

# Jubilate Deo

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## 220th Diocesan Convention February 18-19, 2011, St. Helena's, Beaufort

St. Helena's in Beaufort will host the 220th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina. The opening Eucharist will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18. There will be a reception following in the Parish Hall.

Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 19. The Call to Convention will be at 9 a.m.

The offices to be filled include: Diocesan Council (two clergy and two lay for three-year term); Standing Committee (two clergy and two lay for three-year term); Ecclesiastical Court (two clergy and two lay for three-year term); Advancement Society (one clergy and one lay for three-year term); Diocesan Trustees (two clergy and one lay); University

of the South (one clergy for three-year term); Deputies to General Convention 2012 (four clergy and four lay plus alternates). Biographical information on the nominees begins on page four.

### Resolutions Proposed

Two resolutions adopted by a majority vote on October 15, 2010 by the 219th Diocesan Convention modify the Constitution of the Diocese. In keeping with the Constitution (Article XII), such changes require a second vote and approval by a 2/3rd majority vote by orders of Diocesan Convention for final adoption. View the resolutions on page four.



## All Creatures Great and Small Gather for a Cathedral Blessing

By Prioleau Alexander, Operations, The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul

Saturday, November 6 was an historic and hilarious day in the life of the Cathedral, as it was possibly the first time a Priest here has endured interruptions not from a crying baby, but from a barking dog. With the beautiful acoustics in your Cathedral, there's no interruption quite like a canine expressing his views!

There are several churches in Diocese now celebrating this very popular service, and the question arises, "Why would Anglicans bless their animals?" For starters, animals are a wondrous part of

God's creation and symbolize to us the way in which the Lord showers us with undeserved blessings. Pets also represent to many of us that elusive concept of unconditional love-- the kind of love our Lord has for his people and His Church. In a world filled with daily encounters with "conditional" love, there is something truly delightful about returning home to a pet that seeks only your love, time, and praise.

There's a bumper sticker that says, "Lord, help me to be the person my dog thinks I am." Amen.

## Mere Anglicanism: Renewing Biblical Anglicanism for a Global Future

Conference at St. Philip's, Charleston, January 20-22, 2011

By Dean Emeritus William McKeachie



All playing a key role in the upcoming Mere Anglicanism Conference are, from left, the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, the Rt. Rev. Michael Nazir-Ali, the Most Rev. Mounier Anis, and the Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence.

Mere Anglicanism is all about witnessing to the God who, amidst all the ups and downs of church history, has called us -- whether as laity or clergy, whether as Episcopalians or members of some other Anglican entity, whether locally or globally -- to renew our witness to the One who gave us the Gospel and who across the centuries has providentially provided for the Anglican Way of faithfulness to that Gospel.

At a time when such faithfulness has been undermined from within and without The Episcopal Church, Mere Anglicanism is committed to the recovery and renewal of faithfulness to the Gospel within

the Anglican Way. Our vision is none other than that of Bishop Mark Lawrence, currently Bishop of South Carolina: "Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age." Such indeed is the compelling motivation for the upcoming sixth annual Mere Anglicanism conference in Charleston, South Carolina, January 20 - 22/23, 2011: Biblical Anglicanism for a Global Future. It is also what underlies the dedication of this conference to Bishop Christopher FitzSimons Allison, twelfth Bishop of South Carolina.

Surely no bishop in the Episcopal Church over the past half century has made a more salutary theological and pastoral contribution

to Biblical Anglican Witness than Bishop Allison. At the age of 83 his lively witness is undiminished and Mere Anglicanism is privileged to host its 2011 Annual Conference in his honor.

Likewise, no bishop of the Church of England is more widely respected for his commitment to faithfulness in "believing, belonging, and behaving" as foundational to Biblical Anglicanism than the Rt. Rev. Michael Nazir-Ali, formerly General Secretary of the Church Missionary Society and currently Visiting Bishop to South Carolina; and no Primate of the Anglican

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## The Body of Christ Feeds the Multitude

By the Rev. Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

On Saturday, November 20, 2010, hundreds of volunteers from eleven Episcopal Churches of our Diocese and 35

churches of other Christian denominations worked together to serve hot meals to more than 4,000 hungry people at three locations

in the greater Charleston area. The Feeding of the Multitude has become an annual event of increasing popularity that takes place from noon until 4 p.m. on the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Food included a hot meal of turkey, ham, vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce, baked macaroni and cheese, and white rice and gravy; water and soda. Church coordinators met for months prior to the event to plan and organize church volunteers, community outreach, sponsors, facilities, food preparation, meal serving and delivery, entertainment, prayer groups, activities for children such as face-painting and jump castles, clothing drives, parking, and security and emergency services. Sponsors included CARTA, Fox Music House, MUSC, Piggly Wiggly, Saffron, Sam's Club, Staples, Tricounty Family Ministries, and the Department of Social Ministries.

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JAKE LOCK

St. John's Parish on Johns Island set up an outdoor stage allowing praise and worship teams from across the Island to perform during the Feeding of the Multitude event.

**Our Diocesan Vision: Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age.**



Feeding the Multitude

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Food for the Body and Soul - Above a participant enjoys the music provided by a worship team on the grounds of St. John's Parish, Johns Island.

**Charleston's Eastside Event**  
Agape Innercity Christian Assembly led Calvary Episcopal Church, Church of the Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Cross, St. John's Chapel, and St. Mark's Episcopal Church along with three other Christian churches to serve dinner to 1,000 people on-site and 525 others who were homebound. The coordinators for Mall Park Feeding of the Multitude, Agape Pastor Matthew Jeffcoat and Sister Corenda Wigfall, expressed their appreciation for the many church volunteers that pulled together, in Christ's name, to help Charleston's neediest people. For example, Calvary Episcopal Church Coordinators Elaine Gambrell and Veronica Shepard, reported that 37 of Calvary's average Sunday's attendance of 90 people volunteered, representing 41 percent participation from just one small church. This was the 16th year that the event was held on the Eastside.

Johns and Wadmalaw Islands Event

St. John's Parish member Claudia Boyce, who served as the event coordinator for the Johns and Wadmalaw Island Feeding of the Multitude, said, "It's more than just a meal, it's about showing Jesus' love for us." St. John's Parish worked with the Church of Our Saviour, Iglesia de San Juan, and St. John's Chapel; and 26 other churches to serve dinner at St. John's Parish property to 1,200 guests on-site and 250 homebound. Prayer teams delivered the meals to the homebound and enjoyed many opportunities to assure

people of Jesus' love for them and to pray for their spiritual, physical, and economic health. Some on-site guests also brought home carryout meals, and volunteers brought what little food remained to Crisis Ministries in Charleston. This year's event continued a growing tradition among the "Island" churches where African American, Hispanic, and

Church and St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission along with five other Christian churches to serve dinner to 500 people on site and 150 others who were homebound. The event took place at the Mary Utsey Park on Orange Grove Road. Good Shepherd member and event coordinator Mark Prince said, "My greatest inspiration was a family of five who



Storyteller and Librarian Minerva T. King captures the attention of St. John's Mission "What Are Little Girls Made Of" at the downtown Charleston event.

Caucasian churches band together as one Christian church to do Kingdom Work. This was the third year the event was held on Johns Island.

West of the Ashley Event

Church of the Good Shepherd led Old St. Andrew's Episcopal

had walked from North Charleston to the event because they had not eaten for days; thankfully we were able to feed them and give them return bus tickets that CARTA had donated for the day. It was a blessing to love these and all the multitude in the name of Jesus!" This was the first year the event was held in West Ashley.



The 55 churches involved provided over 4,000 hot meals during the course of the day. To learn how your church can get involved next year contact Ed Dyckman at ed@socialministries.com or (843) 367-5647.

What Do a Former First Lady of South Carolina, a Seminarian and a Campus Minister Have in Common?

Ann Edwards, Martha Horn and Shannon Justice Speak About their Faith at ECW Gathering

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Nearly 120 women gathered at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in North Charleston October 9 for the ECW Charleston/ West Charleston Deanery meeting. There, they heard three women, from different generations, tell how their faith impacted and shaped their lives. Ann Darlington Edwards spoke of her experiences as the First Lady of South Carolina (1975-1979). The Rev. Martha Horn, then a semi-

you?" "Six!" responded Horn. "O.K. we'll talk later!" Ann Edwards, former First Lady of South Carolina, told about her experiences in the Governor's Mansion and in Washington D.C., when her husband (James B. Edwards) served as the Secretary of Energy under President Reagan. Edwards shared how the Lord's grace and mercy sustained her through every phase. "My faith was an absolute necessity in my responsibilities,"



From left, Ms. Shannon Justice, Mrs. James B. (Ann) Edwards and The Rev. Martha Horn.

narian and now a newly ordained Deacon, told of her experiences during the process of ordination and Shannon Justice, a staff member for Campus Crusade for Christ serving at the College of Charleston, told of her ministry to young women. "One thing you wouldn't know about me," began Justice, "is that I'm a list maker. I love making lists. They're on my fridge, in the pantry, on my table, on my desk - even on my front door. I had a list of goals, but God balled up my list and threw it away." Justice spoke of her surprise at being called to serve as a full-time missionary on a college campus and told of introducing young women to Christ. "Nothing is more exciting than giving people an opportunity to say 'Yes' to Christ," she said. Horn spoke about her journey toward ordination and her experiences bringing the Good News to others. She told about bringing a ministry of presence in a nursing home; she shared an experience she had with a supervisor where she learned affirmation must come from God rather than people. She also described a humorous and touching story about leading a drive-through bank teller, with whom she had been communicating for years, to Christ. After praying to receive Christ the teller asked, "How many cars are behind

she said. "I was undergirded in prayer, and God provided every step of the way." She gave listeners an inside view of her life as the wife of a prominent public servant. She told of organizing a First Ladies prayer retreat, which started small and now has an attendance of over 1,500. She told how, as the pace of life increased, her dependency on prayer increased as well. The gathering began with a service of Holy Eucharist, the Rector of St. Thomas, the Rev. James Taylor, preaching, and included lunch and ministry displays. In addition to the guest speakers, the Rt. Rev. William Skilton, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic, addressed the women. George Bush, of Calvary Episcopal Church in North Charleston, told about the process his church went through to secure a UTO grant. Sue Harrison updated the group on CHAP, speaking of the record donations received as a Diocesan Project. Sana Grieser invited all of the women to attend the "Castles in the Sand" retreat in February. The Rev. Jim Taylor closed in prayer. At the end of the day, Mary Frances Ahl and Catherine Jones thanked everyone who attended as well as all of the wonderful speakers and those who worked so hard to make the day a success.

Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing..." If you would like to learn how to start a Feeding of the Multitude event in your community, please contact me, Ed Dyckman, at (843) 367-5647 or ed@socialministries.com.

**UTO News**  
UTO Grant Applications for 2011 are now available. And, for the first time, the entire process is online. UTO grants are awarded for projects that address human need and help alleviate poverty, both domestically and internationally within Anglican provinces, dioceses, and companion dioceses. Applications are due January 31, 2011.



# Slaves for Christ “The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

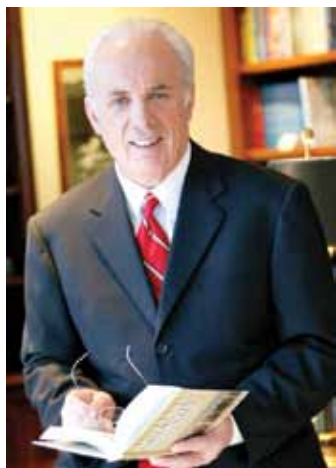
A Teaching Time with  
John F. MacArthur, Jr.

February 8-9, 2011

St. John's Chapel, Charleston

By the Rev. Dr. Dallas Wilson

John Fullerton MacArthur, Jr., popular evangelical author, pastor and teacher will be in Charleston February 8-9 speaking to “clergy only” audiences, teaching from his newest book, *Slave*. The sessions will begin



Tuesday, February 8 at 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. MacArthur will offer three separate teachings. See agenda on page ten. Space is limited to 200 and a \$50 tax-deductible donation

is requested for each session or \$100 for all talks over both days. View an excerpt from MacArthur here: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx3ColYGNMM>. MacArthur will do book signing open-to-the-public on February 9, see schedule on page ten.

## About the Newest Book, *Slave*

In this scrupulously researched book, John MacArthur drills down through a historical mystery to the first-century followers of Jesus Christ. Their self-identity had been radically redefined by the Gospel: they had been set free from sin, yet having been bought with a price, they had all become slaves of Christ. And they had the frame of reference to appreciate exactly what that meant.

“We don’t hear about this concept in churches today,” MacArthur says. “Slavery is a distasteful concept to modern sensibilities. So we hear that God loves people unconditionally and wants them to be all they want to be. Personal ambition, personal fulfillment, personal gratification—these have all become part of the lexicon of evangelical Christian-

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## Christ Church Family Puts “Faith at Home” Tools to the Test

By Jacqui Tabor, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant

When I started the “Teaching Your Kids Purpose” class led by Robin Quick, I had no idea what I was getting into. I knew I wanted some guidance on how to make God more central in our family life, because I honestly didn’t know how to make that possible. The class sounded like a great starting point, but I have to admit, I thought I was going

to be presented with information and ideas that would be difficult to implement in my household and with my four-year-old, Bella. I am happy to say I couldn’t have been more wrong!

Robin explained to us all about the Faith at Home

movement that was being driven by Deuteronomy 6:6-7, “These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.”

These verses drove our discussions at each of the five classes. From there, we were given a lot of information and resources, and simply chose what we thought would work best for our family. Robin emphasized constantly how it was about what worked for us and our families and taking baby steps. She reminded us that any small amount we did at home was a blessing for our families. I decided to try out two specific approaches based on what I felt best suited our family.

