://vimeo.com/523905748>.

Almost exactly one year ago today, we were scheduled to meet as a Diocese, in Bluffton, for our annual Convention. Hotel reservations were made, The Cross, Bluffton, stood at the ready to welcome our diocesan family.

But news of a world-wide pandemic was reaching us-- that would alter not only our plans--but the world over with what we now know as the 100-year covid-19 pandemic.

And our churches pivoted. As in-person worship was suspended last spring, our clergy and their staff members worked to prayerfully prepare creative ways to offer online worship. And worship they did:

- On porches
- In courtyards
- In backyards
- In home offices
- In sanctuaries

Facebook and Youtube channels were established--our clergy and their staff members learned about recording equipment and lighting and sound equipment. Even some clergy spouses stepped in to serve as production assistants!

Faith formation pivoted.

As it became clear the pandemic would go on for months, instead of weeks, our churches got creative with their discipleship tools.

One year ago, most of us did not know what Zoom was, and now it has become a part of our weekly gatherings for ALPHA, new membership classes, Bible studies, Sunday school classes, Book groups, Youth Groups, Grandparenting groups.

As we approached the Advent/Christmas season, churches



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prepared kits for families to make advent wreaths and have family devotions at home.

The ways we cared for one another pivoted.

We learned to wear a mask. It's become part of our normal routine now—we don't leave home without one! And wearing our masks has allowed us to: Have driveway visits with shut-ins; Hold graveside services for the dearly departed; Return to in-person worship, as members feel comfortable.

New online communities have been established— one such church has daily morning prayer with members from AZ, NJ, NY, KY and as far away as Peru---

The ways we love our neighbors pivoted. Not being able to meet in person for a period of time, did not stop our churches from loving their neighbors. Churches:

---Cared for front line workers: in healthcare—retail--- the food & beverage industry

---Provided food for the hungry in new ways

---Deepened relationships with neighbors they might not have connected with otherwise

And God's people pivoted.

---Our first ever outdoor ordination was held on the banks of the intracoastal waterway

---Our first ever drive-up ordination—with God's people honking their horns to affirm the ordination of their new deacon!

---our liturgical calendar welcomed creative Christmas eve pageants and “Lent-in-a-bag” resources and more!

We give thanks and praise to the Lord, for HIS faithfulness, to his people, during this last year together. We are thankful for our clergy and our churches, who have endured much, and persevered during this unprecedented season in the Lord. Well done, good and faithful servants. There is still much work to do for His Kingdom---let us not grow weary of doing good in His Name!

The Diocesan Convention Even Online, it’s Like a Family Reunion

A Note from the President of the Standing Committee, The Rev. Shay Gaillard

One of my earliest church memories is my parish, the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, hosting the Diocesan Convention. I helped my dad count the votes for the elections. As a member of the Bishop’s staff in the late 1990’s, I had the opportunity to



address the Convention a number of times. This year, I have a new role as the President of the Standing Committee, helping shepherd the Diocese through the Bishop’s selection process.

Even though the historic definition of a diocese is a group of churches in a geographical area presided over by a bishop, my best description of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina is an extended Christian family. When I attend a Diocesan Convention, even online, it is like a family reunion. Life lived in the Diocese enriches the Christian journeys of all involved.

- News from the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee
- Pivoting in a Pandemic (video)
- Good Samaritan Church Plant (video)
- Ministry Slide Show for Convention (video)
- St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center: Aerial View (video)

Bishop Coadjutor Search Process Timeline

April 1, 2021: Deadline to receive suggestions for candidates

April 18-19: Search Committee retreat to review suggested names

Late April – Late May: Travel Time to meet with potential nominees

June 1: Standing Committee approve nominations

June 1 – July 30: Eight weeks for background checks as required by the ACNA

August 1: Publish list of nominees – 30 days prior to election as required by diocesan canons

Mid-September: Walkabouts for diocesan delegates to meet candidates

October 16: Special Election for the Bishop Coadjutor

January 2022: House of Bishops votes to approve

March 11-12: Convention & Consecration of Bishop Coadjutor

Laura Bowman Ordination, May 5

Laura Bowman, a member of Grace Anglican Parish, in North Myrtle Beach, will be ordained to the transitional diaconate on Wednesday, May 5 at 5 p.m. on behalf of Grace Anglican Parish. The service will be held at Wampee United Methodist Church, 9911 Highway 90, Little River. Clergy are to wear red stoles. You are asked to RSVP to wembracegrace@gmail.com.



Laura spent the first 41 years of her life in Pennsylvania where she and her husband Tom were both PA State Troopers. They moved from suburban Philadelphia to North Myrtle Beach in 2002 when she retired (after 20 years of service). They moved to enjoy the golf and beach which they did, until Tom became ill. Tom died in 2014, following a long battle with cancer. After his death, Laura became active at Grace Anglican Parish, North Myrtle Beach, and has worn many hats there ever since! She currently serves as Chapter President of the Daughters of Grace Chapter of the Daughters of the Holy Cross (DHC) and she is also a Cursillista.

Laura has a B.S. degree in Organizational Leadership from Penn State (2016) and an MDiv degree from Trinity School for Ministry (2020). Currently, she is completing a unit of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) as a chaplain intern at Roper/St. Francis Hospital in Charleston, and at Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. While in Charleston, she is living on James Island and attending St. James Church.

“I Have a Flock for You”

The Rev. Will Klauber Called to “Shepherd” the Church of the Good Shepherd

By The Rev. Will Klauber, Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

In the winter of 2016, I spent nearly two weeks in Egypt with Bishop Grant LeMarquand. On that trip we stayed for a few days in a monastery. During our stay I had the privilege of helping two of the residents tend their sheep. As they prepared me for the task, they told me, in decent English, that when they released the sheep from the pen, they would run very fast. Our job was to stay as close to them as possible, and keep them on the path so they wouldn't eat the beans growing in the field along the way. Our destination was a fallow field, full of green grass where the sheep could safely graze. We were ultimately successful. As we were watching the sheep graze I remember thinking back to the parable of the Good Shepherd. As I reflected, the Lord told me in a clear voice, “I have a flock for you.”

Only a handful of people have ever heard that story, but I trust all of you are aware that

I was formally instituted as the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd on Monday, January 25th, 2021. Last summer, in the midst of the global pandemic, the Lord called me out of a season of church planting and into a new season as a rector. While I imagined that the Lord might one day call me to such a ministry, I never imagined it would happen before the one-year anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, and in the middle of a global pandemic.

Covidtide has done its best to put a damper on our worship across the diocese in the past 12 months, episcopal services notwithstanding. At my institution, we had no formal reception afterwards, there were no handshakes or hugs given during the peace, and all of our parishioners partook in communion utilizing COVID-safe pre-packaged wafers and wine. Despite these abnormalities,

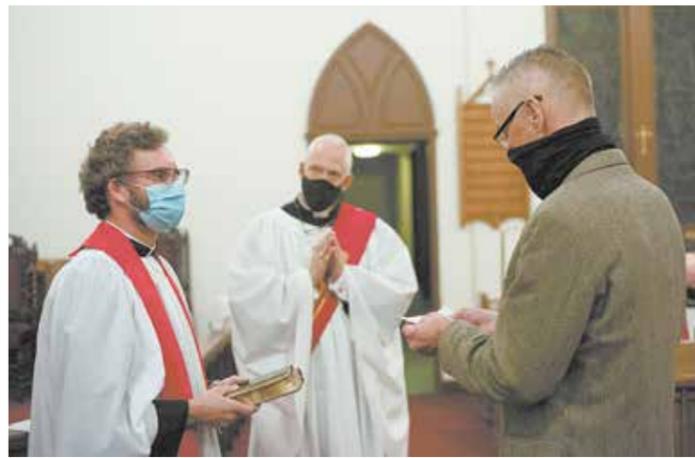
the service was a vibrant celebration of new ministry, and I would not have changed a thing. After the service Bishop Lawrence shared with my wife, Sara, that something struck him as being very special about the whole evening. I have to agree with him wholeheartedly. The Holy Spirit showed up and well over 250 people joined us, in person and online, as we



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joyously stepped into this new season that God has in store for us.

As I stood in the narthex, hugged my wife and kids, fist-bumped my beloved parishioners, and applied copious amounts of hand sanitizer, the Lord assured me that He is with me. He has, in this season, called me to be a shepherd to His flock at the Church of the Good Shepherd. I pray, as I prayed that night, that He will continually make me an instrument of his salvation for the people He has entrusted to my care. May I shepherd His flock well as we seek to grow His kingdom here in Charleston.



BLAKE STEEN

Billy Steen, right, who serves as the Junior Warden, hands Will the Catechism and Book of Common Prayer as Deacon Dan Farley looks on.

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“There isn't time for shingles and for sunsets. You must choose!”

As this is my penultimate Bishop's Address, I trust it is not yet time for the backward look. No time for both shingles and sunsets. With just one more lap around the ecclesiastical track, I ask myself two questions: What do I owe my successor? And, What do I owe the diocese before jumping out of the driver's seat? They are but flip sides of the same coin.

What do I owe my successor?

First, order of business here is an administratively strengthened diocese. I do not mean that which usually falls under the category of CFO, which is the work of Nancy Armstrong, Susan Burns, or Saralyn Ortiz. No, that aspect of the diocese is in fine shape. I mean that which fits under the biblical understanding of the gift of administration, which in the New Testament is derived from the Greek word for the helmsman of a ship. Administration, as many will attest, is not one of my strong suits. While I recognize how terribly important it is, when I function in the world of the executive leader I do it more from my office of bishop rather than as a spiritual gift or natural ability. I have to re-read books like Peter Drucker's *The Effective Executive* in order to get myself in the frame of mind to face into such things. Nevertheless, I call administration the huggable and buggable gift. Many of you across the diocese have heard me say that churches come in many sizes—cats, collies, gardens, houses, mansions,

ranches, and continents. So too with church administrators. The good ones I have known put me in mind of the peanuts cartoon where Lucy tells Snoopy, “There are times when you really bug me, but I must admit there are also times when I feel like giving you a big hug.” Snoopy in reply thinks “That's the way I am... huggable and buggable.” Most good administrators are both huggable and buggable, and do their work in the middle of the organization. There are times, however, the leader needs to address matters in concert with others to devise and execute plans. As Peter Wagner describing this gift, notes, “Administrators can make a church organization hum. They enjoy long hours in the office, overseeing the business matters of the church, relating to staff, making phone calls, closing deals, writing letters, and taking satisfaction in their organization.” Canon Lewis ably fits this description. They also can build routines, which as Peter Drucker observed, is the skill of making “... unskilled people without judgement capable of doing what it took near genius to do before; for routine puts down in systematic step by step form what a very able man or woman learned in surmounting yesterday's crisis.” It rejoices in and defines win in terms of teamwork. “The key to stardom is the rest of the team.” (John Wooden) So looking at the things in the diocese that need to be addressed during this transition—what are the things that deserve a long look?

Diocesan Staff/Ministry Departments—I have been meeting with our diocesan staff to assist in leaving strong ministries in the var-

ious positions in the diocese. Such areas as Student Ministry; Faith Formation; Men's Ministry; Church Planting; Communication; and St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. Todd Simonis, our Canon for Church Planting sent me a video recently of our newest church plant. I share it here as a representation of just one among the other ministries that I have just mentioned. (Show Church Planting Video) Each of these staff members and departments can play an essential role in preparing the diocese for the next season. It is my plan to continue these meetings with diocesan personnel and to follow up by meeting with their departments. As we work to prepare each of them for transitioning, so as the new bishop arrives each department has clear focus on their gospel initiatives and kingdom work particularly as they relate to our congregations, which, as Bishop Salmon was fond of saying, are the diocese.

Diocesan Council—is one of the canonical entities of the diocese that is too often seen as perfunctory and a matter of routine practice. However, not only is the Diocesan Council the body that fulfills the role of the convention when the convention is not in session, it is also one of the ways that many laypersons are introduced to our common life beyond their local parish. It is also a means that clergy, especially new and younger clergy catch a larger view of our diocese. Council is responsible for a variety of committees ranging from Stewardship to Liturgy

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Just announced....

Taylor Daniel will be ordained to the Transitional Diaconate at 6 p.m. on May 23, 2021 at St. Michael's Church, Charleston

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Remembering Parishioners Who Have Died Due to COVID

We will be memorializing parishioners from Diocesan churches who have died as a result of the COVID-19 virus in the Journal of the 2021 Convention of The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina.

We invite you to add the names of parishioners from your parish who have died as a result of the virus by visiting adosc.org or calling (843) 722-4075.

Heavenly Father, help us to entrust our loved ones to your care. Though sorrow darkens our lives, help us to look up to you, remembering the cloud of witnesses by which we are surrounded. And grant that we on earth, rejoicing ever in your presence, may share with them the rest and peace which your presence gives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Book of Common Prayer, 2019

- Augustus George Grove, St. Helena's, Beaufort (March 30, 2020)
- Gloria Hord, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach (April 23, 2020)
- Amelia “Toots” deSaussure Barnwell Harper, Holy Cross Stateburg (May 20, 2020)
- Louise Deaton, Holy Comforter, Sumter (July 25, 2020)
- Patricia “Tricia” Freeman, St. Luke's, Hilton Head (August 8, 2020)
- Danny Floyd, Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island (November 28, 2020)
- Tommy Coxe, Saint Matthew's, Darlington, (December 28, 2020)
- Charles “Chuck” Aydlette, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant (January 1, 2021)
- William “Billy” Turner, Holy Cross, Stateburg (January 8, 2021)
- Anna Marie Davis, Holy Comforter, Sumter (January 12, 2021)
- George “Jim” Schneider, St. Luke's, Hilton Head (January 15, 2021)
- John Rhodes, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach (January 17, 2021)
- Doug Whittle, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville (February 27, 2021)
- Adair McKoy, St. John's Parish, Johns Island (March 22, 2021)

Real Relationships; Serious Study

Women's Crossroads Bible Studies Born in Bluffton

By Mimi Harmon, The Church of the Cross, Bluffton

About six years ago a group of women from The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, were led to begin a Women's Mentoring Ministry. We wanted to help women establish real relationships, beyond, "Hi, how are you?" "I'm fine," and "I like your earrings." We developed a core group, put

A Study Worth Sharing

The Lord strengthened each of us individually and as a group and laid out our format. We were so blessed we realized we needed to share this opportunity with other women. And with that, Crossroads Women's

are just beginning Bible study offer to take a turn. Members come prepared and, of course, contribute and support the facilitator.

Setting Up the Studies

The format of Crossroads is not left to chance. The leadership is composed of three co-leaders and a council made up of the initial small group members. The co-leaders pray and then determine which book(s) of the Bible will be recommended for study. The Crossroads Council makes the final decision. Dates, times and locations are set for fall, winter and spring. Online registration is available, and word-of-mouth encourages new members. Groups are formed and added, as needed. Our guidelines encourage multiplication of groups, so group leaders look to develop and identify new potential leaders in their groups. Leaders must be members of the church and have attended a Crossroads group for at least one session to understand how the Bible Study is to be conducted and be approved by the council. Participants in the groups do not have to be members of the church.