First, we tried the “Together at the Table” devotional in our house. It assigned a Bible verse each week with discussion points and questions to go over with your kids every

The other idea we tested on our daughter was simply saying a blessing over her whenever she was leaving for pre-school... Bella seemed a little perplexed the first couple of days that I did this, but now she loves it. It always puts a big smile on her face as she listens to the words, and I know she is coming to understand that God is always with her, even when her mommy or daddy can’t be.

night at dinner. Our daughter immediately began to enjoy this. She listened intently and heard my husband and I discuss the verses and the extra material. However, the greatest surprise I received was unexpected. I have been married to my husband, Andrew, for almost nine years and had never really heard his thoughts about these various verses and stories in the Bible. It has been so wonderful to exchange both of our view points and experiences and to have our daughter enjoy the whole process. She also gives us her invaluable four-year-old insight and we cherish being able to understand what she thinks of our religion and faith and having a deeper perspective of each other’s.

The original material for these devotionals only lasted for six weeks. We have adapted this program quite easily. We just take one of the lessons from the Sunday bulletin and go from there each week. It couldn’t be easier. Now we don’t just hear these lessons at church and Sunday school. We delve deeper into them as a family. It brings us together at the dinner table in a whole new way as it sets a nice calm tone after our busy day. Another surprise has also arisen; if Andrew or I forget our devotional at dinner time, Bella reminds us. This is absolute proof of how much she is getting out of it.

The other idea we tested on our daughter was simply saying a blessing over her whenever she was leaving for pre-school to be away from us for a few hours. Robin provided us with several, but we really loved the one from Numbers 6:24-26, “The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Bella seemed



“The Lord bless you and keep you.” Above, Jacqui blesses four-year-old Bella before she heads off to pre-school.

a little perplexed the first couple of days that I did this, but now she loves it. It always puts a big smile on her face as she listens to the words, and I know she is coming to understand that God is always with her, even when her mommy or daddy can’t be. It is comforting for all of us.

I really want to thank Robin for leading this class. These very simple things have made a big difference in such a short period of time. They really take no time, and I believe it has already made our family stronger. These class ideas that we implemented have grown exponentially. We are finding more time to pray together, talk about God and Jesus, and it is all becoming so natural and comfortable, where I can (unfortunately) say it wasn’t before. I rejoice knowing that we are providing our daughter with a strong foundation of faith to build on throughout her life. Her thirst for the knowledge of God and Jesus has grown dramatically and that is all we could have hoped for.

Jacqui and her husband, Andrew, are the proud parents of four-year-old, Bella, and are expecting another daughter soon.

# All Saints Episcopal Church Celebrates its 25th Anniversary

By Fred Gebler, All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head Island

As the members of All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island gathered for a special dinner commemorating the church’s 25th Anniversary, they took time to reflect upon the former mission church’s inception on December 8, 1985, in the bar of the Wm. F. Pelican’s Restaurant.

Prior to the first service, the 59 founders of the fledgling church gathered at St. Luke’s Episcopal Church on Pope Avenue for the blessing of a new congregation. Everyone then proceeded by car to the basement bar area of the Wm. F. Pelican’s Restaurant at the other end of the island. According to Ann Gibson, one of the founding members, most of her fellow founders were in tears as they walked down the aisle of St. Luke’s, were presented a prayer book and a hymnal, and departed on the journey to the first temporary site of the mission church.

The restaurant, which no longer exists, was located at the site of the Hilton Head Visitor’s Center. Some say that providentially, a previous owner of the restaurant had installed several stain glass windows with appropriate religious motifs! There also was a wooden sign engraved

with an image of a whale, with the words engraved, “Have a Whale of a Day!”

A partial Vestry for the new mission church was elected later that month. The leadership included Charles Richman, senior warden; John Dixon, treasurer; and Ann Gibson, secretary.

The mission had been in the planning stages over the previous two years with many of the organizers located in Hilton Head Plantation. The majority of the founding members supported naming the new mission church, All Saints. The late Rev. John McKee III, former Canon of St. Phillip’s Cathedral in Atlanta and a previous Acting Rector of St. Helena’s, Beaufort, served as Vicar. He conducted the mission church’s services until he passed away in 1987.

After outgrowing the space at the Restaurant, on November 1, 1987, the mission church moved to the Hilton Head High School Library.

The young mission church acquired a strategic 3.2 acre tract of land which fronted on Main Street (not yet built), with a side entrance road eventually named Church Street. The founding members

raised about \$250,000 for land and \$600,000 for buildings. There was considerable tangible support from both St. Luke’s Church, as well as the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. On November 1, 1987, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new church site at 3001 Meeting Street. There was much excitement among parishioners when on November 12, 1989, the steeple was placed onto the roof of the church.

The first service at the yet-to-be-consecrated All Saints Episcopal Church was conducted by the late Rev. Dr. Gordon H. Mann, Vicar on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, 1990. On December 8 of that same year, the Dedication and Consecration was conducted by Bishop Edward L. Salmon, Jr., then Bishop of the Diocese. This date was one year after the Groundbreaking Ceremony and exactly five years after the first mission church service at Pelican’s Restaurant.

Other rectors at All Saints Episcopal Church, have been the Rev. William D. Shively and the Rev. J. Saxton Wolfe, Interim Rectors, from July 1992 through February 1993; the Very Rev. J. Gregory Prior from

March 1993 through February 2002; and the Rev. Roger W. Smith and the Rev. Morris Lent, Interim Rectors from March 2002 through January 2003. Since February 2003, the Rev. Richard C. Lindsey has served as the Rector.

Early in 1994, the parish started All Saints Pre-School. Continuing growth prompted the construction of a new parish hall and church school buildings, which were completed in 1994. Further expansion of both the church and the Christian Education facilities were completed in late summer 2001. This expansion increased the capacity of the church by over fifty percent to accommodate new members, a constant stream of visitors, as well as a new pipe organ.

Lindsey reflected, “Over the past 25 years, there have been seven capital campaigns, 1300 Sundays, over 15,000 people, 300 Vestry meetings, 3700 choir rehearsals, a small flock of clergy, and 25 hurricane seasons (none which touched HHI).” He concluded, “We now begin the work of the next 25 years.”

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, XIV Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina, reflected,

“May this be not merely a season of celebration, a joyous remembrance of past days, but also a preparation for an even more remarkable future.”

Bishop Salmon commented, “In eighteen years I had the joy of seeing All Saints become a strong parish, which not only blessed its members, but had a real heart for those in need beyond its borders.”

After the recent celebratory dinner, parishioners viewed a short play, “Worship at the Bar,” written and directed by church member Bob Taylor and acted out by fellow parishioners. The play concluded with, “Have a Whale of a Day,” the sign donated to the members of the fledgling mission church as they moved to second location.

Finally, attendees looked ahead to the next 25 years as they wrote “Letters for the Future” for a time capsule to be opened December 8, 2036. After walking to an area outside the parish hall, Charles Richman, a senior member of the parish, buried the stainless steel canister while the Rev. Lindsey offered a brief prayer of gratitude for the church’s past and expressed great optimism for the days ahead.



# 2011 Diocesan Convention Nominating Committee Report

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Nominating Committee, chaired by the Rev. Arthur Jenkins, completed its work on December 15, 2010, at the Cathedral. The Committee was composed of clergy invited from every Deanery, laity serving in the major ministries of the Diocese and the diocesan ministry staff. With the insights that breadth of experience in the Diocese brings, the following slate of candidates has been offered, with the goal of providing the strongest possible leadership for the Diocese at this time. I ask that the delegates to convention please give their qualifications your prayerful consideration as you prepare for our annual synod. To the rest of the Diocesan family I extend the invitation to keep our gathering on February 18-19 in your daily prayers, that God's will might be clearly discerned and faithfully accomplished on that day.

In Christ's Service,  
The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis  
Canon to the Ordinary

## Standing Committee (2 clergy and 2 lay for 3 years)

### Clergy

#### The Rev. Hal Fenters

The Rev. Hal Fenters, who grew up in the diocese (at St. John's, Florence and All Saints', Florence), currently serves as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Pinopolis (Orangeburg Deanery). He has served on Cursillo teams and on Diocesan Council. He also served as Deacon and Associate Priest at Old St. Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston (West Charleston Deanery). Fenters is a graduate of The School of Theology, The University of the South.



Andrew's Parish Church, Charleston (West Charleston Deanery). Fenters is a graduate of The School of Theology, The University of the South.

#### The Very Rev. Ed Kelaher

The Very Rev. Ed Kelaher is the Rector of Christ The King Waccamaw in Pawleys Island, where he has served for the past seven years. Prior to that, he was the Associate Rector of the Church of the Resurrection in Surfside Beach. Ed is also the Dean of the Georgetown Deanery



and, as such, serves on the Diocesan Council and the Congregational Development Committee, among other appointments and duties. He has been a communicant in the Diocese of South Carolina since 1987, regularly serving as an advisor and counselor, often in his role as a licensed attorney, to several of our parishes and clergy during that time.

#### The Rev. Greg Snyder

The Rev. Greg Snyder was ordained to the priesthood in December of 2002. He was the Assistant and Associate Rector at St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island, under Fr. Charlie Walton from 2002 to 2005. In 2005, he became the Rector of St. John's. He was Spiritual Director for Happening (Youth Cursillo) from 2003-2005 and has served on Cursillo team and as Head Spiritual Director. He served on Di-



ocesan Council and the Committee for Congregational Development from 2004 to 2007. He was elected to the Board at Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA, in 2007 and currently serves as Chair of the Academic Committee. He has been married 27 years to his lovely wife, Beth, and has two children Rachel (19) and Sarah (16).

#### The Rev. Al Zadig

The Rev. Alfred "Al" T.K. Zadig, Jr., has been Rector of St. Michael's Church since September 2007.



Previously Al served as Rector of All Saints', Chevy Chase, in the Diocese of Washington, DC, and before that, he served here at St. Michael's as an Assistant to the Rector for 5 1/2 years. Al's passion is apologetics and witnessing that 'aha' moment when Christ becomes real in the lives of His people. Born in Connecticut, Zadig holds degrees from the University of Massachusetts in Amherst and the Seminary at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee. He also attended the University of Glasgow on exchange, in Glasgow, Scotland. Before seminary, Al worked in broadcasting in Britain, then locally in Myrtle Beach and Charleston. From Charleston, Al went to the School of Theology at Sewanee. Al's wife Elizabeth (Libby) is a South Carolina native from St. Matthews, and is a specialist in the field of hearing-impaired education. Al and Libby have three children (Wimberly (11), Christian (8) and Hudson (4)).

### Lay

#### Dottie Bowen

Dottie Bowen, a member of the Church of the Cross in Bluffton was raised in a Christian home and has loved the Lord her entire life. She has the spiritual gifts of faith, leadership, administration and hospitality. She is active in ministries in both the parish and diocese, having been the lay rector of Cursillo #152 this year and having just completed a term on Diocesan Council. She is committed to living the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.



# Resolutions Proposed for 2011 Convention

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

On October 15, 2010 the 219th Diocesan Convention at St. Paul's in Summerville adopted, by a majority vote, two resolutions modifying the Constitution of the Diocese of South Carolina. In keeping with the Constitution (Article XII), such changes require a second vote and approval by a 2/3rd majority vote by orders of Diocesan Convention for final adoption. The only resolutions currently submitted for consideration by convention on February 18-19, 2011 are the following:

## Resolution R-1

The first resolution, R-1, is the final reading of a change to our Constitution. Its primary effect is to remove our accession to the Canons of the Episcopal Church. We continue to accede to its Constitution. This is in part a practical necessity given recent canonical changes to Title IV of the Canons that are in conflict with the Constitution of the Episcopal Church.

## Ed Mitman

Ed Mitman lives in Summerton and is a member of St. Matthias where he is active in the worship and study life of the parish. He has had a successful



career in law enforcement and retired earlier this year as District of South Carolina U.S. Marshal Service Chief Deputy. He now engages in consulting work with a law enforcement training company. Ed has served as a member of the vestry. He has been a delegate to several Diocesan Conventions and currently serves as Sr. Warden, co-chair of the Parish Building Capital Campaign and is involved in Kairos prison ministries.

## Suzanne W. Schwank

Suzanne Schwank is a member of the Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort. Her parish service includes the Finance Committee, Planning/ Admin Com-



mission, Vestry, Sr. Warden and Bible Study teacher. She currently is Advisor for Vestry Affairs, a Diocesan Delegate, member of the Adult Discipleship Commission and workshop teacher. She has served on Diocesan Council, the Standing Committee and as Chair of the Diocesan Dept. of Christian Faith Formation Executive Committee. She leads vestry and leadership retreats, is on the Board of Trustees of Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA, and serves on the seminary's Executive Committee. Suzanne is a 27-year resident of South Carolina, graduate of Agnes Scott College and retired Chief Financial Officer for a multi-state manufacturer.

We do so also with the practical understanding that such accession is not necessary. South Carolina was one of seven dioceses that founded the General Convention. Accession was never a requirement for the founding dioceses. Additionally, the General Convention does not require uniform accession to its constitution and canons: there are seven dioceses whose constitutions have no accession clause. There are five which accede to the authority of General Convention, but not to the Constitution and Canons. There are 15 that accede only to the Constitution, four of which have come into existence since 1970.

## Resolution R-2

The second resolution, R-2, is the other constitutional change proposed. Our current Constitution makes changes to that document possible only at the "Annual" convention. The proposed change makes amendment possible at any two duly and legitimately called

successive conventions. That change dramatically improves the capacity of the Diocese of South Carolina to respond to any actions taken in the continuing and rapidly unfolding drama of the Anglican Communion. We no longer have the luxury of taking over a year to respond to current realities. This resolution gives Diocesan Convention that enhanced capacity.

## Rules of Order

The Rules of Order for Diocesan Convention expect that all resolutions to be considered should be submitted 30 days prior to the opening of Convention and presented in advance for discussion in the deanery convocations. Such resolutions will be distributed in advance to the delegates. Late submissions must be presented in typed form with adequate copies for all convention officers and delegates. Those shall be distributed at the time of their introduction at Convention.

## Diocesan Council (2 clergy and 2 lay for 3 years)

### Clergy

#### The Rev. Dagnall Free

The Rev. Dagnall Free is currently serving as Curate at St. John's Parish on Johns Island. He graduated from Nashotah House Theological Seminary and Wofford College. His current roles at St. John's include preaching, pastoral care and spiritual direction. He grew up in Bamberg, SC, and spent the last 14 years prior to seminary on the Isle of Palms. He and his wife Sallie have been married for 20 years. He has two children, William (16) and Emma (13).



#### The Rev. Greg Smith

The Rev. Greg Smith is the Episcopal Chaplain to the Citadel and as an associate rector at Church of the Holy



Cross. He coordinates the outreach from Holy Cross to the Citadel through St. Alban's Chapel and currently serves over 130 cadets each week in worship, Bible study, and FCA. Smith served previously as a church planter in Colorado and was also the Vice President of Apartment Life, a Christian based non-profit organization devoted to building community and transforming lives in apartment properties throughout the United States. Smith graduated from Wheaton College in Chicago with a Bachelor of Music and holds a M.Div. from Trinity School for Ministry. Greg has also worked as a paramedic/firefighter on Chicago's near north side. At home, Greg and his wife Anna have been building their own "team." Zach (9), Caleb (6) and Gabriella (5) enjoy keeping the "team" on their toes!

## The Rev. Louise Weld

The Rev. Louise Weld has served as Associate Pastor at Saint James on James Island since graduating from



Trinity School for Ministry five years ago. She also serves as clergy for the women's Kairos weekends. Before discerning a call to ordination, she was a Marriage and Family Therapist and a church musician. She is a "cradle Episcopalian" and has been involved in ministry since Jesus became her Lord and Savior when she was in her early 20s ("a long time ago!" she says). "It is a great blessing to me to be a part of what I sense is a new movement of God's Spirit in the last few years, in and outside the church, and in our own diocese, as we obey Christ's call to establish the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth," says Weld.

### Lay

#### Alesia Flores

Phyllis "Alesia" Rico Flores was confirmed as an Episcopalian on February 26, 2006, in Calvary Episcopal Church, where she remains an active member. She serves as the Chancellor for Calvary and is also a Sunday School Teacher. Alesia is a native of Laurens County, SC. She was raised in a small Baptist church and began to follow Christ at a young age. She earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of South Carolina in 1993. Her curiosity about theology and commitment to evangelism led her to attend Fuller Theological Seminary, where in 1995, she earned a Master of Arts Degree in Theology. After seminary, she worked as a teacher at an inner-city school in Los Angeles, CA. Having been given the opportunity to work within a ministry in the heart of an inner-city community, she characterizes as one





of the most rewarding experiences of her life. Alesia has always been "social justice" oriented, and after two years of teaching, she decided to pursue a professional career in law. She graduated from the University of Tulsa College of Law in 2000. Her first job out of law school was as a prosecutor in Miami, FL. Alesia currently lives in Charleston, SC, with her family. She operates her own law office and practices primarily in the areas of Immigration, Criminal, and Family law. There are very few topics that interest her more than law, politics, and religion.

Mac Magann

An acolyte at age 7, Mac Magann went on to attend Blue Ridge Episcopal School and is now a member of the Order of St. Vincent. He is currently a parishioner of Christ the King, Pawley's Island, where he has taught Sunday School, served as a lay Eucharistic Minister and worked with the Men's Club. He is currently on his second term with the Vestry. He attended Cursillo 149, belongs to the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's and is currently taking classes in systematic theology.

Margie Williams

Margie William, a member of St. Jude's, Walterboro, is currently on the Vestry (past Senior Warden) and is a member of St. Jude's Choir, Worship Committee and Altar Guild. She is serving as a delegate to Diocesan Convention. Margie is co-president of ECW and serves as a Lay Eucharistic Minister. Her activities in the diocese have included the Standing Committee (1999-2002), the Dept. of World Missions, Diocesan ECW President (1996-1998), Delegate to four ECW Triennial Meetings, Alternate Lay Deputy to General Convention and service on several Cursillo teams. For the past three years, she has served our Lord as part of St. Michael's Healing Mission Team to Ukraine. Margie has also served on Province IV's Executive Committee representing ECW (2007-2009), Secretary/Treasurer for the Province IV ECW (2002-2006) and ECW Province IV President (2007-2009). Margie has been married to Edward for 39 years and has three children and one grandchild. She is the Administrative Assistant for the Superintendent of the United Methodist Walterboro District.

Diocesan Trustees

*(2 clergy and 1 lay)*

Clergy (one 2 year and one 6 year term)

The Rev. Robert Horn

The Rev. Robert Horn is presently the Vicar of Holy Trinity, Grahamville. Ordained for 30 years in 1981, Robert has served the Di-

ocese previously as Cursillo Spiritual Advisor, Diocesan Council representative and on the Congregational Development Committee.

The Rev. Jeff Miller

The Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller is the Rector of St. Helena's, Beaufort. He has served the Diocese as a member of the Diocesan Council, Episcopal Search Committee, Department of Christian Faith Formation, Department of Youth Ministries, Board of Trustees of York Place, and the Standing Committee, of which he was President.

*Lay (6 year term)*

Mr. Bobby Kilgo

Mr. Bobby Kilgo is an advocate of Episcopal ministry among college students, especially those at the Citadel. He is a faithful voice and source of guidance for many. Having served on the Vestry of St. Matthew's, Darlington, as Warden and on the diocesan Standing Committee, he brings a wealth of knowledge and faithfulness. He has been diocesan coordinator for Cursillo and is active with Faith Alive.

Ecclesiastical Court

*(2 clergy and 2 lay for 3 year terms)*

Clergy

The Rev. Paul Feuner

The Rev. Paul Feuner has been the rector at Prince George in Georgetown, since January 2000. After 17 years in law practice in Washington, D.C., he attended Trinity School for Ministry and received a M.Div. in 1996. He was ordained that year to the priesthood in Pittsburgh, and served as an Assistant Rector under Geoff Chapman at St. Stephen's, Sewickley, PA, from 1996 to 2000. He and Becky were married in 1971; they have two grown, married children, and three grandchildren (a fourth due in March). In this diocese, Feuner has served on the Board of Trustees, the Ecclesiastical Court, and on the search committee for Bishop. He presently serves on the Anglican Communion Development Committee.

The Rev. Hamilton Smith

The Rev. Hamilton Smith is currently the Associate Rector for Young Adults and Life Group Leadership at St. Michael's in Charleston. Prior to that, he spent three years as the Assistant Rector at Holy Comforter, Sumter. Before entering the ordained min-

istry, Hamilton was an Attorney in Charleston, SC, specializing in civil defense litigation.

*Lay (3 year term)*

Bruce W. McDonald

Bruce McDonald immigrated from Canada to South Carolina some years ago. While in Charleston, he met and married the former Rosalyn Bennett, and they made Charleston and Saint James their home. His service to both the Canadian government and our Lord is exemplary. Bruce is relatively new and not well known in our diocese, but he will be well remembered by the delegates of the Special Convention held in October 2009 as the presenter of what would have been a useful and useable amendment to Resolution #5. Bruce brings many skills in negotiation and interpretation from his positions in the Canadian Government. He has an informed orthodox faith that has an international scope, i.e., he is continually in touch with church officials and news editors in Ottawa and is part of Scots Society and an international board of directors. Most importantly, he has the courage of his faith convictions and the grace and truth with which to express them.

Karen Kusko

Karen Kusko is a member of The Parish Church of St. Helena where she is currently serving on the vestry as the Representative for Adult Discipleship. She is also a lay prayer minister and has served on the Mission and Outreach Commission. Karen retired in 2004 from the practice of law and shortly thereafter moved to South Carolina.

Sewanee Trustee

*(1 clergy for 3 years)*

Clergy

The Very Rev. John Barr

The Very Rev. John Barr is the Rector of the Church of the Holy Comforter and Dean of the Florence Deanery. He is a graduate of the University of the South (undergraduate); Virginia Theological Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary. He serves on the Commission on Ministry and has served as diocesan representative to the Sewanee Board of Trustees for the last several years

Advancement Society

*(1 clergy and 1 lay)*

Clergy

The Rev. Hank Avent

The Rev. Hank Avent has been on the Board of Directors of SAMS (Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders - formerly South

American Missionary Society) since 1996 and since 2005 has served as an Asst. to the Rector of St. Philip's, Charleston. He was a professional architect from 1974 to 1993 in SC. He graduated with an M.Div. from Trinity School for Ministry in 1997. From 1997 to 2005, he was Vicar of Holy Apostles, Barnwell, SC. From 1998 to 2004, he served on the Diocesan Men's Ministry Board. Hank has served on both the Ecclesiastical Court and Diocesan Council. He married Gloria Avent in 1976, and they have three wonderful adult children, Emily, Courtney, and Andrew. His personal interests are airplanes and flying and his chief ministry focus is men's ministry.

*Lay*

Ric Webb

Ric Webb, along with his bride, Clair, and children, Hampton (17) and Gillian (14), are members of St. Philip's, Charleston. Ric currently serves God in both church and marketplace settings. Among the body of believers, Ric teaches and encourages adults to walk closer with our Lord and assists with men's ministry. In business, Ric has practiced law since 1990 and currently has a transaction law practice. Ric was born on March 18, 1965, and received degrees from Furman University (B.A., cum laude, 1987) and the University of South Carolina (J.D., 1990).

Deputies to General Convention 2012

*(4 clergy and 4 lay plus alternates)*

Clergy

The Very Rev. John Burwell The Very Rev. John Burwell was head of the South Carolina deputation for the last five General Conventions (1999, 2001, 2003, 2006, 2009) and gave daily Convention reports via the Internet. He has had 27 years of ministry in the Diocese, as Dean of the Charleston Deanery, Chairman of Commission on Ministry, past member of the Standing Committee and most other Diocesan committees. He was ordained in, and is totally committed to, our Diocese. He is the Rector of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island and Daniel Island and Rector of All Saints, Florence.

The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis was originally trained as a forester, with a BS from Sewanee and an MS from Virginia Tech. He attended Seabury Western Seminary from the Diocese of Southern Virginia, graduating in 1994. He served the following 10 years as Rector of St. Jude's, Walterboro. During that period, he served on several occasions as President

of the Ministerial Association, Deanery Representative to Diocesan Council and Dean of the Beaufort Deanery. From 2004 to 2009, he served as Associate Rector and then Interim Rector at Resurrection, Surfside Beach. Since then, he has served as Canon to the Ordinary and as an Alternate Deputy to General Convention. He is married to Libby Lewis and is blessed with three children, Mary (16), Will (13) and Anna Li (10).

The Rev. Haden McCormick

The Rev. J. Haden McCormick is the Rector of St. Philip's Church, Charleston, and has been in the Diocese of South Carolina for over 14 years. He has served on the Diocesan Council and Congregational Development and served as head of the Standing Committee during Mark Lawrence's election and consent process. Haden now serves on the Diocesan Group Health Insurance Committee and is the Diocesan Clergy appointed board member of Porter Gaud. McCormick was a clergy delegate for the Diocese at the 2009 General Convention.

The Rev. Andrew Pearson

The Rev. Andrew Pearson currently serves as the Associate at the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort. Prior to his entrance into seminary, he worked as the affiliates' coordinator at the American Anglican Council. In a past life, Andrew also served as a delegate at the 2000 General Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Oxford. Currently, he serves as a member of the Diocesan Council and has been the past chair of the Diocesan Convention committee on resolutions. He and his wife Lauren have a daughter Lily and another (daughter) on the way.

The Very Rev. David Thurlow

The Very Rev. David Thurlow is Rector of St. Matthias, Summerton, and is the Regional Dean of Orangeburg. David transferred to South Carolina in 2001 and has served in various capacities within the Diocese, including a three-year term on Diocesan Council and as a member of the Bishop Search Committee. He currently serves as a member of the Standing Committee, chair of the Youth Ministry Advisory Committee and as Dean





AUDRA GIBSON

The Rev. Patrick Allen, Associate at the Church of the Holy Communion, spends a moment in quiet reflection.

# The Sounds of Silence

## 89 Clergy Attend Retreat with Bishop Lawrence; Focus on Silent Introspection, Prayer and Solitude

By the Rev. Greg Snyder, Rector, St. John's Parish Church, Johns Island

Just a few months ago, from Monday evening October 8 to Wednesday afternoon October 10, I was privileged to be part of the clergy retreat that our own Bishop, Mark Lawrence, led. Although the Bishop didn't mention the famous Simon and Garfunkel song "The Sound of Silence," his series of four presentations were all about a biblical approach to silence, solitude and prayer. His teaching centered on the interior life of Jesus and included a time of silent introspection. The bishop offered many poignant and personal stories to illustrate the interior life of Jesus and the bishop's own struggles and rejoicing in such a life. He then asked us to spend about 15 hours in silent meditation as he continued his teachings. This was a powerful time that, at least for me, allowed the Holy Spirit to convict, instruct and console me.