Currently, we have seven groups of five to eight women meeting regularly.

We have seen confidentiality maintained and prayers answered. We have seen surprising connections based on ladies who have had the same struggles in life, or are from the same country of origin, and so much more. These connections build relationships, strengthen believers, and lead unbelievers to begin a personal relationship with Christ.

Crossroads Bible Study has been an exciting adventure. We have seen the Lord work in our midst, teaching and bringing transformation...to God be the glory!

In Jeremiah 6:16 we read, *"This is what the Lord says: Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls."*

If you would like to learn more about Crossroads and how to start one in your own church, you may contact Mimi Harmon at mimiharmonquilts@gmail.com.



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together guidelines and provided education for leaders. Then we had a kickoff meeting, invited the women of the parish...and very little happened.

That effort didn't yield the fruit we'd hoped for, but God took that little group and led us to begin the ministry He *did* have in mind.

Most of us were attending a weekly Bible Study led by the Rector's wife in her home at the time. She offered three sessions a week and, believe it or not, there was always a waiting list! One of our small group members needed to change the day she attended so we decided to move our entire group to another home, allowing us to remain together and enable other women to attend the study at the rectory.

We identified who would host and decided we wanted a line-by-line Bible Study. We met together for a year studying Isaiah and other books of the Bible. We prayed together, shared our hearts and truly were the Body of Christ.

Small Group Bible Study was born.

Crossroads offers the opportunity for real relationships based on similar experiences while studying the Word and gives women the opportunity to live that out in community. "This is what I have been looking for..." "This is what I need..." are common statements we hear from women in our Bible Studies.

Currently, we have seven groups of five to eight women meeting regularly. The Bible Studies take place in homes, which fosters connection and intimacy. The study is always a book of the Bible. After opening in prayer, scripture is read one section at a time, then line-by-line. Members examine the scripture, looking for repetition, key words and ideas that reveal deeper meaning. We encourage the women to let the Holy Spirit speak first! Research follows, using Bible notes and website commentaries for further understanding. As group members are ready (there is no pressure), each person takes a turn facilitating the study. It is very exciting to see women who

Encouraging Christian Team Spirit

The Well Offers Fun "Face to Face" Virtual Fellowship

By The Rev. Glenn Ohanesian
The Well by the Sea, Myrtle Beach

Are you tired of looking at each other with masks on? Do you feel anxiety when in close proximity to others during this time? The Well by the Sea in Myrtle Beach, like many others in the diocese, is using Zoom to fellowship and capitalize on their love of football and sports as a way to bring their parishioners together.

On January 24, during the half-time of the NFL playoffs, they held a "Team Spirit Fellowship" inviting parishioners to jump on a Zoom call wearing their team jerseys and sports colors. Though the game on was pro football they were up for fans of all sports—college football, basketball baseball, soccer, hockey, etc. Not only did parishioners wear their favorite jersey, each person had the opportunity to stand up, show off their colors, and then spend a few minutes sharing why they cheer for the teams they do. Some were obviously football fans, some baseball, some basketball or other sports, and some were not even sports fans at all! Regardless, it turned into a chance for people to share where they are from (which is often what drives our sports affinities) and how they came to live in South Carolina. More importantly, parishioners were able to catch up on each other's lives and even shared prayer needs.

It was a wonderful time of fellowship, and a great way to be "face to face" without masks on, without stress—just to relax and have fun with each other. Of course, they also took the time to thank Jesus for putting us all on HIS team, a reminder that we are all on Jesus' team together and can share that same Team Spirit as Christians, as we do as fans of our favorite sports teams! And the Zoom platform was easy to use. Everyone could participate whether folks had a computer, a smartphone, a tablet, or just a regular old telephone. So, don't let this pandemic keep you from great fellowship with your church family. Just relax and let God open doors that you never even thought about.

And let your Christian Team Spirit take center stage!

Soul Care Day at St. Christopher

By Catherine Jacobs, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

It was a glorious day at St. Christopher. The water sparkled, the sun shone brilliantly, and "God sounds" played softly in a divine "surround sound." Every element proclaimed the nearness of the Lord. On this day last week, I had the holy opportunity to spend a "Soul Care Day" at the Prayer Center on the campus of this beautiful place.



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"Soul Care Day"... That is what my newly-affiliated ministry, KidZ at Heart International, appropriately calls it. The secular world might consider it a "Personal Care Day." I have always called it a "Quiet Time Day." For me, it is a day set aside to "Be still and know that [He is] God." (Psalm 46:10) Living in the frenzied world of the 21st century, I desperately need a day to be drenched in God's presence.

Arriving out of breath at The Prayer Center, I plopped into a comfy chair. Almost immediately, as I scanned this sacred space look-

ing for the Spirit of God, I felt His soft presence. On a side table was a basket of beautiful olive wood palm crosses. I grabbed one, centering it in my hand. Amazingly, it remained there all day. It was a physical tool, reminding me of the closeness of God. Indeed, He is closer than my next breath.

The day flowed gently. My time was gracefully filled with walks (note the plural!) on the beach, quality time in God's Word, long conversations with the Lord, and a glorious afternoon sitting on the sunny porch where I scribbled

thoughts in my journal. When I return for my next "Soul Care Day," I may do all of the above or only one or two. That is the beauty of such a day. It is up to the Lord first, and me second, as to how I use it.

It is taking care of my soul. You, too, as a member of The Anglican Diocese of SC, can enjoy a "day-retreat" at The Prayer Center. Simply call ahead to ask for a gate pass. The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner will welcome you with open arms, offering you unhurried time and hallowed space to be with our Lord.* I brought a bag lunch and a bottle of water. Coffee and Tea are provided in the kitchen where there is a refrigerator, microwave and coffee pot.

Are you weary from this Covid-ridden world? Does your heart feel parched dry? Then go to the river's edge at St. Christopher, where your drained heart can absorb the living water of Jesus Christ.

*As able, guests are encouraged to make a \$50 donation to the ministry of the prayer center.

Dana Henry to Lead Anglican Women's Retreat in October

Finding our Identities in Christ

Women from across the Diocese will gather at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center October 1-3, 2021 for a time of retreat and refreshment at the Anglican Women's Retreat.

Dana Henry will be speaking on "Finding our Identities in Christ," taking as her text Isaiah 43:1,

"But now, this is what the Lord says, 'he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.'"

Dana is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Pennsylvania, in private practice (Hope Christian Counseling), with over 18 years of experience specializing in work with individuals, couples, and families. Dana has been married to The Rev. Dr. Bill Henry for 30 years, and they have three grown children and one awesome grandchild! Dana

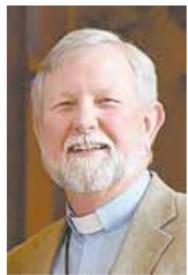


The Lord Establishes His Steps:

Roger Griffin Ordained to the Priesthood

By The Very Rev. Roger Griffin, Dean of Mexico

We were recently asked by the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders to provide our favorite verse in scripture that captured the essence of our mission. In all of our years in ministry we



have ever only known this for certain: *“The heart of man plans his way, but the LORD establishes his steps.”* Proverbs 16:9

By God’s grace, that has led me from

where I had planned to serve as a vocational deacon in South Carolina, to where I am now, still by God’s grace, a newly ordained priest in the Anglican Church of North America. The ordination took place in the Anglican Church of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on March 14, presided over by our new Bishop, Steven Tighe.

The original plan, three years ago, was to bring seminary training to students in the field. That plan has not changed but God modified it and enlarged it when I attended the synod for the Anglican Diocese of the Southwest two and a half years ago to meet then-Bishop Mark Zimmerman, who asked me to become the area Dean for Mexico.

In this far-flung deanery, that means staying in touch with Mexican pastors and leaders, educating about liturgy and beliefs, organizing vespers and various classes online, and communicating with individuals or groups that are interested in joining ACNA. As stated in the job description given to me by the Bishop: The Area Dean, in partnership with the Bishop, is the key person under God to provide vision, leadership and pastoral care.” Plans

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Good Samaritan: Bringing the Vision of a Neighborly Church to Life

News from the Field of a Church Plant

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

On a cool December morning in 2019, I was sitting in a coffee shop when I decided to “test drive” the potential name of our church plant. I mentioned the name that had been floating through my mind for a few weeks—Good Samaritan Anglican Church—to an unchurched barista. Immediately, she responded, “You mean, like, the character in the Bible who serves and takes care of his neighbors?” For me, that was confirmation that our name resonated in the community, as a “neighborly” church.

Ten months prior, 27 people from St. Paul’s, Summerville, had knelt at the communion rail and received the laying on of hands in prayer from their congregation and clergy. These 10 adults and 17 children were being sent out to pray and discern whether God was calling St. Paul’s to plant another church.

The next Sunday, this group prayed and worshipped in a living room together, heard from the Word of God, shared in the sacrament of His body and blood, and began the process of discernment.

Our worship in these early gatherings was followed by a time

of prayer and brainstorming. We asked big picture questions about the church and her ministry in the community; we wanted to know who we are, who our neighbors are, and what the Gospel might have to say through our particular church to these particular neighbors. We also sought to understand our community, taking to the streets, local coffee shops, and playgrounds to get to know our neighbors personally, and exploring the physical spaces that have drawn them to these communities.

We learned that people long for good neighbors. This desire for neighborly values led us to our name and laid the foundation for our church’s culture.

St. Paul’s, Summerville, has a history of planting churches. In 1979, St. Paul’s planted its first church, St. George’s, among the growing subdivisions on Dorchester Road. Thirty-six years later, a second team was sent out to plant St. Timothy’s in the growing Cane Bay area of Summerville. With this church planting history, it was only natural for the people of St. Paul’s to



Following a church service, children play among the trees.



JOY HUNTER

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discern the Lord’s will regarding the next church plant.

To have been sent from a “mother” church with a commitment to church planting has been a great gift to Good Samaritan, and provided us with great confidence and encouragement. Planting a church in this manner requires vision, sacrifice, and patience—three things that the congregation of St. Paul’s has shown in abundance.

A sending church’s vision for planting churches does not come to fruition without sacrifice. On one hand, there is the sacrifice of financial support. There is also personnel sacrifice, sending faithful congregants (many of whom are natural leaders) out on mission for the sake of the Gospel. Additionally, a fruitful church planting vision requires patience. Church plants take time to develop; church planters make mistakes and plans change constantly. All of this requires patient mother church support! Led by their rector, the Rev. Tripp Jeffords, and vestry, St. Paul’s has been quick to encour-

age, provide, and pray constantly for Good Samaritan. They have been faithful friends thorough all of our initial challenges.

As 2021 progresses and, God willing, we all emerge from our pandemic bubbles, Good Samaritan seeks to more fully articulate her vision, and more fully embody the Gospel in our community. We hope to be a church of good neighbors; having received the mercy of Jesus ourselves, we hope to share mercy generously with our neighbors. And, while our “church” events will certainly include Sunday worship, Bible studies, and small groups, we will also be the Church at local PTA meetings, soccer practice, cookouts, and other neighborhood events. It is at these everyday events, where the Church and the world gather together, that we have the greatest opportunity to embrace our call to follow the true Good Samaritan, Jesus, and share the mercy of God with a world in need.

St. Michael’s Holds Global Impact Celebration Virtually

Week-long Conference Brings Mission Partners Together in January

By Nancy Hardwick, St Michael’s Church, Charleston

St. Michael’s is a mission-focused church! We support nearly 30 mission partners who preach the Gospel to thousands who have never heard the good news. Our Mission Task Force (MTF) works with many partners to feed and clothe the poor, operate safe houses and schools for endangered children, run medical clinics and teach job skills to the poor. We also support pastors and missionaries, train and support inmates who are transitioning into society and much more. Our MTF is a team of dedicated volunteers who coordinate grant making, and support mission activities, events and communication.

Every year in late January, St. Michael’s celebrates “all things mission” with a week-

long event called the Global Impact Celebration or GIC. GIC highlights St. Michael’s support of God’s mission through our many local, national and international mission partners. In past years, GIC week featured numerous events at the church, including guest speakers for each Sunday, a celebration banquet, mission fair, luncheon and in-person talks

from St. Michael’s mission partners who traveled to Charleston for a week or more from various sites in the U.S. — as well as remote locations in India, Kenya, Burundi and South Sudan. The stories told by these mission partners strengthened our faith and inspired us to step further into God’s Mission.

However, living in the COVID pandemic, we knew GIC 2021 would be different, with no missionaries traveling in from afar and no banquets or luncheons held at the church. Though the world has turned upside-down in the pandemic, we know God is working powerfully through the ministries of our many mission partners. There are stories of God’s grace, mercy and power from the past year that need to be told. And we needed GIC 2021 to tell them in a new way.

Realizing that travel was impossible for many, St Michael’s asked all our mission partners to send us short videos about how God was helping them meet the challenges of the pandemic and working through their ministries. And the stories came in from all over the globe — 43 videos in all. We built new pages on St. Michael’s website for each of our mission partners, including information about their ministries and links to the video stories. Our partners told us how God was transforming hearts and lives in West Bengal, India and on college campuses in the U.S.;

They expressed how the love of Christ was providing thousands of meals in famine-stricken Samburu County, Kenya, and hope to widows in Burundi.

Our mission celebration week was also re-imagined, to facilitate participation by parishioners in Charleston and mission partners around the world. Instead of having all events centered at St. Michael’s Church, GIC 2021 services and events were all designed to be accessible virtually via Zoom or live-stream and sometimes in-person as well. Everything in the week was recorded, from our opening and closing Sunday services to our Zoom-enabled live interviews with mission partners locally and internationally, and special sessions on the persecuted church and human trafficking.

You may review a complete schedule for the week and watch all services and events on St. Michael’s website through this link: <https://stmichaelschurch.net/gic2021/>

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Men: Awakening to the Greater Story God Invites Us to Wild at Heart Basic Affirms the Masculine Heart and Soul

By The Rev. John Sosnowski, Holy Comforter, Sumter

How are your hearts, men? How are your souls? Think about it. Really think about it. Are you living your “Best Life,” or are you living safely within boundaries dictated by the circumstances to which you have become accustomed?

Regardless of the circumstances of our net worth, of our social

grand narrative, contains both the evil of the prince of darkness and the purity of the one who died and rose again to defeat him. It is because we bear the image of God, the image of Christ the Victor, and because our masculinity is designed to participate in such a battle as this.

Do we see ourselves in the role of William Wallace, in the movie

God’s voice awakening in us the reality of the greater story He invites us to participate in. It yields His affirmation of our union with Him, cementing in us the truth that we have what it takes to step into all that He calls us to. I was blessed and my spirit was renewed, both in the information presented, and in the fellowship of the men gathered.



LEE JONES

It is the hearing of God’s voice awakening in us the reality of the greater story He invites us to participate in...the truth that we have what it takes to step into all that he calls us to. Above: A participant walks on St. Christopher’s beach.

wherewithal, or other typical measures of success, if men dream, there is often within the recesses of our being, a knowing that we were created for something greater that has escaped us. I recently heard it said that the “Office of the Imagination” is just down the hall from the “Office of the Holy Spirit.” These are so close that if one will allow it, the Voice of God may often be heard through the imagination of our longings.