On Tuesday afternoon, once the silence was concluded, we were allowed to spend some free time in relaxation. Some read on the porch next to Kimball chapel or sat chatting in the autumn sun, some rode bikes around the island, others took in a round of golf on Seabrook, still others just walked on the beach or

a took a nap in their rooms. On Tuesday night we had a time of sharing from two of our clergy, the Rev. Chuck Owens, Church of the Cross, Bluffton, and the Rev. Greg Kronz, St. Luke's, Hilton Head. They have both recently returned from three

and Greg discovered that spending extended time together with their wives only served to confirm and deepen their love.

On Wednesday morning, we had a time of open discussion about various issues, including an extended discussion on the Cursillo movement and both its historical importance in revitalizing the diocese in the 1980s and its place in the life of the diocese in the future. I pray that this open and honest discussion will lead to some action points within the diocese to continue to strengthen all intra-church ministries that seek the renewal and transformation of our parishioners.

We are so blessed in this diocese to have leaders of such caliber and faithfulness, from the bishop, to the deans, to the rectors, curates, and deacons! Gatherings such as these seem like "old home week" to me – a time to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and tell stories about those saints who have gone before us. Although all too short -- less than 48 hours -- it was a time of refreshment, renewal and learning at the feet of our bishop. Times like these are important to all of us as we continue to walk the way of the cross in these perilous and exciting times.

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to four months away from their parishes on sabbatical. Sabbatical is a time away for refreshment and some study, and should occur for clergy after five to seven years of parish ministry. Chuck and Greg both confessed to 'workaholicism' and struggled with taking this time away. Both had spent over a decade at their current parishes and attested to the utter exhaustion to which parish ministry can lead. Interestingly, both also did not realize how tired they were until they actually left on sabbatical. They told heartfelt stories about leaving and returning and their time on sabbatical. I found it encouraging that both Chuck

## A New Parish Hall for St. Matthias, Summerton



At left, the Rev. David Thurlow, Rector of St. Matthias, Summerton, joins with Bishop Lawrence, Bubba Davis (crucifer) and James Thurlow (holding the bishop's crozier) as they pray during the service of ground breaking for the new Parish Hall.

St. Matthias, Summerton, held a service to break ground on their new Parish Hall, Sunday, November 14. Drak Drakeford, a member of Holy Comforter, Sumter, who is also a member of the Diocesan Standing Committee is the Architect who designed the beautiful building which will tie in aesthetically with the historical church and provide the congregation with a nursery, age-appropriate Sunday School rooms for children, youth and adults, a large meeting hall for parish meals and gatherings, a modern kitchen facility and new office spaces. The cost of construction is \$917,919 and is expected to take from nine to 12 months to complete.

## Taking Your Place on the Wall

The Rev. Arthur Jenkins to Speak at Christian Men's Conference, February 18-20

"Today's culture pressures men to put financial success above everything else," says the Rev. Arthur Jenkins, Rector and Senior Pastor of St. James, James Island, "but scripture says their prime responsibility is to be spiritual protectors – of their families, their children, their marriages and faith."

Come learn what it means to "Take Your Place on the Wall," as

The co-chaplains for the weekend are the Rev. Ron Greiser, Rector of Church of the Resurrection, Surfside Beach, and the Rev. Charlie Walton, who is currently retired. David Childs will lead the worship time with a blend of traditional and contemporary music.

Get ready for an incredible weekend! If ANY of the following is interesting to you, come join us for a weekend of:

- spiritual renewal
- fellowship
- Spirit-led teaching
- anointed music and worship
- personal testimonies
- small group discussions
- plenty of time to be alone with God
- plenty of time to be together with fellow believers
- incredible food and plenty of it
- one of the most beautiful places in all of God's creation, St. Christopher.

We hope you'll join us. The Holy Spirit will show up! Registration information and a brochure are available online at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org). Type "Men's Retreat" in the search bar.



you join with other men from across the Diocese February 18-20 at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

## Finishing Well – With Joy

### Reflections on a Father's Legacy

By Dave Rasmussen, Facilitator of Children's Faith Formation Church of the Cross, Bluffton

I lost my father September 1st of this year after a long battle with heart disease. No matter what situation he faced or the environment he found himself in, he chose "joy."

Each month, our children's ministry at The Church of the Cross focuses on a different virtue. These virtues are Godly characteristics we want to develop in our children, to create Spiritual Champions. The month of December happened to be "Joy."

Today, and in days' past, each of us can find reason to see anything but joy, but it is in knowing Christ, and resting in his assurance of our salvation, that we can choose to act on the hope that is in us. My dad chose joy because he knew no other way. From the time he was seven years old, having received Christ as his "forever friend," he knew that things would be different. His parents instilled in him the fear of the Lord and provided an atmosphere in their home to allow faith to be lived out, touched, experienced and understood. Was life gravy for my dad and his family? Hardly! No matter what life threw their way, they knew where their confidence came from. Can the same be said for each of us? As I sat beside my dad's hospital bed, he took his last few breaths, I knew with great confidence, where my dad was headed. There was not a shadow of doubt, nor was I wondering if he would be able to stand before His creator, wondering if he had finished well. All doubt was extinguished as I remembered my dad finding joy in ALL circumstances that he was faced with, and I too, should do the same.

What does it look like to know that kind of peace? Well, we celebrated the Prince of Peace and his

arrival into the world in the last few months through the celebration of the Advent Season. Church services, manger scenes, special musical performances and seasonal festivities cannot fill the void we have, apart from knowing the joy of walking



"No matter what situation he faced or the environment he found himself in, he chose 'joy,'" said Rasmussen of his father, both shown above.

with Christ through the daily grind of life. That's the difference my dad revealed to me. It wasn't the once-in-a-while big events that contributed to the growth of his faith, but the choices he made through adversity that gave him the confidence that another day would come where he would be able to answer, "I finished well."

I want to instill into my children, and my children's children, that same virtue of joy my father taught me to have. Joy can be found in knowing the Prince of Peace. Throughout scripture, joy and peace



# St. Michael's Makes 7th Annual Healing Mission to the Ukraine

A team of 15 from St. Michael's Church joined with a team of pastors and translators in Zhytomir, Ukraine, September 30 through October 20, 2010. Here is an excerpt from their reports:

## Laying on of Hands; Touched by Jesus

By Jean Corbett

We prayed with hundreds of people whose hearts were touched by the hand of Jesus as they confessed their brokenness, their sins, and then repented. With smiles and tears many invited Jesus Christ into their hearts. In Ukraine, the pastors disciple the new converts

for at least three months or longer before they are baptized.

Following morning teachings on healing, we asked for someone in pain to come forward so that we could model for the congregation HOW we would pray for God's healing. Every day, someone volunteered who was in great pain. Johnnie, Ned and I would anoint them with oil, lay hands gently on them, and invite the Holy Spirit to come and heal them.

Immediately they felt peace, warmth, and then the pain left. One woman was in pain all over her body from a traumatic head injury. She sat through the morning teachings in great pain. When we prayed for her, all the pain left. She was elated and testified to the congregation of what God had done for her. Another woman had severe pain in her chest, other parts of her body, and she was grieving for her husband who died a week earlier. After prayer, she said the pain left her heart; she felt lighter in her heart as some of the grief lifted, even

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though she was still sad for her husband. A smile of appreciation spread across her weathered face.

During a healing service, Charlie and I prayed for a beautiful young woman who had a cyst or tumor growing on her arm. We prayed and then asked the translator to ask her how she was doing. She looked at us with very wide and brown eyes as she felt her arm. Without a word to us she exclaimed, "Momma!" Her mother came over and they chatted back and forth. The translator told us the tumor was smaller. So we prayed and checked in a couple more times. Each prayer resulted in a smaller tumor. At one point she described it as a "whisper." Praise be to the living God!

Thanks be to God for the courage of Pastor Peter who eight years ago issued an invitation

for us to bring the healing prayer ministry to his country, and to entrust us with the people in his villages and churches as we have shared the love, power and forgiveness of Jesus Christ our Lord for seven years.



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## Convention Nominees *Continued from page five*

and ex-officio member of Diocesan Council. In 2009, David represented our Diocese as a delegate to the 76th General Convention.

Lay

### Reid Boylston

J. Reid Boylston, III, retail grocer, age 63, is presently Senior Warden of the Church of the Holy Apostles, Barnwell, and Chairman of the Board of Holy Apostles Episcopal School. Roy is a lifelong Episcopalian, having served as vestryman, Junior and Senior Wardens,

and delegate to the Diocesan Convention representing Holy Apostles. In the past, he has served on Diocesan Council and as a board member of the Diocesan Men's Conference. He also served on the Standing Committee during the search and election of Bishop Mark Lawrence. He served as a Deputy (delegate) to the General Convention in 2009.

### Dorothy Gervais Carter

Dorothy Gervais Carter, a lifelong Episcopalian and a member of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, was raised in the parish of St. Johns, Johns Island. At the Cathedral, she has served on the vestry and has been a delegate to Diocesan Convention several times recently. Currently,



she is a member of the choir and active in St. Agnes Chapter of the ECW. For over 35 years, Dorothy has been an advocate for and involved in Christian Formation at the parish level (teacher of adults and children, program coordinator) and diocesan level (under Bishop Allison, a diocesan consultant for Christian Education, Christian Education conference coordinator). She is a graduate of the theological education program, Education for Ministry, and has been a mentor. Under Bishop Salmon, she served on the Bishop's Reconciliation Committee. She attended Cursillo #21 and has served on Cursillo staff. She and her husband, Dr. William C. Carter, have two daughters.

### John Dugue

John Dugue has been an active member of the Church of the Cross, Bluffton since 2003. He served in the Stephen Ministry for six years. He has been to Cursillo and has served on a team once. John has been a Church of the Cross delegate to the Diocesan Convention for three

to four years. John received a BS in Economics from the University of Tampa. Age- 67 Never charged with a crime. Never used drugs. Marital status - single, once widowed, once divorced. "I have attempted to be a 'partner in progress' to my clergy. I share Bishop Lawrence's views on the issues facing our church."



### Lydia Evans

Lydia Evans has been a member of St. Philip's Church for 23 years. She

currently is on the Standing Committee (2008-present) and the Commission on Ministry (2005-present) for the Diocese of South Carolina. In her previous diocesan involvement,



Lydia was General Convention Deputy (2003, 2006, 2009), a member of the Episcopal Search, Transition, and Consecration Committees (2005-2008), Lay Representative to ACN Meetings (Plano, Fort Worth, Pittsburgh), and a member of the Standing Committee (2002-2005). She has been Province IV's ECW President (2003-2006), a member of Province IV's Executive Committee (2003-2006), World Mission Chair (2003-2005), Dominican Development Group Board, Diocesan Council (2000-2002, 2003-2005), York Place Trustee, Voorhees College Trustee, Diocesan Convention Planning Committee, ECW Board (Diocesan ECW President, Deanery Director, Home Mission Chair) and ECW Triennial Delegate (2000). At St. Philip's Church, Lydia has been a member of the Vestry, a Lector, a Lay Eucharistic Minister, Order of St. Vincent, Tea Room Volunteer, Diocesan Convention Delegate, ECW Board (President, VP, Secretary), Altar Guild (Chair, 4 yrs), Long-range Property Planning Committee, Christian Education Task Force, Youth Advisory Board, and Sunday School and VBS Teacher. Lydia is married to A. Donald Evans. They have three children: Henslee (28), Coakey (26), and Rivers (23). "My work on past vestries and councils of the Church has given me experience in strategic planning and consensus

building. In addition, I bring to the table gifts of faith, leadership, spiritual discernment, and creative communication. Involvement with the Church on the parish, diocesan, and provincial levels has given me a breadth of knowledge in ecclesiastical polity and governance as well as a depth of understanding and an institutional memory regarding Anglican and Episcopal history."

### Lonnie Hamilton

Lonnie Hamilton is a member of Calvary Episcopal Church in Charleston and has served as a deputy and alternate to General Convention. He has served on the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council and the Vestry of his parish. He directs the choir of his parish and is a strong supporter of the Episcopal Church. He is a retired educator with Charleston County School District and former Chairman of County Council.



### Boo Pennewill

Elizabeth "Boo" Pennewill, a lifelong Episcopalian, has been a member of the Church of the Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, since moving to South Carolina in 1994. She has been a past vestry member, and Senior Warden (3 yrs). She was a member of the Diocese of SC Congregational Development



Committee from 2004 to 2009 and a consultant to the Diocese of SC for Congregational Leadership from 2003 to 2009. Boo was past Commission Coordinator, Vestry member, and Treasurer at All Saints Episcopal Church, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, between 1983 and 1993. Since 1998, she has been the owner, with her husband Tom Blazer, of eSite, Inc., a national spatial analytics firm. She has a daughter, Elizabeth Shevock, (22), a senior at Davidson College.

### Dave Wright

Dave Wright is a member of St. George's Church in Summerville and is on Diocesan staff as the Coordinator for Youth Ministries, a position he has held since 2001. He has been in youth ministry full-time since 1986. He served a church in the Chicago suburbs for ten

years before moving to Cheshire, England, where he served in the Church of England for five years before moving to South Carolina. He has led training events for several dioceses around the country and a few overseas. Dave attended the General Convention of 2003 as an observer with a group of students from our diocese where he witnessed how youth ministry is a pressing need for the vast majority of Diocese across the country. He has been married to Jane for 24 years and together they have one daughter (20) and two sons (16) and (18).







Summer Camp staff member Laura Haynie prepares to take two campers out for a sailing lesson.