We see this in most movies and books. Every story worth knowing has a hero and a villain. The hero’s victory over evil, and rescue of those threatened, is always at great risk, and causes a longing in us for a similar experience.

Why is this? It is because our story, and the larger story of God’s

Braveheart, who though desiring a life of peace, gives himself at great risk to the greater story of gaining freedom for the Scots. Or are we captive to a role like that of Mitch Robbins in City Slickers whose masculinity has been reduced to simply being a provider for his family, with little else to leave as the legacy of his existence? Do we not long for something greater?

I serve on Diocesan Council and am one of the liaisons to Men’s Ministry. This past weekend, I attended a gathering of men called Wild at Heart Basic. It is a retreat, but even more it is a call to adventure. It is an illumination of the image of God in men, affirming the masculine, heart and soul residing in each of us. It is the hearing of

Wild at Heart Basic is a video-based “plug and play” program that has been bearing fruit in churches in our diocese and across denominational lines. It also gives direction for various “ways forward” for men and men’s groups who attend. It is important that the information presented is not just a “one and done” type experience. The program can be easily facilitated over the course of a long weekend at a very reasonable cost. Ideally the attendees would meet at a location close to nature, like at someone’s country place, hunting club, or beach house, but it could be done in most church fellowship halls, as well.

God speaks prophetically through King Solomon in Proverbs 4:23, warning us to “Keep our hearts (to guard them), with all vigilance, for from it flow springs of life.” For men this means we are to guard our masculine hearts and souls, for the enemy prowls around like a roaring lion seeking to lessen, to devour and destroy the image of God that is in us. We are to guard our masculine hearts that we may become husbands and fathers equipped to die to self for the blessing of our wives and children. So that we may be drawn into the adventure and risk of God’s greater story.

Jay Crouse, our Diocesan Director of Men’s Ministry, can answer questions you may have about how to access Wild at Heart resources. Contact him at jaycrouse@aol.com. I am available to help in any way I can to help promote or facilitate Wild at Heart functions. Contact me at jsosno22@gmail.com.



JAY CROUSE

A group of men from Benjamin’s Way, a men’s half way house in Augusta, GA, led by Founder, Jack Henley, joined us as our guests and was one of the three groups for the Wild at Heart: BASIC retreat at St. Christopher.

Men’s Ministry: What a Six Years it’s Been!

Diocesan Men’s Ministry Leadership Team Takes Retreat to Review, Celebrate and Plan

By Jay Crouse, Coordinator for Men’s Ministry in The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

Our Anglican Diocese of South Carolina Men’s Ministry Leadership Team came together at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center the weekend of February 26, 2021, for our first annual retreat. With this gathering we turned a lemon into lemonade as this weekend has traditionally been the weekend for our Christian Men’s Conference, which we had to postpone until 2022 due to the coronavirus. Fortunately, this change opened the weekend up, so we could come together as a leadership team and reflect on men’s ministry in the diocese over the past six years and look forward, post-coronavirus.

Wow, what a six-years it’s been! I arrived in Charleston in 2015 to serve as the diocesan Coordinator of Men’s Ministry. I received such a warm welcome from the entire diocesan staff and, of course, was so delighted to be working under the leadership of Bishop Mark Lawrence. Plus, I was given an office in the Diocesan House!

My first step was to become acquainted with the clergy and men’s ministry lay leaders in the diocese, and these introductions were led with my “two by two” ministry partner, Peter Rothermel. With his long-time service and favor in the diocese, we made many road trips, and the introductions were underway.

I then began to lead our churches in a seven-week process, called “The Challenge,” to give them the opportunity to work through my book, *Men and the Church: Is There a Future?* on the best practices for the structure, strategies and resources to develop a sustainable men’s ministry in their churches. At the same time, I began to call a seasoned group of men to serve as my initial leadership team which has now grown to 11 men.

As had been the case for many years, the annual Christian Men Conference has continued to serve as an annual gathering of men in the diocese for a time of fellowship, reunion, spiritual nourishment, and fun. Under the leadership of Richard Moore, the conference format and organization has been updated, and an intentional focus for our conference themes has been made, to meet the spiritual needs of the men in the diocese and beyond.

As I have discovered, when there is a foundation and network



Your Diocesan Men’s Ministry Leadership Team: Sean Coughlin, The Cathedral, Charleston; Jay Crouse, The Cathedral, Charleston; Russ Gantt, St. Paul’s, Summerville; Lee Jones, Prince George Winyah, Georgetown; Chet Houston, St. Helena’s, Beaufort; Newman Lawrence, St. Jude’s, Walterboro; Richard Moore, St. Philip’s, Charleston; Peter Rothermel, St. Michael’s, Charleston; Les Sease, Christ St. Paul’s, Yorges Island; Jeremy Shelton, St. John’s Parish, Johns Island; John Sosnowski, Church of Holy Comforter, Sumter.

in place throughout the diocese, the Holy Spirit can lead in a powerful way to raise up new ministry initiatives. And we have been so blessed over these past six years for what has emerged:

- An idea first proposed by Ron Warfuel, which he called, “Re-charge,” has become our annual Men’s Summit gathering;
- From my teaching on *Men and the Church: Is There a Future?*, I published a companion book titled *The Guide* which gives churches a seven-week process of the best practices to develop a sustainable ministry in life of their church;
- Ramsey Gilchrist, a priest at Prince George Winyah in Georgetown, created a ministry program called *The Gospel Challenge*, which has become an important “two by two” ministry curriculum giving two men the opportunity to read through the four Gospels in 90 days;
- Through my passion to encourage church leaders to equip fathers in our churches, I created a seven-week curriculum, *Being a Strategic Father*;
- Rags Coxe, Lee Jones, and Tom Roland have launched John Eldredge’s weekend retreat called Wild at Heart: BASIC. To date, they have led six BASIC retreats.

As we return to “normal,” post-COVID, your Men’s Ministry Leadership Team is ready for the great reunion of men and the church. Will you be ready? Please contact me, Jay Crouse, for support at jaycrouse@aol.com.

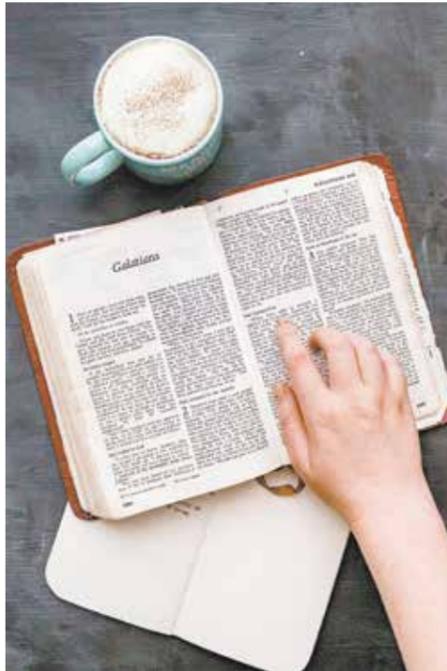
Who is Shaping Your Students?

By David Wright, Coordinator for Student Ministries, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

I recently read an excellent article by a friend on “Preparing Christian Children for the Transgender Moment.” In it he very gracefully shows how he is preparing his kids for moments they will soon deal with. Without being prepared, they would either be swallowed up by the culture or find themselves conflicted by it. Many might think that article was written in the northeast or west coast, but it was not. My friend lives in Alabama. Even in the southeast, our kids are either soon to face or already have faced this issue.

Matters such as gender, race, and sexuality, which are rapidly changing in our culture today are worldview issues. They are about our identity and what it means to be human. The Bible speaks to these extensively. We need to teach the truth of scripture to our kids before they embrace an unbiblical perspective without realizing it. The amazing reality is that there is great joy in God’s truth, whereas the world does not offer such hope. Consider just the following brief realities.

Teaching our kids that God created the world helps us show them our part in caring for the environment as stewards of the earth. (Gen 1:28) Our identity is found in being not only created by God but made in His image. (Gen 1:26-27) We were each uniquely made before we were born. (Ps 139:13-14) We are sinful by nature. (Eph 2) We are saved by grace through faith. (Eph 2:8-9) We are a new creation in Christ Jesus. (2 Cor 5:17) We are reconciled to God and to one another in Christ. (Eph 2) All of these have huge implications for the issues that are arising daily in the lives of our students! And I have only scratched the surface of what scripture teaches about the nature of humanity and the reality of God.



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Researcher George Barna says that most people’s worldview is largely formed by age 13 after which we are merely building on what they already believe. This reality leads him to believe the first priority of the church needs to be its ministry to children. He specifically encourages an investment in discipling 7-12-year olds to develop a Biblical worldview by the age of 13. The reality that only 4% of current teens and college students have a biblical worldview, indicates we need a new course of action. What if we created strategies taking those aged 7-12 through an intentional five-year learning experience? The desired outcome would be that they could articulate

the Christian faith as a plausible belief system. Confirmation would become a deeply meaningful experience and we would have young evangelists who choose to be confirmed.

Yet, parents need to be the ones most invested in shaping our kids. Those of us who are parents, grandparents, and or ministry leaders can do research into the issues of the day and share what we are learning with those around us. There are great books and articles being written that are incredibly helpful. Some are specifically Christian, and others are not but are consistent with what we need to know and teach. Currently some are vanishing merely because they speak truth that is contrary to what is culturally correct. Some useful links are included at the end of this article.

The need for our churches, and for us as individuals to pray for younger generations has never been greater! They are on the front lines of a culture war. They are the least reached and most spiritually illiterate generation in the history of our country. Remember what happened after Joshua passed. Judges 2:10 tells us... “*And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD or the work that he had done for Israel.*”

When we pray for others our hearts are moved and we want to know and interact with them. Praying for younger generations leads us to seek God’s intervention and opens up the reality that God will use us to shape those generations. What we pray for we care deeply about.

Lord, I pray that the truth that has been entrusted to us and the lessons we have learned will not be hidden from the next generation. Would You grant us every grace we need to make known to our children, even the children yet unborn, the path that leads to life? Make us a generation of parents, grand-

parents, and church members who will teach them Your ways and how to walk according to the truth, so they might set their hope and confidence in You and not forget Your good works. May we be a generation who brings good news to each successive generation so that all may know Your truth and the gospel of grace.

Resources to explore:

How Do I Have a Spiritual Conversation with My Teenager? www.rootedministry.com/blog/hoe-have-spiritual-conversation-teenager/

Preparing Christian Children for the Transgender Moment www.rootedministry.com/blog/preparing-christian-children-transgender-moment/

Someone Will Catechize Your Kids in 2021. Don't Outsource It. www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/catechize-kids/

What Does It Mean to Be Human? A Biblical Response www.rootedministry.com/blog/what-does-it-mean-to-be-human-a-biblical-response/

The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters www.thegospelcoalition.org/reviews/irreversible-damage-abigail-shrier/

Biblical Insights on Intersectionality, Antiracism, Privilege, Fragility and more shenvia-poletics.com/intro-to-critical-theory/

The Book Amazon Does Not Want You to Read www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/justin-taylor/the-book-amazon-does-not-want-you-to-read/

Behold the Man: “Best Trip I’ve Ever Been On” Uplifting Journey Brings Soul Closer to God

By Tom Horton, The Cathedral, Charleston and Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island

I’ve been a believer in Jesus Christ since my first breath at Roper Hospital, or at least as soon as my mom and dad could get me to repeat, “Now I lay me down to sleep...” so going to the Holy Land with Behold The Man wasn’t going to open my eyes to the reality of Christ! No, way.

My dad went over in 1967 before Israeli tourism was “jacuzzi” ready, so to speak. The Six Day War had been over a few months and Dad hired his own driver and car. A young man who’d been a reservist called up for the IDF armor

the first to sign up and put down a deposit. By then my dad was in an elder care facility here. He encouraged me, prayed over me, and gave me a thumbs up on the day of my departure.

Jay does things first class. Yet the cost of my trip was less than truly first-class trips I’ve taken to Europe. He arranged for us to reflect in the Negev desert for two days and nights at an oasis, possibly the one that was a refuge for Sarah and Abraham when they were childless. I did deep soul-searching sitting upon a rock in that ancient place.

Convenient buses with wonderful Palestinian Christians took us everywhere we went in air-conditioned comfort, and they provided us plenty of bottles of water. Nazareth, Bethlehem, Masada, the Dead Sea,

Words do not adequately describe the feeling a believer gets when standing upon either of the traditional sites thought to be Calvary and Golgotha. I get tingles down my spine still recalling those moments.

division as an auxiliary tank driver, served as his driver all over Israel. Needless to say, Dad and his new friend, Ephraim, had a fabulous look behind the scenes in developing Israel, just then a few decades old as a nation.

Dad went back a second time to a medical convention in Tel Aviv a few years later and made lifelong friends who visited here in our home.

When Jay Crouse offered the 2017 trip for Behold The Man I was

the Mount of Olives, and Jericho are just a few of the great sites we toured. And the most wonderful Bible scholar in the English language (my definite opinion), Dr Peter Walker, an Oxford don and Anglican priest, gave us deep background on every place. We read from one of the books he authored as we rode or hiked along.

Speaking of hiking, we did a good and vigorous hike up and along the ridge of Mount Arbell overlooking the Sea of Galilee. The



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The bonding of my new brothers, the men who went on our trip, will endure a lifetime.

hikes were optional, but truly they were added value! Sailing on the Sea of Galilee and floating in the Dead Sea are memorable moments for this Charlestonian!

However, we worked our way up to Jerusalem going closely along the route Jesus took on his momentous journey there that led to His crucifixion. Words do not adequately describe the feeling a believer gets when standing upon either of the traditional sites thought to be Calvary and Golgotha. I get tingles down my spine still recalling those moments.

The meals were Mediterranean delicious and very nutritional! I miss that food over here actually.

The bonding of my new brothers, the men who went on our trip, will endure a lifetime. Much spiritual development occurs in small and large group discussions that are led by highly competent Bible discussion leaders.

Sleep was welcomed after full and fun days and the accommodations were excellent! Jay’s coordinators leave nothing to chance. Everything, I mean EVERYTHING, has been pre -thought and checked out prior to arrival! This trip to the Holy Land in 2017 was the best trip I’ve ever been on! It was like I took my soul on an uplifting journey to get closer to God!

10th Annual
Behold the Man
Men’s Pilgrimage
to the Holy Land
Oct. 23-Nov. 5, 2021

The 10th annual “Behold the Man” pilgrimage will take place October 23-November 5, 2021. This experience of a lifetime leads men on a journey to reclaim biblical manhood by walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

The foundation of this 13-day men’s pilgrimage includes two essentials: the theological and biblical narratives of Israel, and the sacred Holy sites of Jesus’ earthly life. The curriculum adds a unique, experiential, adventurous and challenging men’s spiritual retreat to the land of Jesus, as we together Behold the Man.

Dr. Peter Walker, the acclaimed and highly respected Holy Land specialist, professor and author, is our Course Leader, with Jay Crouse, Diocesan Coordinator for Men’s Ministry.