# St. Christopher Summer Camp Needs Summer Staff and Counselors

By Audra Gibson, Director of Communications, St. Christopher

Are you a college or high school-aged student who has a heart to share the Gospel? Are you looking for something to do this summer? St. Christopher Summer Camp may be the place for you! We are working alongside the diocese on the vision to raise up a Biblically faithful generation that is

leading the church and changing the world. In order to do this through Summer Camp, we rely on a staff that loves Jesus and has a heart to share the Gospel. We are looking for enthusiastic, servant-hearted staff members who have completed a year or more of college and have experience leading children or

young people in a church setting to join our team. 2010 summer staff member Ben Murray writes, "...I was privileged to participate in community the way it was described in scripture. As a staff we devoted our lives to the studying of scripture, fellowship with other believers, and worship of

a most deserving God. Typical days included numerous times of prayer and worship and an almost infinite number of ways to serve. Through our constant pursuit of God during the summer, lives were impacted. As it says in Proverbs 27, 'As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.' Staff this summer did just that. We spurred each other on towards righteousness and God. Stories of [camper's] salvation are only a part of this past summer's story. There were countless other campers who came to camp already believers but left with a deeper intimacy with the Father." Summer staff members lead the campers in activities such as sailing, archery, climbing, and recreation time as well as in their spiritual development. We hope that each camper will meet with God through chapel time, small group time, and having fun at camp. Staff training starts May 18, and staff would need to be available until August 12 when camp ends. Summer Camp counselors are an integral part of our summer team. Counselors work alongside staff members and play an important role as they participate in activities, stay in the cabins, and spend a lot of one-on-one time with campers. Counselors volunteer at camp one week at a time and are required to attend one of the counselor training sessions March 18-19 or April 29-30. If you are interested in applying to be a Summer Camp staff member or counselor for 2011, please go to our website, [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org). Click on "Summer Camp" and then "Work Here" for more details. If you have specific questions, contact Summer Camp Director, Joe Gibson, via e-mail at [jgibson@stchristopher.org](mailto:jgibson@stchristopher.org) or by phone at (843) 768-1337.

## Volunteer Nurses and Welcome Center Helpers Needed

Interested in volunteering at St. Christopher? Read on! We are looking for volunteer nurses to provide relief for our on-site, full-time nurse in the Health Center. This opportunity involves administering medications and providing basic nursing care to our campers. Meals are provided and all shifts are available. The night shift is an on-call shift with lodging provided in the Health Center. Current SC nursing license is required. This is a wonderful opportunity to minister to and care for children in this unhurried atmosphere and enjoy the peaceful surroundings of St. Christopher. For more information, contact Patty at (843) 768-8519 or [pmcbride@stchristopher.org](mailto:pmcbride@stchristopher.org). We are also in need of a few good folks to help in the Welcome Center on weekends by running the Gift Shop, greeting guests, answering questions and helping our retreaters feel welcomed and cared for. We will provide lodging for Friday and Saturday nights and all meals are included. Volunteers must be competent on a computer, love people, love St. Christopher, and be willing to volunteer to work a weekend every six weeks or so. High level of commitment is needed. Training will be provided. After a year of committed service, each volunteer will receive a gift certificate for a personal retreat for two night's lodging and meals for two people. Want to enjoy the beauty of St. Christopher and minister to its guests? Give Kelli a call at (843) 768-0429 or email [khample@stchristopher.org](mailto:khample@stchristopher.org).

## Your Support Is Making a Difference at St. Christopher!

Lives are being positively impacted on a regular basis at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center through the power of the Lord and through the help of supporters like you. St. Christopher has a unique opportunity to minister to a broad variety of age groups and needs through our various programs and ministry opportunities. Over 8,000 students, teachers, and parent chaperones attended our Barrier Island Education Program last year taught by a strong team of Christian Naturalists. Here is what one Barrier Island parent had to say, "I want to thank each of you - from the program director to the cafeteria staff to the individuals that help with repairs and maintenance. God's work is so apparent at your facility.

This trip helped me so much, and my daughter and I have been able to connect on a higher level. Thank you." Our 2010 Summer Camp program saw close to 1,300 campers attend and also had rave reviews. Following camp, we received a note from a thankful parent saying, "I cannot thank you enough! [My sons] had the most incredible time and have asked if they can go back next year. The staff in their cabins were wonderful and made their week memorable!" In addition to the Barrier Island and Summer Camp programs, we are also excited to be launching a new adventure program called Outdoor Encounters. This program is designed to minister to people

and grow fellowship through wilderness trips for students and adults. Additionally, St. Christopher hosts a myriad of different conferences and retreats for churches, families, and individuals during the year. Support from individuals and families like you help



Above, Barrier Island naturalist, Cody Rossetti, accompanies students during a "Let's Sea" class.

make all this possible. Please help us continue the ministry by completing the form below. Thank you!

## Dr. Ashley Null to Visit Fusion

At our January 20 meeting of Youth ministers in our diocese, our special guest will be the Rev. Dr. Ashley Null, one of the world's leading experts on Thomas Cranmer and the English Reformation. Dr. Null currently lectures in Berlin and has been researching the private theological writings of Cranmer. He has previously served as a chaplain to The Olympic Games (Athens 2004) and holds a PhD from Cambridge. Dr. Null will be in Charleston to speak at the Mere Anglicanism conference and will be spending a few hours with our youth ministers beforehand. He was a keynote speaker at the Rooted Conference on Youth Ministry in Birmingham this summer, where he spoke on Grace in Youth Ministry. Fusion meets every other month at St. Paul's, Summerville from 10 a.m. through lunch. We encourage all youth ministers to attend and welcome others interested in joining us. For more information, contact Dave Wright at [dwright@dioceseofsc.org](mailto:dwright@dioceseofsc.org) or (843) 722-4075.



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# A Call To Radical Discipleship

## re:generate 2010

Under the theme “United” and focused on Romans 15:1-13, nearly 300 high school students from 18 churches and Porter Gaud School descended on St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center for the week-end of November 12-14. Our special guest speaker was Simon Guillebaud, missionary to Burundi and author of a few books on radical discipleship. Simon’s teaching from Romans focused on hope, endurance, encouragement and service. He challenged students with the truth of God’s word and illustrated it from his life experiences. The weekend’s teaching was rounded out by a series of seminars on Saturday led by several youth ministers and clergy. Each gave students the opportunity to look at the application of unity in a particular setting.

Here’s what students had to say about the weekend:

*I loved how blunt Simon was with us about our lives and what we’re up against.*

*It helped me understand that my faith shouldn’t be just for my benefit.*

*Despite what I may think, my life is not as bad as I may make it out to be.*

*I feel really invigorated and excited to get home and share my faith!*

*I learned how much I have and how many people don’t have all the things we have.*

*I learned that taking risks grows faith.*

*I realized that I honestly wasn’t giving my all to God, and now I’m ready to really be a radical disciple of Jesus. It made me realize how amazingly powerful God is and it drew me even closer to God.*

*It made me want to read more of the Bible.*

*It made me realize how I tend to lose focus on Christ.*

*... a good wake up call!*

re:generate is one of four weekend events we do as a diocese. These are created by youth ministry leaders for the purpose of building up the youth ministries of local churches. For more information about our events visit <http://www.scyouth.org>.



## Jesus Weekend

February 25-27, 2011

Jesus Weekend, a rite of passage weekend for 8th and 9th grade students, enables them to meet a biblical Jesus in an intimate setting. In a straight forward manner, this retreat presents the birth, ministry, and death of our Savior Jesus Christ. It provides a clear explanation of our redemption from our sin through Christ and how our connection to Him leads us to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Epic

March 25-27, 2011

Epic is an interactive journey for high school students. Centered on Bible teaching, creative worship, contemplation and celebration, and it’s designed to stir your soul and renew your mind. Each spring a group of students retreat for worship, teaching and plenty of time alone with God!



## Summer Camp – Registration Opens Soon

By Audra Gibson, St. Christopher Director of Communications

It’s hard to believe it is already time to think about Summer Camp 2011 at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center! As Summer Camp registration and Summer Camp itself approach, the staff at St. Christopher prepares in excited anticipation for former campers to return and new campers to experience camp for the first time.

One of the reasons the staff waits for Summer Camp with eager anticipation is that we’ve seen what God has done in campers’ lives in previous years, and we can’t wait to see what He has in store this summer.

It is easy to see God working as kids climb aboard sailboats, play games, ascend the climbing wall, sing praises to the Lord, listen to testimonies, participate in small groups, and eat mud pie. After sessions conclude, we sometimes get messages or e-mails from parents thanking the staff for the way they have seen God put an extra gleam in their children’s eyes through the ministry here. These messages are the icing on the cake for St. Christopher staff. It is so good to know the experience a child had at camp is now positively affecting their life and their family past Seabrook Island.

Members of the Diocese may register for camp starting at 9 a.m. January 14.

One parent wrote,

*“There are no words to express our gratitude for the blessings you poured on our children. They had such a blast with new friends and old. A few miles outside of camp, both announced, unprovoked and beaming, ‘Mom, we got SO much closer to God!’ I wanted to jump for joy!”*

*This is why we love St Christopher so much. Sure, other camps could have fancy facilities or exotic activities, but you sow truth and love into the hearts of our children. What a gift!*

*Thanks to those who gave their testimonies. That had such impact on the kids. And those who didn’t officially stand up still shared their testimony through their interactions with the children. I especially want to thank the young volunteer counselors. You have no idea what an impact you made. Your enthusiasm for Jesus is contagious! Thanks for showing them that it’s ‘cool’ to demonstrate your love for God and for others.*

*As I pray for you, my heart rejoices! Please never stop sharing your stories and His story with those around you. For those in camp leadership: keep it up! Don’t ever sell your ministry short. Camp may seem to be filled with comfortable Christian kids who have it all; but we need you. When I looked at the wonderful sea of grimy, sleepy, smiling, little faces on Friday morning at [camp] closing ceremonies, I saw the soft, fertile field in the parable of the sower.”*

Messages like the one above make it easy to get excited for Summer Camp 2011, and it is not too early to start thinking about it! Members of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina may register for camp starting Friday, January 14 at 9:00 a.m. Open registration follows soon after on Tuesday, February 1 at 9:00 a.m. Kids entering third through twelfth grades are invited to apply for our week-long camps. Younger children who have completed K5 through second grade are invited to attend one of our

overnight Buddy Camps, a fun, abbreviated camp that kids attend with an adult buddy (e.g., a parent, grandparent, or family friend). The camp schedule (organized by grade level) and other detailed information can be found on the Summer Camp section of our website at [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org).

If cost is a concern, need-based financial assistance is available in many cases. We have a great scholarship program that any registered camper can apply to use that is supported by our local churches and the Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. Conversely, if you or your family is currently in a place where you are able to bless another financially, please consider donating to our Summer Camp Scholarship Fund. This can be done during the Summer Camp registration process.

The easiest and quickest way to apply for a Summer Camp session is online, but we will be accepting paper applications as well. Whichever method you choose, please apply as early as you are able as spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. We want as many children as possible to be able to enjoy camp this year! The St. Christopher website is the best source of information on Summer Camp, but if you have questions that are not addressed online, feel free to contact our Student Ministries office at (843) 768-1337. We look forward to seeing you and your family at St. Christopher this summer!

## SUMMER CAMP 2011

#	Dates	Grades Completed	Cost
1	Fri-Sat (June 3-4)	Buddy Camp (K-2) <sup>1</sup>	\$186
2	Mon-Thurs (June 6-9)	2-4 <sup>2</sup>	\$369
3	Fri-Sat (June 10-11)	Buddy Camp (K-2) <sup>1</sup>	\$186
4	Mon-Fri (June 13-17)	4-6	\$411
5	Mon-Sat (June 20-25)	6-8	\$495
6	Mon-Fri (June 27- July 1)	4-6	\$411
7	Mon-Sat (July 11-16)	Senior Session (9-12)	\$495
8	Mon-Fri (July 18-22)	Youth Group (6-8) <sup>3</sup>	\$411
9	Mon-Sat (July 25-30)	5-7	\$495
10	Mon-Fri (Aug 1-5)	2-4	\$411
11	Mon-Fri (Aug 8-12)	3-5	\$411

<sup>1</sup> Buddy Camps are for a child and an adult to attend together. <sup>2</sup> \$186 is the total cost, not a per person cost.

<sup>2</sup> This camp will end after lunch on the final day, while other sessions will end after breakfast.

<sup>3</sup> This camp is for middle school youth groups to bring students together with their youth leaders. Young people must book through their church.

Registration for Episcopalians from the Diocese of South Carolina opens on January 14, 2011 at 9:00 am. Registration for all others opens on February 1, 2011 at 9:00 am. Online booking or downloadable registration forms will be available at [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org). Scholarship information for all sessions is available on our website.

Please go to [www.StChristopher.org](http://www.StChristopher.org) for more detailed information.



# Looking Back at Beginnings; Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Celebrates 20th Anniversary

By Mona Stuhr Dayhoff

What began as a vision for the Rev. Rob Dewey 20 years ago, has grown into a vital service for the Lowcountry and beyond. In 1990, after seeing a need in the Lowcountry, Dewey says he felt, “the Lord put it on my heart to create the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy.” He left his position as Associate Rector at St. John’s Church on Johns Island. Using his experience as both a police officer and a priest, Dewey originally worked only with the local police departments, offering counseling to those who had encountered a tragedy in their field, such as a homicide, suicide, drowning death or car fatality. He soon saw a need at scenes of tragedy for a Chaplain to provide comfort and counsel to the survivors and family members of the victims.