To learn more contact Jay Crouse at jaycrouse@aol.com. or visit <https://adosc.org/ministries-and-departments/mens-ministry/behold-man-pilgrimage/>

The Christian
Men’s Conference
has been postponed
until Feb. 25-27, 2022

When the Fig Tree Puts Out Leaves....

We Know that Summer is Near

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



From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. Mark 13:28

Summer is indeed near, and St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is excitedly looking forward to the resumption of "Camp Saint Christopher," in what will be the 83rd year of a summer camp ministry. Ministry in the summer months is what brought St. Christopher into being way back in 1938 when Seabrook's Beach was first offered for the use of the diocese to provide a summer camp ministry to youth. While all was not lost last summer, with the onset of COVID-19 and our need to cancel our normal residential program and retool for a month of day camp, it still wasn't the same.

ready occurred. Yes, we are excitedly looking forward to what we pray will be yet another life transforming opportunity for the hundreds of campers we are blessed to serve in an atmosphere of exploration, discovery, fun, worship and encounter with our living Lord Jesus.

A True Miracle Wrought By Sacrifice

That we have arrived at this opportunity is a true miracle of God wrought by sacrifice.

Sacrifice that began by a willing staff that continued working at much reduced compensation when it became very evident in early March 2020 that school and guest groups were canceling scheduled events well into the year. Sacrifice that continued with the permanent reduction in staff from 65 to 18 as our normal employee needs were reduced.

Yet still more sacrifice as the few remaining staff labored on wearing multiple hats to get the job done. We actually remain in that posture even now. While we've been blessed to see more and more groups return, we still do not have a consistency of need, or the financial resources

Middleton, Guests Services Associate, Reeves Goette, Naturalist, and Lynn Lawrence, my beloved bride who continues to help graciously across all areas of need.

Another incredible sacrifice was borne by so many of you as you gave sacrificially in support of St. Christopher. As folks, and ministries, heard of our need, they responded in gratitude and thanksgiving for all that this hallowed place has meant to them. Others simply



Seven remaining copies of "Veil" by Mary Whyte are still available for gifts of \$5000 or more.

responded with no prior personal experience of St. Christopher, except that they knew of our need and appreciated what we do. This was particularly true among our Seabrook Island neighbors. Mary Whyte's personal love of St. Christopher led her to offer limited edition giclee prints to be used as thank you gifts for significant donors. Her support alone was responsible for over \$125,000 in contributions to St. Christopher, with the potential of at least another \$35,000 with only seven remaining copies of "Veil" still available for gifts of \$5000 or more.

We Welcome Volunteers

Summer is indeed near, and we continue to need your prayers and financial support. With budding fig trees, we also have growing grass that needs to be mowed. We welcome volunteers to come alongside to help in the maintenance of our 314 acre campus. We welcome volunteers to join us in serving meals to our guests. So many of you are indeed among the many ways that God has blessed and sustained this ministry across the generations and the years through your own personal sacrifice of giving. You are still needed as summer is near!

to restore full staffing levels for any department, thus, we "pinch-hit" as needed. This is particularly acute in our Food Service department. Veteran staff Carmen Legare and John Reinauer are all that remain. They are assisted in food preparation, serving and cleanup by other staff on a regular basis. The accompanying photo taken during a recent morning breakfast demonstrates this as Carmen is assisted by Laurinda Rapp, Acting Director of Environmental Education, Jeanette



BOB LAWRENCE

Pitching in: Carmen Legare (second from right) is assisted in the kitchen by (from left) Laurinda Rapp, Jeanette Middleton, Reeves Goette, and Lynn Lawrence.

Summer Camp Preparation Underway

Most of our planning for summer 2021, in the midst of a continuing pandemic, is well underway. Our seasonal summer staff have been hired. The Chaplains have been selected. Cabins have been altered to improve ventilation and to reduce camper density. The first of our advance training weekends for Counselors and Senior Staff have al-

Group Intercession: A Symphony of Prayer

A Walk Through a Day of Intercessory Prayer

By The Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner, Chaplain, The Prayer Center at St. Christopher

Hear my confession, as I write during Lent: Many years ago, I was not very keen to be part of an intercessory prayer group. What's the point, I thought? We come together and we each voice our concerns and thanks to God in prayer. When we finish, we leave and go about our business. Sometimes I don't even agree with what others might speak out in prayer. How can I say "Amen" to their prayers wholeheartedly? Does my disagreement block the answer to their prayers?

Many other questions about the necessity and efficacy of group intercessory prayer muddled my efforts to participate with any passion or enthusiasm. When a friend invited me to serve as an intercessor at a church convention,

naturally I hesitated. Noting my reluctance, she insisted I pray about it before replying. And she dropped a challenge squarely into my lap: "I believe you have been given the gift of intercession." The rest of the story? A few months later in 2000, I landed in Denver, Colorado, and joined the intercessory prayer team she was leading for General Convention.

From this friend, Rose-Marie Edwards Tasker, I learned the ways of group intercessory prayer (and remained a part of the national team until the end of 2020). Rose-Marie's guidance for group intercessory prayer was straightforward: Listen to what is on the heart of Jesus to pray about any situation. After all, Jesus is the one who always lives to intercede for us (Hebrews 7:25). Praying scripture is a good beginning; listening for particular scriptures that the Holy Spirit will prompt moves a group into more focused and unified prayer.

Praying in Unity

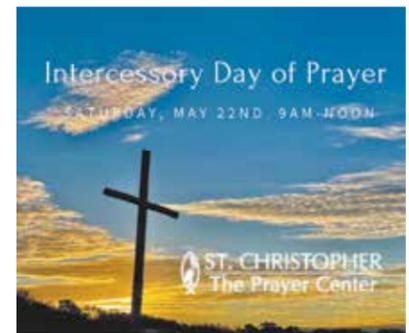
Jesus gives us guidelines on how to pray in unity: "Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:19-20). The verb "agree" in Greek is *symphōneō*, which means to harmonize with, in the sense of "to agree with" another. Group intercession resembles members of an orchestra or symphony gathering to play a piece of music. The flutist plays the arrangement for a flute; the violinist sounds the notes composed for the violin. All members of the orchestra play their parts of the same song. Listen to a symphony where instruments weave melodies and harmonies together as the conductor leads them. They flow together as one to create music with breathtaking depth and breadth.

As intercessors listen to the Lord and one another, praying from the same piece of music, what emerges in prayer is that agreement or oneness, displayed in a beauti-

fully woven tapestry of Scripture, images, words, and movement, expressing our corporate intercession. At St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, we invite anyone to join in this symphony of prayer on our quarterly intercessory days of prayer.

Praying for St. Christopher

Begun by Fr. Chris Warner in 2007 and held every other month (then), those who felt called to pray for this place and ministry came together on site to pray. Faithful group intercessory prayer has continued here all these years. The format we use now typically follows this pattern: We meet at The Prayer Center on campus at



SANDI KERNER

9:00 a.m. and begin with worshipping God in song and prayers of praise. Fr. Bob Lawrence shares prayer concerns with us, and the way he senses God moving in this place. By 9:45 a.m. we disperse to listen to God, to prayerfully walk the grounds or be still as God leads, attentive to what we sense in creation all around us, the scriptures that come to mind, and what we hear the Lord speaking. Around 11:15 a.m., we re-gather to share what we have received. As each one

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shares, we witness how the Holy Spirit weaves a beautiful tapestry of words, images, nudges, scriptures, prophetic movements and songs. An identifiable theme often emerges. We each pray what we have received, now in agreement with one another, and we conclude our morning prayer time with thanksgiving. I maintain a record of what is shared and prayed; reviewing those notes is faith-building as I perceive how God uses these days of prayer to lay the groundwork for new seasons in this ministry.

Signs of New Life

At our recent Intercessory Prayer Day, Fr. Bob noticed this tiny cone on a small pine situated between the beach and wooded area. He wrote: "As the early signs of spring are appearing even now with budding pine trees, they portend the promise of new life and hope that

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To ensure that we could hold this event in 2020, we worked diligently to adjust our policies in a way that would keep both our staff and our guests safe. Saint Christopher is continuing to operate under these policies by providing meals directly to each guest, requiring masks indoors, and taking the temperatures of our guests each morning. By doing all of this, and more, we successfully and safely hosted our Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Retreats last year.

Activities offered will include: Beachside leisure, campfire and s'mores, hayride, Holy Eucharist, kayaking, midday picnic, movie night, sailing, Seabrook Island Fourth of July Parade, swimming, a herpetarium tour and more.

If you are interested in registering for this retreat, please visit www.stchristopher.org and find registration details under the Quick Links and Events tabs. If you have any questions about activities, COVID policies, and more, please email Bennett Love at bllove@stchristopher.org.

Volunteers Needed at St. Christopher

St. Christopher seeks volunteers for lawn maintenance at its spacious campus. Duties include using lawn mowers, string trimmers, and leaf blowers.

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"God was Using it to Transform Me"

Outdoor Encounters build confidence, create meaningful connections and a sense of accomplishment

By Laurinda Rapp, Acting Director, Barrier Island Environmental Education, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

The outdoors is a sweaty, buggy place, especially if you live in Charleston, South Carolina. Yet, the outdoors can be a sacred ground for encountering God, connecting with others and experiencing personal growth.

Growing up, I was very shy and timid. I wouldn't leave my parents' side around strangers. I was terrified of public speaking, to the point where in elementary school I was shaking the whole way through my first 10-minute presentation. Near the end of high school, I began to relax a bit more and find more confidence in myself and the world around me, but it wasn't until I got involved in Outdoor Education that my life really began to change.

One spring break, I went on a week-long kayaking trip to St. George Island, Florida. There were no toilets or showers on the island. We brought our food, gear and everything

else we would need for the week in the kayak with us. I was living an epic adventure, exploring new territory, even though I was only a few miles from civilization.

That week was life-changing.

I ate food from shells and slept under the starry sky. I realized how few things I actually needed in order to live and I began to discover who I was without so many voices telling me who I should be.

Making it Past the Crash Zone

One day a storm was coming in and the waves were crashing on the shore quite violently. To some it may have looked dangerous, but to me, it looked like a challenge. I decided I was going to make it past the 'crash zone' into the smooth sea, so I grabbed my friend and our kayak and headed to the water.

We paddled hard against the waves into the current for over an hour, it felt as though we were barely moving. We finally drug the boat across a small sand bar and hit the waves head on. The first couple attempts sent us flailing back to shore as the waves pummeled us; other friends tried and had the same outcome, but we were determined. After hours of hard paddling, we hit the waves just right and made it past the break point into the calm waters. I felt such accomplishment and victory!

After that trip, I noticed a change in myself. I was more confident, more fun to be around and much less uptight. I realized the lessons I had learned on the island had transformed my day to day life and I liked the change. I began to fall in love with the



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Through the experience I realized I was capable of much more than I thought. It helped me create meaningful connections with people after getting to know them through shared experience and fewer distractions.

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I have now been involved, seasonally, in outdoor ministry for over 15 years. I come alive in the outdoors. I enjoy kayaking, climbing and backpacking to name a few. I have seen God use it to transform countless others. It's amazing how a momentary victory on a kayak can translate into lasting growth and personal development.

Breaking out of our Comfort Zone

We want to break out of our comfort zone, but often need a little push to get us past our comfort and into the uncomfortable. An outdoor setting can naturally provide the push we've needed.

At St. Christopher, we see God use the outdoors to help people grow personally and connect with others on a daily basis, mainly through the Barrier Island Environmental

Education and Outdoor Encounters outdoor recreation program.

In Genesis chapter 2, God commands Adam in the Garden of Eden "to work it and take care of it..." From the very beginning of creation, God wanted Mankind to have a healthy, mutual relationship with creation. In 2021, where most of us have technology in the palm of our hand, we can easily find ourselves losing that precious connection with creation.

Barrier Island and Outdoor Encounters exist to strengthen our relationship with each other and the natural world. It's where 'the glory of God meets the glory of His creation to revive the glory of man.' I have met countless people who came to Barrier Island as a student over 20 years ago and comment they still have fond memories of their experience and hope others can create similar memories moving forward.

Now, more than ever, St. Christopher is looking to expand its outdoor programs to help people connect with God, each other, and creation. We have added family weekends, sunset kayak trips and island excursions to name a few. If you're looking for a 'COVID safe' opportunity to make memories with family members, friends or small groups, St. Christopher can provide that place for you. Activities range from a few hours of fun, to day trips or overnights.

Romans 1:20 says, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen..." Come see God's invisible qualities on display at St. Christopher!



Healing Retreat October 3-6

Who among us remains untouched by loss in this season, unmoved by upheaval in every sphere of our lives? The Book of Proverbs counsels us, "Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the well-spring of life." Hear this invitation to gather with brothers and sisters

in Christ to drink in His healing Word, soak in the loving presence of our God, and find release and rest for your soul. Each morning, afternoon, and evening session includes worship, teaching, and ministry.

The retreat, held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, will begin Sunday, October 3, 2021

(with dinner at 6:00 p.m.) and conclude on Tuesday with lunch. Fees include lodging, meals, and program costs: Single room, \$380; Double room, \$330 per person; Commuter, \$210 per person (two dinners & two lunches)

We will observe all safety protocols: with physical distancing, wearing masks, in our meal preparation & serving, in sanitizing guest rooms and common areas.

A bag lunch (to go) on Tuesday is an option, but must be selected in advance (during registration on-line)

Register early, space is limited to 80 guests. To register visit: <https://stchristopher.org/prayer-center/healing-retreat-with-judith-macnutt/>.

For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Sandi Kerner at: skerner@stchristopher.org

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awaits St. Christopher in 2021." He felt God encouraged us with this sign of new life and paired it with Isaiah 60:13: "The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the cypress, the plane, and the pine, to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place of my feet glorious." His sharing agreed with several others who received words about new life and hope, from passages in Isaiah 49, among others. We prayed in unity for abundant new life and hope in this place that would reveal God's glory among us!

Group intercessory prayer is now a joy for me! I would not miss it for anything! Come join us on May 22 at 9:00 a.m. and experience firsthand the joy of listening and praying in agreement with one another for God's will to be done!

Be Still & Know God

Contemplative Retreat
June 4-6, 2021

Are you longing to get away and get quiet so that you might become more aware of the presence of God? Then join us for this contemplative retreat led by the Rev. Elizabeth Bumpas. This weekend retreat does not include a lot of teaching... it's simply about creating space for silence and solitude to connect with the Lord. The group will gather together in the mornings and evenings for Scripture meditation and there is a long period of silence (no talking) on Saturday afternoon. There are only 10 spots available. Learn more at <https://stchristopher.org/>

Why I Tithe; The Wedding Dress

Reflections on God's Precious Response to My Tithing

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

I began tithing sometime after college, when I began my first job. Despite being a young believer, I understood that tithing was a way to show God how much I trusted Him to provide for me.

thing I could afford. I was leaving on Friday to go home to Columbia for the party. On Wednesday night, Martha Vetter, my roommate at the time, some other friends, and I were coming down the steps from

and above what I needed. I am convinced Jesus has a very special place in His heart for His single girls.