Chaplain Dewey recalls those early days of working from a small room in his home and writing thank you letters on a manual typewriter. He was a “one-man show” wearing the hat of the Chaplain, the administrator and the fundraiser. He would often be dispatched to scenes in the evening and spend his days trying to raise money to continue the ministry. With the support of Sheriff Al Cannon, a few close friends, and some divine intervention, Chaplain Dewey was able to sustain, and eventually grow, the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy into an amazing ministry.

Today, the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy employs two full-time chaplains, the Rev. Rob Dewey and Chaplain Eddie Driggers, who is now in the process of becoming a deacon. It also staffs an office manager and a director of development. “It is because of our volunteers that we are able to expand our resources and support a larger geographical area,” states Dewey. As a Judeo-Christian, nonprofit ministry, we are blessed to have 16 Chaplains and Rabbi’s responding to calls and providing a calming “ministry of presence” to those who experience life changing, unexpected tragedies.

In 2001, in order to provide follow-up care to those who had experienced a tragedy the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy created the Survivor Follow-Up Group, whose first member

was Joanne McSherry, longtime member of Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston. This passionate group of trained volunteers makes contact with the surviving family members after the tragic death of a loved one through letters, phone calls and personal visits. They listen and make referrals to support groups and organizations, if needed, to ensure that each survivor has the chance to move forward in their grief process. As stated by Chaplain Dewey, “The efforts of our volunteers have a direct impact upon the well-being of people who have suffered a tragic and unexpected loss of a loved one. Just knowing that someone is there to help them get through one of the most difficult times of their life can help provide them with a tremendous sense of comfort.” The Chaplaincy is also governed by a volunteer Board of Directors, six of whom are Episcopalian, led by current board president, Emily Burrous, who is a member of St. Philip’s Episcopal Church. Every board member supports the Chaplaincy with both financial contributions as well as contributions of time.

In 2009, the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy responded to more than 1,700 emergency calls. Every year, the number of calls, and the need for the Chaplaincy increases. These needs are met by contributions through congregational giving, corporate giving, individual giving, from different grants and foundations, and from prayers of support and protection. “Over the years, the community has had the misconception that the Chaplaincy is either funded by the Episcopal Diocese or the police departments,” says Chaplain Dewey. “Of all

the contributions we receive, less than 18% come from the police agencies.” It is important that the Chaplaincy is recognized as a 501(c)3, nonprofit organization, meaning it survives only on the generosity and kindness of others. “Without the help of our community, we

## Kyle Rote, Jr. ESPN’s Athlete of the Year; Speaker for February 10 Banquet

Kyle Rote, ESPN’s Athlete of the Year in 2000 (see bio, right) will be the guest speaker at the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy’s banquet February 10. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$600 per table. You may make your reservation by calling (843) 724-1212. Learn more by visiting [www.coastalcrisischaplain.org](http://www.coastalcrisischaplain.org).



cannot continue our mission,” says Dewey. The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy is celebrating its 20th year of service with a gala banquet to honor their incredible volunteers, the first responders with whom they work on a daily basis, and the families affected by unforeseen tragedy. The banquet will be held Thursday, February 10, 2011, beginning with fellowship and a silent auction at 5:30 p.m., followed by dinner and a program. Ticket prices are \$50 per person. Come and support the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, so they can continue to serve the Lowcountry for another year.

For more information about the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy and how you can give, contact our office at (843) 724-1212, visit the website at [www.coastalcrisischaplain.org](http://www.coastalcrisischaplain.org), or write to: Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, P.O. Box 21833, Charleston, SC 29413. All contributions are tax deductible.

# Rote Speaker for Chaplaincy Banquet

He’s spoken in Washington, D.C. for three U.S. Presidents and in London for Prince Philip. At the pinnacle of his athletic career, Kyle took a year off to assist Mother Teresa and others in the battle against hunger. He was selected “One of the Ten Outstanding Young People in the World” in 1985.

Athletically, *ESPN The Magazine* named him the greatest athlete of all time in its “Year 2000 - Special Edition” due, in part, to his dominance in the wildly popular ABC-TV “Wide World of Sports” SuperStars Competitions that aired in the 1970’s. In those 10 event challenges, Kyle defeated three Olympic Decathlon Gold Medalists, and dozens of future Hall of Famers like OJ Simpson, Lynn Swann, Roger Staubach, Reggie Jackson, Lou Brock, Sugar Ray Leonard, Joe Frazier, Bobby Hull, Gordie Howe, “Dr.” J Julius Erving, and John Havlicek. Kyle won the event three of the four years he participated.

Kyle is also a Soccer Hall of Famer and was the first American born player to win the North American Soccer League’s Scoring Title. He enjoyed the honor of playing for the U.S.A.’s National team for four years against some of the world’s best teams and players.

Today, he is the retired CEO of a 26-year-old sports agency he started that has represented hundreds of this generation’s greatest athletes including Reggie White, Darrell Green, Scottie Pippen, and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow. In addition, the agency has also represented dozens of coaching icons and personalities like Alabama’s Nick Saban, South Carolina’s Steve Spurrier, and the NFL’s Bill Parcells among many others.

Kyle has been very active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) as a popular speaker and multi-term member of the Board of Trustees. He is the author of four books including publisher Thomas Nelson’s recent release of *Living Life In the Zone* (with co-author Dr. Joe Pettigrew), a 40-day devotional using short stories of modern sports and business personalities to teach and reaffirm eternal Biblical truths.

Kyle and his wife, Mary Lynne, have been married for 38 years. They have four children, Will, John, Josie and Ben.

# Castles in the Sand

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## Slaves for Christ *Continued from page three*

ity—and the essence of what it means to have a “personal relationship with Jesus Christ.”

### About John MacArthur, Jr.

An evangelical author, pastor and teacher, noted for his radio program *Grace to You*, John MacArthur is a popular conference speaker and has served as the pastor-teacher of Grace Community Church in Sun Valley, California, since 1969, and as the president of The Master’s College (and the related The Master’s Seminary) in Santa Clarita, California.

Theologically, he is a strong proponent of expository preaching. He has been acknowledged by *Christianity Today* as one of the most influential preachers of his time and is a frequent guest on *Larry King Live* as representative of an evangelical Christian perspective.

MacArthur has authored or edited more than 150 books, most notably the *MacArthur Study Bible*, which has sold more than 1 million copies and received a Gold Medallion Book Award. Other best-selling books include his *MacArthur New Testament Commentary Series* (more than 1 mil-

lion copies), *Twelve Ordinary Men*, (more than 500,000 copies), and the children’s book *A Faith to Grow On*, which garnered an ECPA Christian Book Award. His latest book is entitled *Slave*. Brother Dallas (Wilson), along with RC Sproul were asked to write reviews for the jacket of this soon-to-be released book.

# Slaves for Christ

A Teaching Time with John F. MacArthur, Jr.

Note: All events will be held at the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue, St. John’s Chapel, 18 Hanover Street, Charleston, unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, February 8	
9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Registration
4:30 – 6 p.m.	Dinner (on your own)
6:30 – 8:20 p.m.	Music with Christal Brown Gibson Teaching with John MacArthur: “The Son who Became a Slave,” Phil. 2:4-8 Book Signing
8:30 – 9:30 p.m.	
Wednesday, February 9	
9:30 – 10:00 a.m.	Music with Christal Brown Gibson
10:05-10:35	Presentations with Mayor Riley and other noted guests
10:40 – 12:20	Music with Christal Brown Gibson Teaching with John MacArthur: “The Slaves Who Become Sons,” Romans 8:15
1:45 – 3 p.m.	Book Signing (at St. Michael’s Church, Charleston)
1:45 – 6 p.m.	Break; Dinner (on your own)
6:30 – 8:20 p.m.	Music with Christal Brown Gibson Teaching with John MacArthur: “The Riches of Paradox,” Romans 6:16-18
8:30 – 9:30 p.m.	Book Signing





By Harmon B. Person  
Diocesan Representative for ERD



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Above, a mother and child with their malaria net in the Philippines

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3. Gulf Coast of US (the BP oil spill caused great hardship for thousands);
4. Gulf Coast of US (rebuilding still continuing after Hurricane Katrina); and
5. Africa (battling malaria with insecticide-treated mosquito nets).

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# All Saints' Episcopal Day School, Florence, Celebrates 50th Anniversary

By Beth Hopewell

All Saints' Episcopal Day School is celebrating its 50th Anniversary this year! One of the oldest independent schools in northeastern South Carolina, All Saints' has grown from a small church kindergarten into a 3K-6th grade top-ranked school with 345 students, a 50-member faculty and staff, and a new \$4 million campus.

Headmaster Joan Pennstrom has led the school for 14 years, and she described the development of the school as "a dream that has become a reality, of having the best Christian environment and academic standards in the best facilities for students who are eager to discover and grow in this global society."

"We planned the construction of this new campus over about a 10-year period," Pennstrom explained, "with proactive, dedicated School Board members getting input from faculty, staff, parents, and studying models of some of the most successful independent schools."

The Rev. Joe DiRaddo was the assistant rector at St. John's Episcopal Church on Dargan Street in the mid-1950s. He was asked by the then Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Carruthers to start a new Episcopal Church on the west side of Florence where the city was developing,

of the whole plan and development of the church and school and was so delighted about the school's progress and cause for celebration this year," she continued.

"It was a golden time," DiRaddo recalled. "We felt that we were starting a school to give children a new opportunity to experience excellence in learning and development in a Christian environment. We were at the right time and in the right place. Beginning with the Anglican Church in England and in Episcopal churches throughout the world, building schools for children to experience academic and spiritual development has always been a high priority. There is no question that All Saints' Episcopal Day School has developed and grown with high expectations that surpass other independent school standards," he continued.

The school became incorporated in 2001 before starting the construction of the new campus. It has retained a positive, co-operative relationship with All Saints' Episcopal Church.

Billie Finklea, one of the members of the first Board of Directors, recalls the excitement and challenges of starting the church and school. "Sallie Ann Rogers worked tirelessly to get the school started. Some of the other Board members and volunteers I remember were Pinkie Samra, Bob Garey, Margaret Mace, Weston Patterson, and Smokey Fenters. Those are just a few of the many people who came together to work through all of the organization, building issues, education objectives, and more. I was the treasurer of the school and worked from 1960-1971, which was challenging at times! My daughter Kitty went to school there and her daughter Rachel went there as well. It was wonderful to see the school's progress and increasing enrollment each year. Our goal was to create a nurturing Christian and educational atmosphere for children – a stepping stone for them to learn how to learn, to be a good person, citizen, and friend."

Jonathan Burnett is the current Vice-chairman of the Board of Directors. He and his wife Jimena are also school parents. He said, "The elementary educational years are the most important to a child's future success. All



Saints' is continuing to offer children a most challenging curriculum and a tremendously supportive atmosphere. We have so many All Saints' alumni who are successful in the medical field, businesses, and other areas in the Pee Dee area. The greatest legacy All Saints' School can have is when former students contribute as leaders for the greater good of the community."

"I was one of the first students of the school in 1960," said Beth Hopewell, "and I am grateful to be one of thousands of alumni, including my two children. We all received a strong academic and spiritual foundation at All Saints', and a passion for learning. It is a pleasure to work here now, and I have the highest respect for Joan Pennstrom and the wonderful faculty she has assembled. We have a 99% teacher retention rate, a 95% student retention rate, and we receive applications for any current or future school year at any time. We have had a number of applications from parents shortly after their child is born to be sure they have priority for 3K."

The school has been having special 50th anniversary events all year long, beginning with the 2010 Golf and Gala in November which was fun and very successful! The students will celebrate the 100th day of school in our 50th year January 27. They will bring in 100 cans of food for Manna House, they will make and wear 100 day sunglasses with the two 0s for their eyes, and then they will release 100 green and white balloons (our school colors).

Grandparents and Special Friends Day in February will have a special 50th anniversary theme. Students invite these special guests from all over the country to visit their classrooms, take tours of the school, and enjoy meeting each other.

Another event planned for this year is an alumni reunion. This will be held in the spring, and plans are underway to have former students from college age and up to come to our new campus for a 50th celebration.

If anyone in Florence or from out-of-town wants to enjoy a tour of the school, we welcome visitors at any time! The school's website [www.allsaintsepiscopaldayschool.com](http://www.allsaintsepiscopaldayschool.com) is an excellent source of information about the curriculum, clubs, and special events.



with many families with young children. The plan was to start All Saints' Episcopal Church, which he did in 1958, then to start a church day school.

"I was excited to locate Mr. DiRaddo, who now lives in the Bishop Gadsden Community in Charleston with his wife Goody," said Beth Hopewell, Director of Administration and Admissions. "He had a remarkable memory

## St. Stephen's Alzheimer's Respite Care Program Awarded Grant

O.A.S.I.S. (Organization of Alzheimer's Services in St. Stephen), housed in the Parish Hall of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in St. Stephen, received a \$7,500 grant from the Brookdale Foundation Group of New York City. Brookdale recognized O.A.S.I.S. as one of seven organizations in the nation to establish a cost-effective Group Respite program for people with Alzheimer's disease and their family caregivers.

The O.A.S.I.S. provides an opportunity for people with Alzheimer's disease or related memory loss to enjoy enriching activities in a warm and welcoming environment. The program also provides ongoing support and respite to family members. O.A.S.I.S. joins

a network of programs in more than 200 communities in 34 states, which were begun with grants from The Brookdale Foundation Group.

"We are delighted to assist St. Stephen Episcopal Church in establishing a Group Respite program to complement the other services they provide to older adults and their families in the St. Stephen area," said Stephen L. Schwartz, President of the Brookdale Foundation. "We at The Foundation know of the extraordinary efforts husbands, wives, adult children, other family members and friends make to keep their relatives in the community."