Another time I remember well was when I bought my little house on Hickory Street. All my friends had either gotten married or gone to the mission field. My parents had been urging me to buy a house for several years. To me, emotionally, buying a house as a single woman was like giving up the dream of getting married or being called to the mission field (which is what I thought I would be doing).

But I found this precious little house in West Ashley and, with Kitti Mullins' help, I bought it for a reasonable price. I was warned that some parts of the house were on their last leg—like the heating and air system. But, that lasted, oh, maybe another 15 years. The refrigerator – that lasted some 20 years...and so on. Just coincidences? I don't think so! And this little house became a sacred place for me and Jesus. He was present with me as my Husband and my Maker during those days in ways I cannot fully describe. I was very, very loved.

However, one of God's stellar surprises was yet to come. In 2000, I reconnected with a man I had met at St. Philip's and dated 10 years before, Kent Keller. He was in town visiting some friends, and he and I went as friends only to Jordan and David Gilbert's wedding. We ended

up dancing the entire night! Then, after being in touch a little bit that next year, we decided to begin writing intentionally and see where God would lead us.

In July of 2001, not long after that decision had been made, Sara Hinkle (Forbes), who loves a great sale, called to tell me that the Salvation Army Store on Dorchester Road had some designer wedding dresses, size 8. I had my godchild from Honduras, Ruth Fiallos, living with me while she went to Trident Tech. Just for fun, we decided to go out and look at those dresses. Now, I had only had a few real boyfriends in my life, and never had any reason at all to look at wedding dresses. I didn't know anything about anything related to the subject. Despite that, we went out there. The Salvation Army store was like a big warehouse; everything was neat, but there seemed to be endless rows of clothes. Eventually we found the wedding dresses. I pulled one out and decided to try it on. We had to step into the bathroom for me to change. It took Ruth about 10 minutes to button up the back of this dress. I looked at myself in the mirror. To my surprise, I realized that... I kind of liked it.

At that moment, I had a strong sense of something being said to me: "You are going to get married in this dress."

Remember, Kent and I had only just begun talking regularly. So, I was surprised to find myself soon asking the shop ladies if I could take the dress home to show my friends. They said, "Sure!" They didn't want me to pay them or even give them my name.

After we returned home, I asked my good friends Sara Hinkle (Forbes) and Tammy Barnes (Gottshalk) to come over and look at the wedding gown. (For years, we were single girls in Bible study to-



JOY HUNTER

Then a speaker came to St. Philip's in the mid-1980s, whose message greatly impacted my thinking about giving. I was challenged not only to tithe, but to see everything I had as God's and to realize what a blessing it would be to give more and more to the work of the Kingdom, in and out of the church. I decided then to start tithing my gross income... which was a big step for me. Since that time, I have experienced the faithfulness of God in providing for me in some truly remarkable ways.

For example, when I was about 24, I went all over town hunting for a pair of white shoes for a party for my sister when she was getting married. By then I had gone back to school for nursing and had very little money. I searched in vain for some-

our apartment on the third floor of 82 Rutledge Ave. On the landing in front of another apartment was a plastic trash bag. Out of the side of the bag was the tip of a shoe. A white shoe. A pair of size 7B Aigner brand new white flats to be exact! They were in that trash bag getting ready to go out to the street! Yep, I took them right then and there and said, "Thank you, Jesus!" I wore those shoes at the party and for many years after.

Many things like this have happened to me over the years. Anyone who has been in Bible study with me has heard lots of these stories. Not only has the Lord provided things that I have needed, but so many times, He has provided something that I had not even asked for, over

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gether.) When they saw me wearing the dress, both Sara and Tammy encouraged me to buy it, even though I was not engaged or anywhere near it. The moment of truth still to come, however, was when I took it over to Maria's Alterations in South Windemere.

If you have ever been to Maria, you know that she is a person of few words and fewer smiles. She is just a stern, all-business kind of woman. She had altered a good many things for me in the past, and she had barely said anything to me through each encounter, other than "turn around" or to suggest, "this high?" Yet, that day, when I came out of the dressing room, Maria ex-

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Holy Trinity, Windemere, Pleas "Pray for Peace in Bunia."

By Julia Marshall, Holy Trinity Windemere, Charleston

When our Rector, the Rev. David Dubay, asked if we would be willing to house an Anglican priest from the Democratic Republic of the Congo for a few nights I was hesitant. Will my home be inviting? Will I know what to say? I wasn't sure how easy it would be to connect with someone from a different culture and I didn't want to accidentally offend him.

Having him in our home – and getting to know him has, in many ways, transformed our world view and having him come to preach and teach in our church connected us as brothers and sisters in Christ.

The Rev. Bernard Bisoke Balikenga serves as the Provincial Youth Coordinator of the Democratic Republic of the Congo. When he traveled to the U.S. in October 2019 for the New Wineskins Global Mission Conference and again in January 2020, to attend the Anglican Leadership Institute. Holy Trinity Anglican Church Windemere in Charleston, was fortunate to be his host church.

He preached on Sunday and taught our Sunday School class. As

we listened to his many stories our eyes were opened up to his world, to the suffering of his people, and to his great faith in the face of poverty, hopelessness and war.

On his second trip, he brought gifts of clothing made by the women and children at the Bunia Children's Hope Center. Now, members of our parish correspond with him regularly, speak with him on What's App and commit to praying for him, and he for us. We consider him part of our church family and pray for guidance as to how best to help him and his wife, Furaha, in their work.

Bisoke and his family live in Bunia, the capital of the northeastern Ituri Province. This region is one of the most dangerous in the world. Warring tribal conflicts, corrupt government and ethnic killings have wreaked havoc on and off since 1998. A recent resurgence of unrest has driven refugees to 26 refugee camps in the Ituri Province. Two hundred thousand refugees now reside in two camps in Bunia. Bisoke and Furaha have committed their lives to helping these displaced people.



The Rev. Bisoke Balikenga with children at the refugee camp.

The Bunia Children's Hope Center (BCHC) and the Peace Center are two programs developed by Bisoke and Furaha.

The Bunia Children's Hope Center

The BCHC, begun in 2004, provides orphans with education, food, and clothing. It also provides counseling (many of the orphans have suffered physical abuse and

emotional trauma), assistance with placement in foster homes, health care and HIV/AIDS training. Approximately 600 orphans from preschool age to graduation attend BCHC's two schools: Baraka's Academy for older children and Chari Preschool.

BCHC also gives 200 widows purpose and hope by enlisting them to serve as foster parents, inviting them to teach in the school and training them for meaningful jobs.

Produce used to be raised on farmland near the Chari Preschool six miles from Bunia. The food was sold to help with school expenses and supplemented meals for the orphans. Currently, it is no longer safe to venture out to farm the land. In the past, local families have paid to

send their children to the school, but there is currently not enough money to pay teachers. The government does not assist the school financially but recognizes its valuable contribution to the most vulnerable.

The Peace Center

The Peace Center is seven miles outside of Bunia. In 2017, Bisoke introduced the Jesus Film to the village of Rwampara. Chief Emmanuel, the tribal leader, was so pleased with Bisoke's work for his people that he donated land to build the Center. Its mission is to enable peacebuilding through dialog and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. It is an ecumenical facility, a safe place for displaced church leaders to work together to develop plans and programs and to rely on God to bless and guide them in their outreach. Having individuals from different denominations work together shows the many warring tribes in the refugee camps that reconciliation and

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Saint James Church: Worshipping in the Presence of the Past 1720-2020

Book Honoring Church's Tricentennial Released

After four years of researching and writing, with an additional year of navigating through the publication process, Virginia Brown Bartels' book *Saint James Church: Worshipping in the Presence of the Past 1720-2020* is available for purchase.

About four years before the three hundredth anniversary of the church, the Rev. Arthur Jenkins and the staff began making plans for the congregation to honor this significant milestone. That is when a "still soft voice" began to nudge the author, as if saying, "Write the history of the church, Virginia." Her initial reaction was to avoid this undertaking, telling herself, "I lack the time. I lack the skills." However, the "calling" persisted, so she shared the idea with her priests, Arthur Jenkins, Louise Weld, and Elizabeth Bumpas—all who provided encouragement and prayer support for the project.

The text of the book is based on primary and secondary sources—personal narratives, statistical accounts, oral histories, Lowcountry publications, newspaper articles, church records, diocesan periodicals, vestry minutes, family diaries, photographs, and interviews. Most of the 25 chapters consist of a chronological story of the six church buildings located on the same plot of soil for three centuries.

However, some of the almost 400 page text consists of materials organized into topics. The book, with 20 photographs, opens with a commentary written by the Rev. Arthur Jenkins and closes with a reflection by the Rev. Louise Weld. The book also has five appendixes: a list of the ministers of Saint James, priests sent forth from Saint James, historical records in the South Carolina History Room of Charleston County Library, historical records housed on the church campus, and a list of vestrymen throughout the decades. The priests, several parishioners, and a high school journalism teacher all served as editors, each bringing his or her expertise to the text. Jim Booth's painting, *Sea Island Glory*, graces the cover of the book.



EVA DURINSKY

Saint James had a humble beginning in the early 1700s, as the Rev. William Guy rowed his boat from Old St. Andrew's Church to James Island to conduct services for fewer than 20 people on the fourth Sunday of each month. The sequential chapters tell the story of the church surviving and growing throughout wars, hurricanes, disease, crop failures, and an earthquake. Details abound of how the church and the community are intertwined, each impacting the other, including topics such as slavery, integration, poverty, land use, suburban development, technological changes, and evolving roles of women. As stated on the book's cover, "Who we are in present times is rooted in past times... Readers

will be more aware of how faith perpetuates persistence and problem-solving in whatever circumstances arise."

The book reaches beyond the story of just Saint James Church, showing how the churches throughout the Lowcountry have been interconnected for centuries. It incorporates related accounts of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, even including some state and national issues, secular and theological topics. Imbedded are many documented quotations, cited in sources listed in the 14-page bibliography.

Virginia Bartels stated that she tried to hear the parishioners' voices—those who have passed on to glory and those who are looking for that day to come—as well as God's voice. The intent of the book is to sustain the church's legacy of faith, hope, and love built on which she calls "holy ground," from which countless prayers and hymns have been offered up in worship throughout the ages. Her hope is that the book will be a means of evangelism.

Order a copy by visiting Saint James' website at www.saint-james.org.

What Makes a Day Count?

What Things in a Day Count in Making for a Good Life?

By Bishop Mark Lawrence, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

The following is an entry from the journal of Bishop Mark Lawrence, August 13, 2020, written at a farmhouse near Wytheville, VA.

I had a good four-mile jog this morning over these rolling hills and country roads near this farmhouse where we are staying for a few days. I stopped occasionally to take photos of the farmlands, hillsides and distant mountains, as well as the wildflowers along the road, or just to walk awhile to take things in and appreciate the scenery—to learn again to be attentive.

Lord, I am so oriented to making minutes, hours, and days "count," which is not always the same as being attentive or even less getting "... a heart of wisdom." (Psalm 90:12) No, my focus is often more about getting things done or frankly sometimes just getting to the next thing. Even now, I find myself experiencing some inner stress that I will not make this vacation day "count"—while having no specific criteria for what "counts" or "matters" means or even looks like. Is it doing something like my morning jog over these rolling hills, farmlands and country roads? Yes, I believe so. Is it some reflective journaling—such as what I'm doing now? Yes, I think that is something that matters. But how much? And when is it that I've written something that I can point to on a vacation day and say, "That's it!" that paragraph, that journal entry counts? Do other people even think in these terms or look at life from this perspective?

Eugene Peterson begins his book *Run with the Horses: The Quest for Life at Its Best* with a few sentences or questions that may at least be similar to what I'm trying to get at. "The puzzle is why so many people live so badly. Not so wickedly, but so inately. Not so cruelly, but so stupidly." To mention this book by Peterson raises yet another check off point. Whether an unusual jog (like this morning); a hike (like I plan to do tomorrow); a meaningful journal entry; a significant family gathering (surely Macy's baptism during the family outing to Presque Isle last Saturday "counts");



BISHOP MARK LAWRENCE

I am so oriented to making minutes, hours, and days "count"... Is it doing something like my morning jog over these rolling hills, farmlands and country roads? Yes, I believe so. Is it some reflective journaling—such as what I'm doing now? Yes, I think that is something that matters. But how much?

the tour of the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum (that I did yesterday). Do each of these make a vacation day count? Does reading on a vacation day make the day matter? Well, it certainly seemed to during our vacations in Maine in the 1980s and 90s, especially when it was part of a study project I was pursuing, such as Gregory the Great, St. Augustine, St. Ambrose, Phillips Brooks, and others. Because one is reading about someone significant or a significant work such as Dante's *Divine Comedy* or Eliot's *Four Quartets*, does that make what one is doing significant? If I spend an hour or two this afternoon reading this good but not great book, *Run with the Horses*, will that help to make this vacation day count?

How about just sitting on this farmhouse porch looking out on this pond and the green hillside, an opening patch of blue in an otherwise cloudy sky, the cattle and sheep grazing, a hawk flying overhead; hearing the birds chattering; and feeling the light wind across my face. The swallows start swirling about in their darting and dancing flight to feed, as butterflies float on the breeze, and the wasps busy above in the wooden eaves. I watch a dandelion seed drift in the wind above the white cross fence its destiny unlike mine all but assured. When all suddenly changes with a banging thunderclap and a torrent of rain. The cattle, sheep and horses that were grazing together all huddle according to their kind and

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Why I Tithe

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claimed loudly, "That is beautiful!" Moments later, she said again, "That is so beautiful!" I could not believe what I was hearing!

In fact, God would bless me in another remarkable way at Maria's shop. (I'll get to that in a bit.) After leaving Maria's, I decided I was keeping that dress, no matter what! Still not knowing the who, when, and how of my supposed marriage in that gown, I went back to the Salvation Army and bought the dress for \$50.

Well, you probably guessed it: on September 28, 2002, Kent and I did get married at St. Philip's, and, as I wore that dress, my precious father walked me down the center aisle. Before the wedding, I couldn't tell my sweet parents or anyone else where I had purchased the gown. That was top secret. I felt they would have been mortified to see me getting married in a thrift store dress.

But afterwards, they were as amazed and pleased as I was to hear what



Above: Susan Keller on her wedding day with her nieces.

had happened. I can still remember Bill Warlick telling me (before he knew the story) that my dress was the most appropriate and beautiful dress for a 47-year-old bride!

Here's the other marvelous part of this amazing gift from God: Maria assured me that the dress fit me perfectly at every angle. It needed absolutely zero alterations. Every bride and mother of the bride will agree that this is a very unlikely situation. Even the hem was just the right length. I only had to have it dry cleaned, and it was good to go! The Lord was making it crystal clear once again of His special love for me and that He truly is Jehovah Jirah, my Provider.

Which brings me back to tithing and the mystery of how God provides for us. Do we continue to tithe? Yes! Are we wealthy people? Well, how do you define "wealthy"? We live in that same precious little

house in West Ashley, known to my friends and family as "The Pink House." While most people have a little house when they get married, then get a bigger, then bigger one when the children come, only later to go back to a smaller, more manageable dwelling. We just missed that whole middle section! We live simply and are happy givers to some great things that God is doing, especially St. Philip's. We are wealthy with precious friends, sweet families, and true Christian community. We are wealthy with skills that serve others—I as an oncology nurse and Kent as an accomplished carpenter. We are wealthy in that we have a strong marriage based on our love for Christ and His Kingdom.

One other beautiful thing that God does as we trust Him in tithing: this act of faith sows contentment in our hearts. I truly do not desire a big house or expensive things. I

am so thankful for all that the Lord has provided for me over all these years, but most of all, for the gift of His life given for me on the cross. My sins are continuously forgiven, I know the very presence of the living God, and I am learning more each day how to live for Him more fully.

Presently, Kent's work is slowing down a bit, and I am looking towards retiring from my nursing role at the Hollings Cancer Center later this year. With our income diminishing somewhat, I am experiencing some twinges of anxious thoughts about finances. Yet I only need to remember His mighty faithfulness over these years, and I have peace again. We are, as missionary Amy Carmichael liked to say, "tucked in" with Jesus. That is the most lavish, secure, and loving place to be!



Ninety-Four St. Philipians Raise More Than \$7,000 for Water Mission

Record Numbers for Team St. Philip's

St. Philip's, Charleston, had a record-breaking group join in raising funds in Water Mission's Walk for Water on March 20. Their team of nearly 100 raised more than \$7000. Organizer, Jill Settle writes, "Thank you to everyone ...

St. Philipians answered the call! It was truly an honor and blessing to be a part of it." Learn how your church can participate next year by visiting <https://watermission.org/get-involved/walk-for-water/>.

Burns, Dean of West Charleston

The Rev. Karl Burns, Rector of The Church of Our Saviour, Johns Island, has been appointed Dean of the West Charleston Deanery

The Rev. Karl Burns has been ordained and served as a priest in The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina for 14 years. He is currently the rector of the Church of Our Saviour on Johns Island, where he has served for four years. Before answering

the call to Our Saviour, Karl was the Rector at All Saints Church in Florence, and he also served as an Assistant at Good Shepherd and Old St. Andrew's in the West Charleston Deanery. He has also served as Middle School Chaplain at Porter Gaud for three years. Before graduating from Nashotah House Seminary in 2007, and ordination, Karl was a full-time Youth Pastor and Director

of Christian Education at All Saints for seven years.

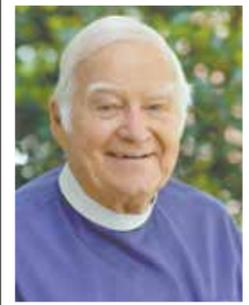
During his time in the diocese, Karl has served on the Standing Committee and as its President. He served on the the St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center Board, serving as board chair for four years. He has also served on the Diocesan Council and currently is a member of the Commission on the Ministry.

Karl is married to Susan and has two daughters, both of whom are married, and the only thing they enjoy more than being "empty nesters" is spending time with their four grandchildren. When asked what it means to be selected to be the next Dean of the West Ashley Deanery, he replied, "I am humbled and honored at the Bishop's appointment. We have such a wonderful deanery made up of a wide variety of churches, each with great clergy. I look forward to deepening my individual relationships with them, continuing to strengthen our corporate fellowship, and to serve as a resource for our Bishop."



ACNA Welcomes Bishop Skilton

On January 7, 2021 Archbishop Foley Beach welcomed the Rt. Rev. Bill Skilton into the ACNA, "It is my great pleasure to receive the Holy Orders of the Rt. Rev. William



J. Skilton, D.D., as a retired bishop of the Anglican Church in North America. We recognize your ordination

and consecration as a Bishop in Christ's one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, and we welcome you to exercise your ministry under the guidance of the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence." Bishop Skilton now serves as bishop-in-residence at Old St. Andrew's, Charleston and has been licensed to exercise Episcopal duties under the direction of Bishop Lawrence.

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The Rev. Marc Boutan, retired from full-time ministry as the Pastoral Care Assistant at St. Philip's Church, Charleston, this past February. Boutan, who had worked at the church for the past 20 years is staying on to serve as the part-time Music Team Leader for their Wednesdays Alive service. In a note to the congregation he wrote, "I am not leaving. I will be at the church office on a weekly basis... we will



continue to see each other... I'm confident that God will raise up a successor to carry on the important work of pastoral ministry at St. Philip's."

The Rev. Bill Christian recently accepted a call to serve as the new Assistant to the Rector for Pastoral Care at St. Philip's Church, Charleston. Bill had served as the Executive Director and Pastor of Star Gospel Mission in Charleston since 2001. He and his wife, Sarah, have been worshipping at St. Philip's for the past several years. In a note to the congregation, Rector, The Rev. Jeffrey Miller writes, "Bill brings a



wealth of experience and many ministry gifts to this position, and he has a pastor's heart."

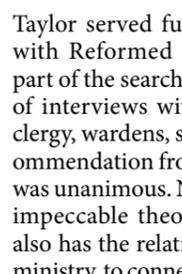
Please keep the Rev. Rags Coxe, Rector of Saint Matthew's, Darlington, in your prayers. Over a period of weeks, at the end of last year and the beginning of this year, he went through a series of grief-filled and joy-filled experiences. He contracted COVID. He and his wife, Suiter, welcomed their first grandchild. Rags' father, (Thomas Chatterton Coxe III) contracted COVID and died. Rags then officiated at the service. Rags had bi-lateral



hip surgery and then their second grandchild was born. In speaking about the experiences, he said, "There's been too much grace, too much love, pain, suffering, grief, death and all throughout that God has shown his mercy and love." One bonus of having COVID meant Rags was able to go into the hospital to give his father last rites. The church carried on in his absence, during his recovery. In an update

he expressed his gratitude to many, saying, "The leadership of Deacon Frank Stoda, the Wardens, Vestry, and lay members while I was absent was incredible."

Taylor Daniel recently accepted a call to serve as the Director of Student Ministry at St. Michael's Church, Charleston. Taylor is from Memphis, TN and completed his undergraduate work at the University of Memphis. He completed his Master of Divinity at Covenant Theological Seminary in St. Louis, where he also served on the leadership team at Church of the Resurrection. Prior to seminary



Taylor served full-time in college ministry with Reformed University Fellowship. As part of the search process, Taylor had a series of interviews with St. Michael's task force, clergy, wardens, staff, and youth, and the recommendation from the task force to hire him was unanimous. Not only does Taylor possess impeccable theological credentials, but he also has the relational gifts, honed in college ministry, to connect with young people. Taylor will be ordained to the transitional diaconate at St. Michael's on May 23. See Pg. 3



Please keep the Rev. Dan Farley and his wife, Sue, in your prayers. Dan, who serves as a Deacon at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston, was recently diagnosed with Parkinson's. In a note regarding the announcement he wrote, "I'm relieved to have a diagnosis and am at peace. The Lord has this."

Please keep the Rev. Kay Fryman, who serves as a Deacon at St. John's, Florence, in your prayers. Kay had two open heart surgeries on January 11. She is recovering well and is now back at the church serving at one service, but has not yet regained her strength. She would appreciate prayers for her continued physical therapy and recovery.



The Rev. Ramsey Gilchrist has rejoined the staff of Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, as the Assistant to the Rector and Chaplain of Men's Ministry. One of his first endeavors was to co-host, with Rector, the Rev. Gary Beson, a dinner for all the graduates of the Gospel Challenge at PGW and to share the vision for the future of Men's Ministry at the church. Gilchrist designed the Gospel Challenge curriculum which is being used all over the Diocese.

The Rev. Roger Griffin, who was ordained a Vocational Deacon in 2016 in The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, and who now serves as the Dean of Mexico, was ordained a priest in the ACNA church in Puerto Vallarta on March 16. In a recent email newsletter he wrote, "This wasn't in our original plans and vision for serving in Mexico, but ...This is what happens when one cries out to God to send more priests to Mexico. He finds Vocational Deacons with no aspirations to priesthood and says, 'This is how you will serve me best.' (See story on page 5).



The Rev. Tom Hample has accepted a call to serve as the Corporate Chaplain at the ALG Senior, a senior living provider. (See story on page 15).

The Rev. Rob Kunes has accepted a call to serve part time as Assistant to the Rector at Prince George, Winyah. Rob and family (of seven) are already deeply connected in the life of the church as he's doing a para-church ministry near Andrew's (outside of Georgetown). Rob is primarily serving as an advisor to PGW's prayer ministry teams and regular Officiant, Celebrant and Preacher at the Wednesday noon Eucharist and healing prayer service.



Prince George Winyah, Georgetown, recently promoted Hosanna LaMancusa from Church Office Assistant to Director of Commu-

nications. Hosanna has been working at PGW for a year and will take on this new position along with her current office duties. She will be gaining new responsibilities, including keeping the website up to date, configuring the weekly Enews, maintaining the church database software, and managing the PGW Facebook and Instagram pages. Hosanna resides in Georgetown, with her husband, Michael Denny, and their

four children, Isadora, Genevieve, Annabelle, and Nathaniel. They are active members of PGW and love the church and its people.



The Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort, recently announced that the Rev. Joe Lawrence is now a full-time Associate Rector. In a note to the congregation the Rector, the Rev. Shay Gaillard, wrote, "Joe's gifts and passion for theology, teaching, preaching, and pastoral care will be a welcome addition to the hub that is St. Helena's. As we send Jamie (Sosnowski) out as planned to lead the Habersham worshipping community, Joe will be



working with me as we continue to make disciples who make disciples. ...Professor Lawrence, as Joe is known at Holy Trinity, will continue to co-teach a Greek class at the school. Our partnership with Holy Trinity continues to be mutually beneficial. We are so thankful for the whole Lawrence family—Joette, Samantha, Sophie, and Andrew—continuing to be a part of the life of St. Helena's.



The Rev. Mike Lumpkin, who retired in 2014 as Rector of St. Paul's, Summerville, has accepted a call to serve as the part-time Senior Associate to the Rector of Prince George Winyah, the Rev. Gary Beson. Prior to his ordination, Gary served as Senior Warden and in other leadership roles at St. Paul's under Mike's leadership, and now Mike will be serving under him. Mike began his new role at the church on February 14. Mike and his wife, Ellen, moved to Georgetown from Edisto in March.

And a Little Child Shall Lead Them...



LAURA DIXON

When Laura Dixon, a member of Church of the Resurrection, North Charleston, had trouble with the camera on her computer and was unable to use Zoom her brother-in-law, Bob attempted to fix the issue. When he got stumped Bob's just-turned-nine-year-old grandson, Josh, came to the rescue. "He knew just what to do and with a few clicks had it working," said Laura. "I think children today are born knowing how to do that."

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& Music; Student Ministry to Social Outreach; Camp & Conferences to Evangelism. Some of these committees have waxed and waned and in some cases functioned under different names than are designated in our canons. My intention this spring once new council members are elected is to huddle with Canon Jim Lewis and the current leaders of the various departments to discuss how we might strengthen each of these committees for the furtherance of our common life, our gospel reach, and our ministry as a diocese. I believe it will be helpful for the next bishop to have these either reasonably functional or quietly at rest awaiting a fresh set of eyes as to their viability in the future. As when a rector comes to a parish, not every ministry or practice has to be highlighted at previous levels or even continued if they are not vital, though prudence might suggest a measured assessment.

Commission on Ministry (COM), Diaconal Training Program, and Board of Examining Chaplains (BOEC)—are key entities within our diocesan life and structure.

They have been highly productive and fruitful ministries and I have leaned on them for many important decisions in discerning call to ordained ministry and asserting proficiency toward ordination. They have also been relatively stable during my time as bishop. I will likewise meet with them to make assessments as we look toward transitioning to the next bishop. We will have a transition coming in our vocational diaconate preparation as Canon Mike Malone retires after over a decade of outstanding work training our deacons.

Deans and Standing Committee—Words fail me in expressing how grateful I am to the Deans and each succeeding Standing Committees with which I have worked and ministered during these past 13 years. Diocesan Convention of course elects the Standing Committee, while the bishop appoints the Deans. These too I will be meeting with in the next months to discuss how we can best prepare the diocese for the upcoming transition.

All of these committees, commissions, and ministries I place under the rubric of our Lord's command to the church in Sardis in the Book of Revelation, "Awake, and strengthen the things that remain..."

What do I owe the Diocese before Stepping Down?

The Pandemic—what an inspiring video clip put together by our staff and folks from St. Helena's documenting how our churches have continued to minister during what has seemed like a Kafkaesque dream for some of us. Our churches without exception have found ways to minister with creativity and care. Ordinations, confirmations, baptisms, marriages, funerals have continued often by exercising a remarkable resourcefulness: Zach Miller ordained in his family's back lawn on Johns Island, Chip Bateson at a drive in style service at Resurrection, Surfside and Bill Clarkson under a tent in the parking lot of St. Matthew's Fort Motte. The work of the gospel and the ministry of the Church has gone on. We have seen small congregations have a big reach, and local churches minister globally in ways rarely seen before. I showed up recently for visitations at congregations even as small as Advent, Marion and they all have their I-Phones there to broadcast the service and sermon online. Congregations in the Pee Dee have not only reached their members with inspiring and sustaining worship through praise, word, and sacrament, but in many cases, they have a growing "virtual congregation" faithfully viewing their worship from as far away as Virginia, California and the U.K. Those in the Beaufort deanery have told me of viewers in Sweden and Tanzania. Our rectors and vicars have people from across the country who now consider them and even refer to them as their pastor. Just yesterday, I was talking to one of our priests who told me that he has people throughout the southeast joining in on a bible study that he offers virtually. Several are members of other churches but they now call him "my pastor." I asked him, "What are their churches doing?" He said, "I

don't know." I told him, "Over and over I hear this story all over the diocese." Many offer virtual services of Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Compline as part of the rhythm of their lives—the rhythms of grace for their isolated members. Our larger congregations have invested in developing or upgrading their capacity to live stream or professionally record their worship services. In some cases tailoring these services primarily for those who partake only in home worship. While our smallest congregations have found ways to offer high pastoral touch in this low touch world. I want to pause in the midst of this convention to celebrate our clergy—rectors, vicars, assisting priests, and deacons and their lay members for your extraordinary ministry during these extraordinary times! Not only that but for how you have helped and learned from one another building up the body of Christ. I have thought for years that we are a remarkably unique place in the Anglican world. For years, we had visitors coming to Charleston for

It has been my practice to visit every congregation at least once a year. In most cases and in most years, I have done so.

In just over two months this year, I have made 10 visitations—to preach, teach, confirm, receive and celebrate the Eucharist. At each I find myself wondering how I might come back one last time. This, of course, is unrealistic. Though it reminds me how much you—clergy and laypersons—have come to mean to me.

our Mere Anglican Conferences and various offerings. I pray that we shall have that once again. But for now, we are broadcasting via the internet and social media the vibrancy of the life in Christ among our congregations both great and small through worship and word in ways many of us never imagined. While I am offering kudos, I don't want to forget what Bob Lawrence and his staff have accomplished in keeping St. Christopher in the game, or the Men's Ministry with their zoom Summit, and the Anglican Women with their fall retreat. Well done good and faithful servants!