Additional support is being provided by St. Stephen's as well as by other public, private and voluntary agencies in St. Stephen area.

Opened on July 21, 2010, O.A.S.I.S. currently serves just a handful of people.

"Our program is open every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.," said Scott Sauls, O.A.S.I.S.'s Executive Director. "We look forward to welcoming people with memory loss to participate in this program. We are now recruiting volunteers who will help us make this a valuable program for those in need of this service and for their family members." To learn more, contact Kelly Grosskopf, Program Coordinator, at (843) 567-3419.

## Finishing Well – With Joy

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are intertwined with each other as God's Word reveals to us who He is. Romans 15:13 brings all things into perspective as I wait patiently and obediently for His next call on my life; "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

That's it! We are called to overflow! My dad overflowed with joy and you can too as you trust in the hope that is in you through the Prince of Peace, our Savior and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.



# Boredom and Beauty:

## How I Became a Writer, and More Importantly, a Christian.

Member of St. Michael's, Charleston, Releases Fourth Novel

By Beth Webb Hart, St. Michael's, Charleston

If I had to sum up my childhood in two words, I would choose boredom and beauty. I grew up in a well-worn little house at North Litchfield Beach where I spent many quiet hours on a screened porch making up stories to pass the time. My parents ran a restaurant in Murrell's Inlet where they worked most nights, and so my two younger sisters and I had to create a way to entertain ourselves. We made up story after story with long, outlandish plots, and I became familiar (at age eight or so) with that wondrous event: that once a character is up and walking in your mind, they take on a life of their own. As Faulkner once said, "All I have to do is chase after them with a pen and pencil and write down what they say and do." This process was a thrill, and I was utterly hooked.

My faith began to form during these years as well. As a child, I didn't talk to God or understand my need for a rescuer, but I did sense the presence of a mighty hand at work by simply observing the beauty of the natural world in which I was surrounded. The morning sunlight on my face, the steady rhythm of the ocean tide, a porpoise fin pushing through water's surface - these were sign-posts that helped me form a quiet conviction: There is an artist at work here. The evidence is far too intricate and beautiful to deny.

My family moved to the upstate when I was twelve-years-old, and my life became a very scheduled one. There was homework, a social life, and a myriad of extra-curricular activities, and I had little time to stop and observe much less get a character up and moving in my mind. My junior year of high school I wrote a poem as part of an English assignment, and the next day my teacher called me over to her desk and handed me an application to the local fine arts school.

At the arts school, I chose to focus on poetry and my teacher, an

accomplished poet, soon pointed out that all of my poems were narrative. She forced me take a few and turn them into short stories. My first one was about three crazed nuns in a parochial school who locked their students away for cracking the campus birdbath. It was so much fun to write fiction (and much more forgiving than poetry) that I never looked back.

I went on to Hollins College in Virginia in hopes of following in the footsteps of some of my favorite authors: Annie Dillard, Lee Smith and Jill McCorkle. At Hollins I read and wrote voraciously and submitted my stories to be workshopped on a regular basis. It was an immeasurably beneficial experience because it helped me to identify my voice.

But not all of college was idyllic. In fact, I hit a very low point during that season after a series of bad decisions, and I found myself in this predicament: I could barely stand to be in my own skin. With no idea of how to make things right, I dusted off the Bible my mother had been urging me to read for years and started at the beginning of the New Testament. As I read the gospels, it dawned on me that all of those sign-posts from my childhood years were pointing in a specific direction. And at the center of the destination was a person who loved me and had already given up his life for me despite my wayward ways and the darkness in my own heart. This rescuer was Jesus, God made flesh, and I was (and still am) convinced that he loves and desires every human being on earth. This revelation pierced through the darkness of my young soul, and after one simple prayer, I had a new life and a new desire: to share this good news with anyone willing to listen.

Undergirded by this new sense of purpose, I continued on the path of an aspiring writer. I moved to New York after college where I spent two years in an MFA program writing a novel about grace. When the novel didn't find a publishing home in New York, I learned about the Christian Fiction industry, and I submitted the manuscript to Thomas Nelson. In a matter of weeks I was offered a two-book contract followed by a four-book contract. Clearly, this was where I was supposed to be.

Now, as I begin my fifth novel, I don't ask myself, "How religious can I make this tale?" My first aim is always to write a good story - one with a gripping conflict and compelling characters. The story has to be the driving force. If it's all about the message and the characters and plot are simply the window dressing, the story tends to fall flat. It doesn't have that life of its own, and it feels forced. That said, the themes that invariably surface in my stories - hopefully, in as authentic a manner as possible - are the same ones Christ has put front and center in my own mind and heart, and they are as follows: receiving and extending grace, loving the unlovable someone in my life and finding hope and even joy



The steady rhythm of the ocean provided a backdrop to Hart's childhood. Above, she's at North Litchfield Beach.



Hart's fourth novel, Love, Charleston, published by Thomas Nelson in September is set at St. Michael's Church.

## Bishop Gadsden Raises \$80,000+ for the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic

The Bishop Gadsden Outreach Committee of the Residents' Council held a fundraising event on November 5 to benefit the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic on Johns Island.

The event brought together more than 350 residents and guests for an evening featuring a silent and live auction and a "Buy It Now Bazaar." Attendees feasted on wonderful food and enjoyed live music throughout the evening.

The live auction, with Charleston Auctioneer Dan Peterson, had standing room only as nearly 30 prized items were featured. The star of the show was a stunning diamond necklace that was donated by Honorary Co-Chairs Jim and Ester Ferguson. After some very competitive bidding, it was purchased for \$12,500 by a resident for her daughter-in-law. The live auction alone garnered nearly \$50,000, certainly a record for Bishop Gadsden.

The Outreach Committee chose to raise funds for the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic, as it serves low-income families of Johns, James and Wadmalaw Islands. The clinic is the medical home to uninsured families, and with a volunteer staff of doctors and nurses, the clinic is able to provide necessary care to those who would otherwise visit Emergency Rooms. With the more than \$80,000 donated to the Barrier Islands Free Medical Clinic:

- 1,334 patient visits will be covered, including physician and nurse care, X-rays, lab studies, medications, and also preventive care.
- \$2,200,000 will be saved by area emergency rooms by using the Clinic instead of hospital waiting rooms.

This figure is based on the average cost of an emergency room visit in South Carolina last year. While these patients cannot pay, ERs are required by law to see them.

With their most successful fundraising event for the greater Charleston Community completed, the residents of Bishop Gadsden are thrilled with the result. "Our resident committee and our honorary chairs worked hard to reach our goal of \$80,000 and we are exhilarated that we exceeded it," stated Dr. Dan Mengedoht, Chair of the 2010 Outreach Committee.

## Construction Ahead: Crisis Ministries in Need of New Building

### Ministry to the Homeless Needs Our Help

By Steffanie S. Godsill, Director of Development, Crisis Ministries and the Rev. Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

The center for food, shelter and hope that today we know as Crisis Ministries in downtown Charleston started in 1984 as a Christian outreach to homeless men huddled under the portico between Grace Episcopal Church and its parish house. Rather than expel the homeless, Grace opened a soup kitchen in partnership with other Episcopal churches to prepare meals for the men.

Elsewhere in the City other local churches encountered the same

challenge—to either ignore or serve an increasing number of hungry individuals who were seeking shelter in the city's abandoned structures and public buildings. Community leaders realized that homelessness required a concerted, devoted and consistent effort; one where people who had fallen on hard times could not only be guaranteed a hot meal and a bed, but also given hope that their homelessness was temporary.

Understanding the detrimental impact on the community at large, religious, business and civic leaders joined Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. to create a more structured, comprehensive plan for confronting the challenges of homelessness. The result of those efforts was a

cooperative solution to a growing issue—crisis ministries.

Crisis Ministries continues to be exactly that: a solution. Today it has evolved from a volunteer-staffed organization offering food and shelter into a comprehensive human services agency dedicated to helping families and individuals return to self-sufficiency. For 26 years, the tremendous support from Episcopal churches and other faith-based organizations has been paramount to providing a permanent place where men, women and children can find refuge from the harsh streets. Since its founding, Crisis Ministries has served over 1,800,000 meals, sheltered over 37,000 people and helped more than 6,250 homeless men and

women become self-sufficient. The churches of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina who have faithfully prepared and served meals at Crisis Ministries include: Calvary, Grace, Church of the Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Cross, Old St. Andrew's, St. John's, St. Mark's, St. Michael's, St. Philip's, and St. Stephen's.

The buildings comprising Crisis Ministries must be fully operable and dependable because successful achievement of the mission relies on the consistency and viability of the physical plant. In 2007, McMillian, Smith & Partners Architects conducted a comprehensive analysis of the main structure at 573 Meeting Street—also known as the Men's

Shelter and Soup Kitchen. The results indicated that the organization is in need of a new building to house the Men's Shelter, Soup Kitchen, Health Clinic, counseling and administrative offices. The current building is confronting increasing structural issues: it has reached its useful limit.

Much like 26 years ago, Crisis Ministries strives to meet the ever-changing needs of the homeless population. Crisis Ministries again looks to the compassion of the Episcopal community to help construct a new safe haven to ensure that they can continue to provide food, shelter and hope to people in need.

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# York Place Community Counseling Center Opens in Spring

By Kim M. Adkins M.S., L.P.C., Director of Clinical Services, York Place

Many experts have concluded that intensive, home-based services are effective and superior treatment for children and youth with serious emotional disturbances. Here at York Place we believe there will always be a need for quality residential treatment services for those children who have serious psychiatric illnesses, and York

Place will continue to be a premiere provider of this service. But the writing is on the wall: limiting ourselves to residential service is no longer a viable option. The time has come to expand the services along the continuum of behavioral healthcare services. To this end, we have been working to establish an outpatient counseling center that can provide a range of services to people of all ages.

Western York County is severely lacking in outpatient counseling services. Those needing therapy are generally referred to a counseling center in Rock Hill or one in North Carolina. This service will be a great asset to the community. In addition to increasing the number of clients we serve we will also increase our payer mix as we become providers for various health insurance companies. This revenue will help offset the deficits currently being suffered in our Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility. Fees have been set based on a review of the average fees in our community. A sliding scale will be used for those with financial hardships.

The York Place Community Counseling Center will initially be located in the Hart Center, formerly, Hart High Management Group Home. This is a vacant building that can be brought back to life by the simple transformation of furnishing bedrooms as offices. Without any cost for renovations, we will have space for up to five therapists. The

living room will host a receptionist/office assistant and provide a waiting area.

We will no longer be limiting ourselves to treating children under 15 and their families. We will treat the teen that is being bullied at school but does not meet the stringent criteria for residential treatment. We will provide parent training to a couple whose children have just been taken into protective custody. We will provide psychiatric assessment and medication management for the child whose ADHD keeps him from performing his best in school. Our client might be an elderly man who is grieving the loss of his wife of 55 years. Another might be the mother of a child recently diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome. We want to be a place that provides support for psychosocial adjustments related to life cycle issues, including: birth and death; aging; marriage; divorce; parenting; intergen-



The counseling center, set to open this Spring, will offer a variety of counseling services to all ages.

### A Variety of Counseling Services Proposed

- Teen bullied at school
- Couple whose children have been taken into protective custody
- ADHD medication management
- Grief counseling
- Marriage counseling
- Divorce counseling
- Intergenerational conflicts
- Others as needed

erational conflicts; and adult, child and family relations.

York Place will continue its residential program but will now expand its services to include treatment of those in the community and beyond, and people of all ages that are in need of counseling.

# Evangelism Made Slightly Less Difficult

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator of Youth Ministry

The right tools make a job easier, a hobby more enjoyable, and life more productive. The same can be said for ministries in the church. Several excellent tools are available to churches for the task of evangelism. These are not evangelism training but rather evangelistic courses designed to be used to introduce people to the person of Jesus. Engaging the church in the task of evangelism is far less difficult when such tools are used. The key to the success of these however lies in the approach that the church takes. Some churches have used one of these courses as a Christian Education offering but have not seen the results that other churches see on an ongoing basis. The difference between them is repetition. By repeating an evangelistic course, we create a culture of evangelism in our congregations. Those who attend, and either find their faith renewed or begun for the first time, will be very excited to tell others about the course. Past participants often become natural leaders for the course in the future. To begin to build such momentum and then decide to move on to a different course is like discovering a great place to eat and never returning.

If we take seriously the statistics emerging about The Episcopal Church and most any mainline denomination, we realize that we must take the task of evangelism seriously or plan to close our doors in a matter of time. Now is not the time to be afraid of evangelism or to make it anything less than a top priority for the church! Using great tools for evangelism can and will make the process as easy as can be. The following are courses currently available to help. All are excellent, so

the deciding factor will be which best suits the congregation and the leadership available for the task. The details below are not definitive, so it is best to do further research online. All of these can be done in small group settings and some are very useful for larger gatherings as well.

### Alpha – Best Known; Sets the Bar

Alpha is by far the best known in this country and, in many ways, sets the precedent for evangelistic courses. Alpha's format is to share a meal, view a video or listen to a live talk and then discuss the concepts around a table or in a small group. Originally created as a follow-up course for new Christians, Alpha was later adapted for presentation to non-churchgoers. The course runs ten weeks (plus a weekend or day away) and can be done using the DVD-based teaching or taught live by a leader in your church. The DVD videos are available in full length (average 45 minutes per session) or an express format (averaging 25 minutes). Alpha seeks to introduce people to what it means to be a Christian and places a strong emphasis on the Holy Spirit. More information can be found at <http://alphausa.org>.