Sounding a Word of Caution

With that said and celebrated, I want to sound a word of concern. Chalk it up, if you must, to the world view of a septuagenarian, a curmudgeon with an Anglican bent, born in the exact middle of the past century, the son of a WWII vet and survivors of the Great Depression, who himself remembers all too well the cold war, and who as a young man took graduate courses in Marx and Soviet Thought. As I said, I feel at times that I am

living through a Kafkaesque dream, concerned about things many others are not. We have entered a masked, isolated, atomistic world controlled or at least being shaped by that, which is erasing, deleting, unfriending, or cancelling a culture that once shaped our understanding of self and society. Certainly all the once was was not good; not every handshake, kiss or hug came from heartfelt conviction; and not every Easter or Christmas worship was glorious and resounding; but they were formative, and shaped earlier generations. Now, from what I have seen more of our older members have returned to in-person worship in numbers greater than the young. Generation Z those born after 1998 according to reliable research is the most unchurched generation in American history. These are their formative and perhaps in many ways their defining years. The axiom we have used in the past of "Every Congregation Engaging Every Generation" has never been more challenging nor more critical than it is today. There are few sustaining replacements for family life and lively worship in the midst of the family of God made up of "all sorts and conditions of men." These need not be in large gatherings; yet as our Lord revealed to his first followers and was (at the risk of their lives) the irrefutable experience of the early church; it does need to be incarnational. There is much that I would like to say about this but now is not the time; I shall save it for my upcoming gatherings with the clergy. Just know I will shortly be assembling a team to consider updated guidance regarding how we chart the course to whatever normalcy may lie ahead.

Stewardship

I mentioned in my last address the need for us to strengthen our practice and teaching on stewardship at every level throughout the diocese—to parishioners, congregations, and diocesan initiatives. I have been encouraged by how many have stepped up. Our parishioners continue their generosity and giving to their congregations, our parishes and missions have to our diocesan work as well—even increasing in several cases. Stewardship, to paraphrase Henri Nouwen, is always a call to conversion. "And this call comes to those who seek funds and to those who have funds." It is, as Nouwen says, a form of ministry, "...a way of announcing our vision and inviting other people into our mission. Vision and mission are central to life of God's people ... and give us courage when we might want to remain silent." We in the Church need to overcome our reluctance to ask for the resources to carry out our God given vision and mission for the kingdom of God. Yet if we ourselves are not practicing it, it becomes the place where conscience doth makes cowards of us all.

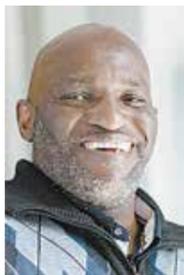
Clergy/Deanery Clericus Gatherings

I also mentioned in the Bishop's Address last October that my intention was to adjust my schedule to spend more quality time with

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Congratulations to Anthony Royal who celebrated 25 years on staff at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul this past December. Royal, who serves as the Buildings and Grounds Manager, is a native of Charleston, where he graduated from Burke High School. Since accepting the call to serve at the Cathedral in 1995, Anthony has worked hard behind the scenes serving the church. Anthony and his wife, Stacy, have six grown children and two grandchildren.

Congratulations to the Rev. John Scott, who serves as a Pastoral Asso-

ciate at St. Paul's, Summerville. Scott recently received the Summerville Rotary Club's Paul Harris Fellowship Award. This is the most prestigious award the club can bestow on a non-Rotarian. This award is presented to a person who embodies the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," while serving in areas of vocational, community, international or youth service. John is the Coordinator, and one of the driving forces behind the Summerville Area Ministerial Association (SAMA). In his own words, "We want to show our Christian unity in the community, by coming together in



this interracial, interdenominational service to pray for our community, state, and nation." Please keep Beth Snyder, Assistant to Bishop Lawrence, and wife of the Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder, Rector of St. John's, Johns Island, and her family in your prayers. Beth's father, Dr. Walker Lee Breland, died March 28 on Palm Sunday, following a courageous 14-year battle with Parkinson's disease. A private family graveside service is being planned in the near future.

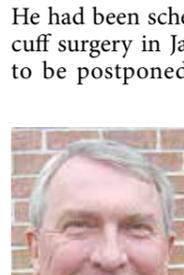
the Rev. Tim Surratt has been called to serve as the Interim Rector at Christ St. Paul's, Yonkers Island, following the retirement of the Very Rev. Craig Borrett, who retired after serving there for 29 years. Tim, who received his MDiv from Trinity School for Ministry began his ministry career as a Youth Minister at St. Philip's Church, Charleston. Tim has also served at Trinity Cathedral in Columbia, as well as All Saints, Grace Church, and Christ the King churches in Pawley's Island.



He had been scheduled for rotator cuff surgery in January, but it had to be postponed due to a blood clot. Medical intervention and prayers by many were successful in eliminating the clot, for which the family is grateful. He is now scheduled for surgery on April 16. Also, keep he and his family in prayer. Charlie's son-in-law, Tripp Lee, who served as a Warden at Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter, and who was active in Men's Ministry in the Diocese, died of a massive heart attack on February 1.



Please continue praying for retired clergyman, the Rev. Charlie Walton.



Meet the Guy Transforming Children's Ministry in Beaufort

By David Wright, Coordinator for Student Ministries, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

In our network of Children and Family Ministry folks, I have gotten to know many of those serving our churches in these ministries. One is unique from all the others. Partly because he is the only man serving as a children's pastor in our diocese, but also because he is a bold individual with a courageous vision. I want many others to get to know him and hopefully this interview will begin that process.

Who is Corey Vernon?

Having first believed in Jesus at age 19, I am a 36-year-old husband of 10 years to my lovely wife, Katie. We have three children: Judah, Kathryn and Evelyn, ages 9, 7 and 5.

How did you end up in Beaufort?

I was born in Sacramento, CA. My parents divorced soon after I was born, and my mother took us back home to Ohio where she was from. My mother then followed her sisters with military husbands down to Beaufort, where we have been ever since.

How did you come to faith?

We did not attend church growing up; however, throughout my high school years I found a growing question in my soul: "Is there more to life than this?" At 19, I was drawn to the church seeking an answer to that question. I found a church on Lady's Island called Tidal Creek Fellowship. Just two weeks after attending church for the first time, my 16-year-old brother was killed in a car accident. This had a profound impact on me as I reflected over the type of influence I had on him, and it was not a good one. I decided I wanted to be a different man...a new man. The Lord took me up on that offer and told me, "I will make you an example to young people."

This began my journey toward children's ministry. I volunteered in the student min-



"We want to make children's ministry a top priority in the church's vision," says Vernon, shown above with daughter Kathryn.

istry of my church, which led to a part-time position as the Middle School Director. Later, the same church hired me as their full-time Children's Ministry Director. After serving in that capacity for five years, God called us away from that church to St. Helena's. After a short break from ministry, I became the Director of Children's Ministries here at St. Helena's in the Fall of 2019.

You are bi-vocational. What does that look like in your life and family? Would it be better for the church to hire you full time?

I have found that there is an ebb and flow to my schedule. I'll be busy with ministry leading up to an event. Then I'll get busy with my second job after or between ministry events. As far as family life, my wife has had to hold loosely to what time I'll be home. Other times I have to finish projects in the evening after the kids are in bed. It all balances out though. Inevitably there will be a lull in one or both jobs. I'll take a random day off to hang with

the family or attend a special family function. I think being part-time is appropriate for the current size of the ministry I lead. The more we grow, the more it will become necessary to hire another employee or commit to a full-time position.

Over the summer you offered a different vision for VBS than usual, one that was centered around being in or reaching neighborhoods. Can you tell us about that and how it worked?

Our building wasn't open yet when it came time to host VBS, so we made a last-minute plan. We felt that with school, church, and a wide variety of other summertime events being canceled, it was imperative to take the

We canvassed every house within walking distance and put signs up everywhere. About 60 kids came out. Kids were thrilled...parents were thrilled!

Gospel into our community in a unique way. With six weeks to plan, we hosted two offsite VBS events. Both were two-days long, and both were held outdoors in a central location of a local neighborhood. We canvassed every house within walking distance and put signs up everywhere. About 60 kids came out. Kids were thrilled...parents were thrilled! We had

sprinklers, portable sound, crafts, snacks, and of course the Gospel to share. What a breath of fresh air that was during a difficult season.

What is your vision for children's ministry as it relates to the church?

I have two overarching visions for children's ministry. The first is this: we want to help parents build a spiritual legacy they can pass on with pride to the next generation. A legacy is "something transmitted by or received from an ancestor." We see this transmission of spiritual legacy in the Old and New Testament. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is often referred to as "the Great Commission for parents" with its strong exhortation to diligently teach God's ways to our children and train them up as His disciples. This is the biblical reason and model for the vision of building a spiritual legacy.

Researchers like George Barna have found that church-goers are either dying or leaving the church at about the same rate in which they are walking through our doors for the first time. Barna also revealed that about 60% of all evangelical Christians in America made decisions to follow Christ between the ages of 4 and 14.

This leads to my second overarching vision for children's ministry. We want to make children's ministry a top priority in the church's vision. First and foremost, this requires senior leadership becoming unapologetic advocates for this ministry focus. This includes a suitable budget and staffing, teaching the congregation about the importance of children in the church, and publicly celebrating any victories achieved by the children's ministry.

In addition, we must invest the time to make a big picture plan that includes specific goals for each age group from infants to young adults. Finally, there needs to be a strategic and coordinated effort to equip parents as they help their children.

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the clergy. Time in prayer, time one on one, and time with them in clerical gatherings in our deaneries. I met in January with the Orangeburg clergy. Covid-19 concerns elsewhere have slowed things but not entirely. What do I hope to take up with the clergy as we meet? To begin with, the things that are on their minds during this time of transition. What they believe need to be addressed, if possible, before the next bishop arrives. Secondly, some concerns that I see emerging in the culture, and some hotly debated in the An-

glican Church in North America. Carl Trueman's recent work, *The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self* deserves a thoughtful reading by all those in ministry today. The issues he raises are not going away anytime soon and the challenges he articulates bring us into the heart of the human condition that many are experiencing especially among younger generations. Another book, which I hesitate to mention as it brings us into the center of our highly charged cultural and political scene is Rod Dreher's *Live Not By Lies*. Whether his warnings are correct may be debated. That the trajectory of the spiritual, corporate, and political climate is arced in

that direction seems at least for the moment rather obvious. We have much work to do and much to share. Chief of which perhaps is what has been called "the gift of suffering" a truth many in the church in their search for comfort seem determined to avoid.

Visitations

I am committed to visiting every congregation before I finish my course as diocesan bishop. It has been my practice to visit every congregation at least once a year. In most cases and in most years, I have done so. In just over two months this

year, I have made ten visitations—to preach, teach, confirm, receive and celebrate the Eucharist. At each I find myself wondering how I might come back to see them one last time. This, of course, is unrealistic. Though it reminds me how much you—clergy and laypersons—have come to mean to me. Each of our congregations has its unique qualities and gifts. As St. Paul wrote to the saints at Philippi, "It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace.... For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1:7-8)

As you know the Apostle Paul in this letter to the Philippians goes on to use an image from the Grecian Games. He compares himself to a runner who pays little attention to the mileage markers he has passed because he is looking towards the goal, which for Paul is the upward call of knowing Christ and the power of his resurrection. "But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:12-14) He is filled with energy, animated by a holy discontent. He knows that there are times for the backward look but it is not now. He hasn't time for shingles and sunsets. He has chosen to press on to what lies ahead, to the upward call. "Don't stop. Further up and further in. Take it in your stride." Many have followed his example. Like the 6th Century Irish Monk, Columbanus,

who left his beloved homeland and ventured onto the European continent for Christ, establishing in his wake some 90 monasteries. The Irish saint said it well, "Life is not a resting place; Life is a road." Let us all do our part to prepare for the next bishop who will lead this diocese to new opportunities in Christ Jesus. Let us pray regularly for our Search Committee in its work. For our Standing Committee as they fulfill their charge. We know we have an enemy who seeks to distract, discourage, divide, defeat and, if possible, destroy the people of God. Let us be careful how we communicate through social media and email. Remembering who we are and whose we are. For over a decade, we have been making Biblical Anglicans for a global age. Even within this season of pandemic, we have reached across boundaries of denomination, state, and nations through virtual services and teachings. We have formed relationships with provinces and dioceses around the world. Some on a parish level, some diocesan level, and some through New Wineskins, or the Anglican Leadership Institute. Yet a new vision awaits us. We have journeyed from The Episcopal Church and taken our place within the Anglican Church in North America. Like St. Paul, let us press on to whatever God has in store for us. Not resting with where we have been. For in the memorable words of the English preacher, Joseph Parker, "An eagle doesn't roost in a sparrows nest." So we press on to upward call in Christ Jesus!

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Getting to Know Our Newly Ordained Priests

Can You Find the Two Unique Similarities in Two of the Priests' Bios?

An ordination is cause for celebration, not only for the ordinand and his or her family and friends but also for the individual's church, diocese and Church—universal. This past fall, five clergy were ordained to the priesthood. Take a moment to read through these introductions, get to know, and celebrate the newly ordained.

The Rev. Chip Bateson
Rector, Reconciliation Anglican Church, Ambridge, PA

Ordination to the Priesthood: December 3, 2020, Reconciliation Anglican Church, Ambridge, PA

Where I'm serving: Rector, Reconciliation Anglican Church



Family: My wife, Mara, and I have been married for 26 years. We have 23-year-old twins, Chad and Eddie.

My route to ordination: I was a residential homebuilder for 25 years in Horry County, SC, partnered with my dad. I finished my career as

a builder working for D.R. Horton in Myrtle Beach. During that time, I served in local ministries at Resurrection Surfside, and Diocesan ministries such as the Men's Conference and Cursillo. I started in seminary as a distance student but finished my last five semesters in residence.

You'd be surprised to know: I have seen every single Star Wars movie in the theater the year it was released, with my Dad. It is a fun streak.

One item on my Bucket List: I would like to take Mara to the Holy Land.

Favorite free-time activity: Solving puzzles and riddles, playing and listening to music

How I recharge spiritually: I often spend a day in silent retreat reading through one book in the Bible. There are times when I go to a quiet place near water and just rest.

The Rev. Bill Clarkson
Vicar, Holy Apostles, Barnwell

Ordination to the Priesthood: November 22, 2020, Holy Apostles, Barnwell

Where serving: Vicar, Holy Apostles

Family: Wife, Katie, Children: Alex (25), Sam (23)

My route to ordination: I was a Veterinarian, with a house call practice in St. Matthews / Calhoun County, for the nearly 30 years before being called/sent to seminary. At the same time, I was an active lay person at St. Matthew's, Fort Motte and served on Vestry, in Cursillo, Kairos, Faith Alive, on Diocesan Council and Standing Committee.



You'd be surprised to know: I have gone through times when I enjoyed wood carving, and watercolors. I have a science background as a veterinarian, but my undergraduate degree was in Forestry and Natural Resources from Sewanee.

One item on my Bucket List: I would love to go to Hawaii; not the big cities but the jungle, waterfalls, and reefs.

Favorite free time activity: Most common is cutting grass on our farm, but favorite is golf.

How I recharge spiritually: I recharge spiritually in small personal relationships, one on one, or with just two or three people. My favorite partner is my wife, Katie, but I also get recharged in pastoral relationships within my congregation. I love "relational" ministry.

The Rev. Tom Hample
Chaplain, ALG Senior; Associate, Holy Trinity Windermere, Charleston

Ordination to the Priesthood: December 10, 2020, Cathedral of St Luke & St Paul, Charleston.



Where I'm serving: I am serving as the corporate chaplain for ALG Senior/Affinity Living Group, a senior living provider with communities throughout the south east. I am also serving as an Associate Priest at Holy Trinity Windermere Church.

Family: My wife, Kelli, works as a Development Associate for the Anglican Relief and Development Fund, a position she began while we were at seminary in Ambridge PA. We have two adult sons, RJ and Tommy, who are 23 (yes, twins), and a 13-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

My route to ordination: I worked for nine years at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center. Like so many others, my time at St. Christopher played an important part in hear-

ing from God and discerning a call to ordained ministry. Also important in my journey was my time establishing and leading a street church/ministry in Charleston.

You'd be surprised to know: Once upon a time, in land far off, I practiced law.

One item on my Bucket List: To visit the Holy Land with my wife, Kelli.

Favorite Free-time activity: Spending time at home with my family and cycling.

How I recharge spiritually: Time in the Word, and outdoors, and physical activities. My favorites are cycling, sailing, anything on the beach or water, backpacking, doing laundry and cleaning the house (Kelli wishes!)

The Rev. Jeff Jacobs
Associate to the Rector, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Summerville

Ordination to the Priesthood: November 30, 2020 at St. Paul's Anglican, Summerville.

Where I'm serving: Associate to the Rector, St. Paul's



Family: Wife, Kristin, Children: Uriah age 3, Eden, age 6 months.

My route to ordination: I was called to the priesthood via prophecy and vision in the summer of 2002. The subsequent year, I was called to North Africa. After graduating from college,

I spent two years in North Africa, where I met Kristin. We moved back to Summerville to be married and to discern the call to the priesthood. We spent the next two years in the discernment process while I worked for a medical supply company, Sage Services Group. After these two years of discernment and three years of seminary, I was ordained to the priesthood. Kristin and I are glad to announce that we were recently accepted as candidates to move to North Africa with SAMS where I hope to continue to serve as a priest.

You'd be surprised to know: Kristin and I have a secret code language.

One item on my Bucket List: Spend a week in the Jotunheimen Mountains of Norway.

Favorite Free-time activity: This year, it has been backgammon.

How I recharge spiritually: In nature, in solitude, in quiet. Alternatively, in family worship nights with Kristin.

The Rev. Zach Miller
Assistant to the Rector, St. Helena's, Beaufort

Ordination to the Priesthood: December 5, 2020, The Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort



Where I'm serving: I am serving at St. Helena's as an Assistant to the Rector. I am in our regular preaching rotation and assist with various teachings at the church. I also work part-time at Holy Trinity Classical Christian School where I teach 7th Grade Old Testament and Greek II.

Family: Single

My route to ordination: During my first year of college, I began to sense God was calling me to ordained ministry. This sense of calling only continued to grow, and so, after graduation, I reached out to Chris Warner who set up an internship to let me get my feet wet in ministry as I continued to seek the Lord's guidance. With this internship, I was able to help with a nursing home communion service, serve as a youth intern, and lead worship for one of our church's campuses. As I served in these capacities, God made it abundantly clear that he was calling me to the priesthood, and so, in the summer of 2017 I was sent to Beeson Divinity School for my formal training, and three years later on December 5, 2020, I was ordained as a priest.

You'd be surprised to know: I am a triplet with two sisters (Clair and Hannah). I also have an older brother who is also ordained as a priest and serves in Statesboro Georgia (Drew).

One item on my Bucket List: I would love to go on an overnight sailing trip. So far, I have only done short, day trips, but I would love to sail somewhere far enough away that it would take several days to get there, perhaps even sailing across the Atlantic one day.

Favorite Free-time activity: Whenever I've got the time, I love to go sailing.

How I recharge spiritually: I generally recharge spiritually by reading the writings of the early Church fathers. I find that their writings have a certain quality to them that makes it evident that they were written from a heart steeped in worship and prayer, and I find the devotion of these writings contagious. Otherwise, I spiritually recharge by going on a long prayer walk.

What Makes a Day Count?

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go their separate ways. The horses first to leave making their way I assume to their stable and barn. The sheep go down the hill out of my sight. The huddled cattle remain on top of the hill. The storm in time passes and a cool wind changes the temperature and a gaggle of geese land on the pond. Will all this count? Will this make the afternoon matter?

The American poet, James Wright, lying in a hammock on William Duffy's farm in Minnesota, not all that different I suppose from this farm in Southern Virginia, lifted his eyes to see a chicken hawk floating over looking for home and experienced an epiphany of sorts that he had wasted his life. Did that, rather paradoxically, make the day or his life count? It certainly made a significant poem, at least for me; I have remembered it for 50 years as one of the better poems of his gener-

ation and of the "deep image" genre.

Finally, it may be best to pause and pose before myself an even more telling question. As Annie Dillard prophesied some years ago, "It's not good days that are hard to come by but good lives." So, here is an important question or two from early in Peterson's book. "What does it mean to be a real man, a real woman?" What shape does mature, authentic humanity take in everyday life? Here's my catch—if good lives not good days are what are most needed and surely authentic humanity is defined by such, what things in a day or kind of days actually count in making for a good life? I no sooner write this sentence than Allison turns down the farmhouse road back from her day's adventures, gladdening my heart. I think in the overarching scheme and stretch of life every good life surely must

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made. God leads. Ordination means that I will be able to more fully meet the needs that arise within Mexico; to supply, to fill in, to provide for the comfort and community of the Body of Christ here. It seems that God knew that our hearts for Mexico were bigger than our original plans.

Meanwhile, our daily life brings us opportunity to share with young professionals here in Aguascalientes, speaking English with them, and finding them open to the deeper

include such days as I've spent here. Days or moments that allow one time to observe, reflect, and think. As the psalmist prayed, "So teach each us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom."

questions of meaning—a friendly step toward Alpha! The Alpha course is now on the Zoom schedule: an international one in English, one in Spanish. Church leaders here are impressed with the depth and accessibility of the Alpha topics and are eager to implement the program. But more than that, just being here in Mexico provides us daily opportunities to love, to give liberally to as many as we can, to engage in our neighborhood, and to keep the doors open for the Gospel. And good tacos.

Please be praying for us and for Mexico. This is promising to be a challenging and fruitful year. I receive inquires almost weekly from all around the country from individuals wanting to know more

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Cross Schools

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and a faculty lounge / work area. A music suite will reside on the third floor, as will four other classroom spaces.

Cross is proud to partner again with local construction firm Fraser Construction to ensure the functionality of the inside of the building will be matched by the attractiveness of the building's appearance and optimal use of the surrounding outdoor space. The exterior of the building will also feature areas for high school students to gather, dine, engage in conversation, or study.

Cross Schools' enduring commitment to its mission of inspiring future leaders to grow spiritually and academically by intentionally designing opportunities for inquisitive learning and active service all for the glory of God has seen the school population increase by 50% in the past five years.

Returning to Independence

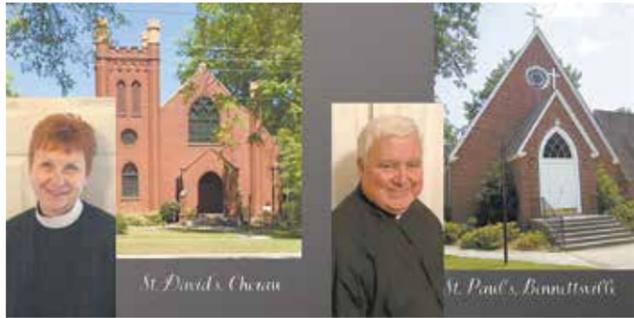
After a Season of Yoked Ministry St. David's, Cheraw and St. Paul's, Bennettsville, Operate Independently Again

In faith, two and a half years ago, St. David's, Cheraw, and St. Paul's, Bennettsville, yoked together and called the Rev. Mary Ellen Doran to be Rector of both churches, along

move forward as God would have each church go. Thankfully they've come to an exciting crossroads for each congregation, and it is time for the churches to again move forward in faith. Effective February 8, 2021, the two churches were no longer yoked. Both are at a place where each can thrive individually, rather than continuing to share one pastor.

Doran will continue part-time at St. David's and the Rev. Harry East-erling will be the Deacon-in-Charge part-time at St. Paul's. They will work with their respective vestries to

discern the vision God has for each church moving forward. This is an exciting time for both of these churches, and we look forward to seeing what God has planned for both!



with working with St. David's Day School. Over time, they've worked hard together to bring systems up to date and lay groundwork for the churches to not simply survive, but

Prince George Winyah's Tour of Homes Goes Virtual

The PGW Production Team is excited to welcome everyone to the 2021 Tours of Historic Plantations and Homes! When the difficult decision was made to cancel the tours for the second year in a row due to COVID-19, we began brainstorming ways to still celebrate this unique event that has brought so much joy to our community over the years. The 2021 Tours of Historic Plantations and Homes have been reimagined as a short film virtual tour that highlights a few of the properties in ways never seen before. This virtual tour is filled with breathtaking views, historical information, and familiar faces. It is our prayer that you not only enjoy this video but that it would help generate excitement for next

year when the tours can resume in person bigger and better than ever before!

We would like to thank the Tour Committee, homeowners, docents, PGW staff, and everyone who made this short film possible. We



especially must thank Jason Wheeler of Jason Wheeler Video, whose talent took this project to new heights. View the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ffoWIrWhYAw&t=2s>

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peace are possible. The Center hosts church services, conferences, training, counseling, prayer, feeding of large groups and at times housing.

The Needs are Great

Due to civil unrest and prohibitive transportation costs, Bisoke is not able to perform his job as Youth Coordinator for his vast country at this time. Bisoke and Furaha have no income or help from the government. Their first request is always for prayer for their people and their work and for wisdom to know what God would have them do. When Bisoke left in October 2019, Holy Trinity sent him with an envelope of just over \$2,000 for a Christmas celebration for the orphan children at the BCHC. He asked me for tape, and I watched as he meticulously sealed the envelope. Knowing he had traveled to the U.S. as a gift from New Wineskins Missionary Network and was now going home with no money in his pockets, I told him he might need some cash for travel. He let me know this money was for the children and he would deliver it all to them, firmly sealed.

The needs are vast and overwhelming and hard for us to fathom. We cannot hope to solve the problems of government, poverty, wars, civil atrocities and displaced peoples. Confronted with this, Bisoke reminds us, "God is in control. God is working when we cannot see. God will find a way."

We are thankful for the BCHC and Peace Center that are already in place and doing a mighty work. We pray we can find ways to support them as their ministry expands. What we know for certain though is that our global partnership brings joy, encouragement and much hope to us all!

To learn more about Holy Trinity Windermere's partnership with Balikenga or learn how your church can get involved, contact the church at (843) 556-2560.

Griffin

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about the church. The deanery has just added two more much needed priests and will soon add three or four new deacons. It is exciting to be involved in what God is doing here.

In a recent note the Griffins shared that contributions to their ministry have dropped off. "We are praying that God will send us partners who will faithfully invest \$25, \$50 or \$100 per month. Will you be one? Your gifts are greatly appreciated and accomplish more than you know." <https://give.sams-usa.org/missionary/roger-and-joanne-griffin>.

Job Openings Around the Diocese

Read more about each of the jobs listed below by visiting adosc.org/about/employment-opportunities/

Priest, The Church of the Cross, Bluffton

The Church of the Cross in Bluffton, would like to welcome another Anglican priest to its clergy team. Those wishing to be favorably considered should possess: a strong testimony to God's strength and provision; a personal and family life worthy of emulation; an outgoing personality; a passion for Biblical preaching and teaching with proven skills in both; a willingness to serve the Lord in a large congregation...

Director of Food Services, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is looking for a ministry associate to serve as Director of Food Service with overall responsibility for all food service operations. This position includes primary responsibilities for menu planning, ordering, maintaining all kitchen and dining room facilities, food storage, food preparation, food delivery to all guests and staff, quality assurance, adherence to established federal and state food safety procedures, hiring and training of qualified food service personnel, budgeting, and process improvement...

Family and Children's Minister, St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville

St. Bartholomew's Church is seeking a full-time minister to lead and grow our ministry for families and children, providing oversight and management of the children and family ministry, including the nursery, Sunday school, and Kid's Church. Assist in coordinating with other teams for special events...

Director of Student Ministries, St. Jude's, Walterboro

St. Jude's, Walterboro is looking to hire a Director of Student Ministries. The Director of Student Ministries is responsible for the development, planning and the implementation of the youth/college ministry programs at St. Jude's Church. This position will strive to fulfill the vision statement of St. Jude's Church and to make disciples across all generations: "The purpose of St. Jude's Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ by proclaiming through words, actions, and love the Good News of God in Christ; to provide for spiritual growth and to minister, with love, to the needs of this congregation and to all people..."

Upcoming Events

View full calendar at www.adosc.org

- Women's Annual Gathering, April 24
- Laura Dixon's Ordination, May 5
- Clergy Renewal of Vows, May 18
- St. Chris. Intercessory Day of Prayer, May 22
- Taylor Daniel's Ordination, May 23
- Clergy Family Picnic, May 31
- Walkabout for Bishop Candidates, September 11
- Anglican Women's Conference, October 1-3
- Wellspring of Life, Healing Retreat, October 3-5
- Election for Bishop Coadjutor, October 16
- SE Int. Grandparenting Conference, Nov. 5-6
- Annual Clergy Conference, November 8-10
- Christian Men's Conference, Feb 23-25, 2022
- Consecration and Conv., March 11-12, 2022

Minister of Music, St. John's Chapel, Charleston

St. John's Chapel is seeking a Minister of Music to develop vision, goals and plans for the music ministry of St. John's. Responsibilities will include preparation and presentation of music for weekly services and special services, leadership and development of choir or praise band, oversee and maintain musical instruments and equipment and develop/maintain budget and communication in support of the music ministry...

Assistant Teaching Positions, Good Shepherd Day School, Charleston

Good Shepherd Day School, a ministry of The Church of the Good Shepherd in West Ashley, has assistant teaching positions available in our preschool for the 2021-2022 school year. Qualified applicants must be professing Christians, currently active in a church, seeking to serve the Risen Lord through this type of ministry, and able to pass a background check. Experience with preschool age children is preferred...

Social Media Coordinator, The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina

The ADOSC Social Media Coordinator will work approximately four hours per week and collaboratively, under the supervision of the Director of Communications...

Administrator, LAMB Institute

The LAMB Institute is seeking an Administrator for the LAMB stateside office to help with administration and accounting. We are looking for someone who sees this as an opportunity to use their skills in finance and administration to bring glory to God by supporting the work being done in Honduras and by interacting with donors and team leaders...