### Christianity Explained – Short Evangelistic Course

Christianity Explained was created by Scripture Union in Australia to be used one-on-one and in small groups. It takes a six-week approach to sharing the Gospel message based

on Mark's Gospel. This is a brief evangelistic course, essentially asking for 6 hours of a person's life to share the Gospel with them. Details about the course can be found at <http://www.christianityexplained.com> and materials obtained from <http://www.thegoodbook.com/evangelism/christianity-explained>. A leaders manual is available and handouts can be downloaded from the site. No video is included in this course.

### Christianity Explored – Different Emphasis

Christianity Explored follows the same basic structure as Alpha but approaches the Gospel with a different emphasis. The course was created at the request of Dr. John Stott (All Soul's, Langham Place, London). Though not as well-known in this country, Christianity Explored is widely used around the world and is available in several languages. Like Alpha, the course runs ten weeks (plus a weekend or day away), is very suited for sharing a meal beforehand, and utilizes small group discussions. The DVD videos average 20 minutes in length and place a strong emphasis on the person of Christ. Christianity Explored seeks specifically to reveal the Gospel message from the Gospel of Mark. During the course, all participants read through the entirety of Mark's Gospel. Also available are a follow-up course called Discipleship Explored and a youth version of the evangelistic course titled "CY." Information is available at <http://www.christianityexplored.org> and course materials can be ordered from <http://www.thegoodbook.com>.

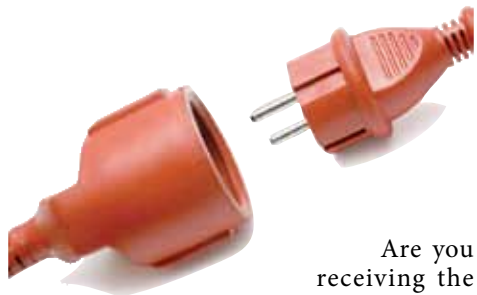
### Simply Christianity – Surprises and Challenges

Simply Christianity is a five-part course based on the Gospel of Luke. The goal is to surprise and challenge ordinary non-Christian people (whether 'churched' or 'unchurched') with the unique story of Jesus Christ, as told by Luke. Over the five one-hour sessions, guests read right through Luke, tracing its main themes. The teaching and discussions are led by the course facilitator rather than depending on a video, though the Jesus Video may be a useful addition since it follows Luke's Gospel. Course materials can be purchased from <http://www.matthiasmedia.com>.

### Now's the Time to Engage in Evangelism

Regardless of which course you choose, engaging your congregation in evangelism is vital. These highly relational resources can be strategically used following holiday services where attendance is high and many will hear about the course being offered. Most of them offer excellent promotional materials to help get the word out. With such tools at our disposal, growing the kingdom is no longer nearly as difficult as we once imagined!

## Are You Plugged In? To Diocesan Life?



Are you receiving the news? Now that we're down to just four Jubilate Deo's a year, it's easy to miss important news and events. Plug in to Diocesan Life by signing up for the news. Visit [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org).

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Crisis Ministries needs our help! Over the next six months Crisis Ministries will be reaching out to Episcopal churches to request our support of the food.shelter.hope campaign. Together, as was the case 26 years ago, the Episcopal community can serve as the Body of Christ to provide food, shelter and hope to end homelessness and hunger one person at a time, one family at a time.

For information, contact Steffanie Godsill at (843) 723-9477 x126 or [sgodsill@charlestonhomeless.org](mailto:sgodsill@charlestonhomeless.org) and Ed Dyckman at (843) 367-5647 or [ed@socialministries.com](mailto:ed@socialministries.com).

### Alpha

Ten weeks, plus one weekend away; DVD based or taught live by a leader in one's church. Small Group discussion component.

### Christianity Explained

Six weeks; Leader's manual; Message based on Gospel of Mark; no DVD.

### Christianity Explored

Ten weeks, plus one weekend away; DVD-based; participants read Gospel of Mark.

### Simply Christianity

Five part course based on Gospel of Luke; Leader's manual; no DVD.



# Worship; Picnic; Pineville Chapel Celebrates 200th Anniversary

By *Scottie Hoffman,*  
*St. Stephen's, Stephen's*

On October 31, 2010, the congregations of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, St. Stephen, and St. Alban's Episcopal Church, Kingstree, celebrated the 200th Anniversary of Pineville Chapel, Pineville SC.

The Rev. Jeffery R. Richardson led the congregation with Rite I, Holy Eucharist, and the congregations shared a potluck picnic on the beautiful grounds afterward. Pineville Chapel has been a "Chapel of Ease" since "restorations" were completed at St. Stephen's in 1957. St. Stephen's and St. Alban's hold services at the chapel twice a year.

## Pineville Chapel 1810 – 2010

The village of Pineville began as a summer community for wealthy planters and their families once they realized that "places where pine trees were plentiful were usually free of the fevers that affected those who lived near swamps. . ." (Warner Montgomery), marshes, and rice fields.

Captain James Sinkler of Laurel Hill Plantation was the first to build a home in Pineville, and when he and his family returned in good health to Laurel Hill in November, others followed. In 1794, Captain John Palmer, Captain Peter Gailard, John Cordes, Samuel Porcher, Peter Porcher, and Philip Porcher built homes in the area as well. The village, considered one of the most sophisticated communities outside of Charleston, at the time, established an academy, a library, a racetrack and a church.

Within a few years, Pineville grew to 60 homes and the pine trees were protected by a fine of \$5 being imposed on anyone who cut down or injured one of them.

The first chapel of Pineville, along with a cemetery, was built two miles west of the village on the old



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River Road. Services were later held in the villagers' homes. The current church was built in 1810 and Rev. Charles Blair Snowden was the first rector, who lived in the Pineville rectory (one of the few remaining original buildings of the village). Regular services were held from June to October, and during the rest of the year, Rev. Snowden rotated between Pineville, the Rocks, and Black Oak.

Rev. Snowden was followed by Rev. D.J. Campbell, who died in 1840 while serving and is buried in the St. Stephen's Episcopal Churchyard. The church was empty until 1842, when Rev. William Dehan and his assistant Rev. C.P. Gadsden assumed leadership.

The Pineville Chapel was consecrated in 1845 by Bishop Gadsden and was admitted into the Diocese of South Carolina.

The interior is largely original including the high pulpit, doors, windows, balcony, and Palladian window behind the altar. The original wooden bell tower and very early bronze bell are still in place. The Pineville Chapel was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1992 as part of the Pineville Historic District.

Regular services at Pineville Chapel ceased once St. Stephen's Episcopal Church was restored in 1957. The chapel now falls under the auspices of the Diocese of South Carolina as a chapel of ease. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church serves as caretaker. Thanks to a fund set up by the late Mattie Gourdin Marion in 1976 and continued by her niece Eljule Gourdin Everett, the church receives a small income for its upkeep.

# God's Truth; Transformed Lives

## Bishop Lawrence Challenges Men of Church of the Cross on Men's Retreat

By *Don Hurst, Church of the Cross, Bluffton*

Over 60 men of the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, gathered recently on Jack Rowe Island to enjoy an overnight retreat while being instructed and encouraged by Bishop Mark Lawrence. The group enjoyed fellowship, ate great food, shared testimonies around the campfire, participated in small group discussions and worshipped in the great outdoors.

Bishop Lawrence chose the very small book of Titus to instruct the men on their place and responsibility in their families, church and community. Though only three chapters long, and barely covering two pages, the instructions in Titus are clear. It is God's Truth that transforms us, not our zeal for good works. It is our character and conduct that will define Christian leadership supported by God's Word and a commitment to sound doctrine.

The men of the Church of the Cross have been meeting once a year for about seven years. It started out with about 16 men and originally was a shared retreat with the men from Holy Apostles, Barnwell. They have met at different locations but

always ones that are rustic, out in nature. For the past three years, they have had the retreat at Jack Rowe Island and Bishop Lawrence has been their speaker for the past two.

Don Hurst, Steve Kiser and Frank Byrd, organizers of the gath-

ering said, "I think that we speak for all the men present that God truly blessed us through the words of our Bishop. For his commitment to God's Truth and dedication to our diocese, we can all say, "Thanks be to God."



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Over 60 men attended the retreat on Jack Rowe Island. Above, from left, Greg Weaver and Brent Carlson chat by the campfire.

## Mere Anglicanism

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Communion, in addressing its current disarray, is more esteemed for his own winsome yet stalwart witness than the Most Rev. Mouneer Anis, "President-Bishop" of Jerusalem and the Middle East.

These four bishops will be front and center at the sixth annual Mere Anglicanism conference to be hosted again this year by the Mother Parish of Anglicanism south of Virginia, St. Philip's Church, Charleston, January 20 – 22/23. In affirmation of Bishop Lawrence's vision of "Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age" the speakers at the conference, which is tailored to laity as well as clergy, will focus on a variety of ways of "Recovering the Power of the Word of God" as essential to the renewal of Biblical Anglicanism. By way of honoring Bishop Allison – pastor, bishop, teacher, mentor, author and always preacher of the Word of God's Grace – conference speakers include Archbishop Anis, Bishop Nazir-Ali, and Bishop Lawrence, as well as Dr. Stephen Noll and Dr. William Dickson speaking

on God's Word Written; Dr. Ashley Null reporting on his recent research in the sacramental theology of Thomas Cranmer; Dr. Gillis Harp and Dr. Charles Raven offering critical reflections on biblical issues in Anglican history and theology; and, by way of ecumenical perspective, Lutheran pastors Dr. Steven Paulson and Dr. James Nestingen witnessing to the power of preaching the Gospel of Grace. The Rev. Jeffrey Miller and the Rev. Dr. Leander Harding will respectively open and close the conference preaching roster.

Lively fellowship, plenary panels, discussion of timely issues, and Prayer Book worship in the Spirit will round out the conference program, together with an optional buffet-banquet in honor of Bishop Allison on Friday, January 21. Registration for the conference itself is \$100/registrant; optional reservations for the banquet are \$32/person. Further information and registration details are available at [www.mereanglicanism.com](http://www.mereanglicanism.com) or (843) 722-7345.

# Mere Anglicanism January 20-22, 2011

## Biblical Anglicanism for a Global Future: Recovering the Power of the Word in Proclamation, Penitence, and Polity

*All events will be held at St. Philip's Church, 142 Church Street, Charleston, except as otherwise noted.*

Thursday, January 20  
5:30 p.m. – Choral Evensong, the Rev. Jeffrey Miller preaching  
8:15 p.m. – Introduction: Dean William McKeachie, followed by Dr. William Dickson: Recovering the Power of the Word of God Written  
9:15 p.m. – Reception and Social Hour

6:00 p.m. – Holy Communion and Healing at the Cathedral, Dean Peet Dickinson, celebrant, Bishop Lawrence, preacher  
7:30 p.m. – Advancement Society Banquet honoring the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, Francis Marion Hotel (reservations required)

Friday, January 21  
8:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer: Chaplain Leander Harding, officiant; Dr. James Nestingen, homilist  
9:00 a.m. – Archbishop Mouneer Anis: Recovering the Power of the Word for the Anglican Communion  
10:00 a.m. – Panel Discussion: The Rev. Jeffrey Miller, moderator, Archbishop Robert Duncan, Dr. Roberta Bayer, Dr. Michael Howell, John Zahl  
10:30 a.m. – Break  
10:45 a.m. – Dr. Gillis Harp: Recovering the Power of the Word in Anglican History  
11:45 a.m. – Dr. Stephen Noll: Recovering the Power of the Word: From the Truth to the Whole Truth  
1:00 p.m. – Box Lunch  
2:00 p.m. – Dr. Ashley Null: Recovering the Power of the Word in Prayer Book worship: Recent findings in Cranmer Research  
3:00 p.m. – Dr. Steven Paulson: Recovering the Power of the Word in Preaching the Gospel of Grace  
4:00 p.m. – Panel Discussion: The Rev. Matthew McCormick, moderator, Dr. John Yates III, Sean Norris, The Rev. Andrew Pearson, Justyn Terry.

Saturday, January 22  
8:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer: Chaplain Leander Harding, officiant; Dr. James Nestingen, homilist  
9:00 a.m. – Dr. Charles Raven: The Wages of Synthesis or Lasting Treasure? Recovering the Power of the Word of Truth  
10:00 a.m. – Break  
10:15 a.m. – Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali: Recovering the Power of the Word for Anglican Polity  
11:15 a.m. – Panel Discussion: Bishop Lawrence, moderator, Archbishop Anis, Bishop Nazir-Ali, Dr. Ashley Null, Dr. Edith Humphrey, Canon Kendall Harmon  
12:00 p.m. – Noonday Prayer and Homily, Chaplain Leander Harding  
12:30 p.m. – Conference Summary and Adjournment: Dean McKeachie, Bishop Allison

Sunday, January 23  
Conference Keynoters preaching and teaching in Charleston area churches

*Registration at \$100/registrant: Checks payable to "Mere Anglicanism." Optional Friday Buffet Banquet honoring the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison at \$32/person*

## Mere Anglicanism Photography Exhibit

For those attending the Mere Anglicanism Conference there will be a special exhibit of Photographs by N.B Baroody, M.D. and the Most Rev. Mouneer Anis (an accomplished amateur photographer) in St. Philip's Parish Hall. A widely recognized photographer, the late Dr. Baroody's photographs of seascapes, landscapes, swamps of both South Carolina and from his international travels can be seen in his two published books *In Search of His Image: A Photographic Journey* and *The Unexpected Visitor*. These books will be on sell at the conference. Proceeds will go to supporting a much needed hospital established under the auspices of the Diocese of Egypt. Mrs. Baroody and Bishop Mouneer will be present at conference adding a personal touch to the exhibit.



# Caring for the Caregiver

## Grace Church Offers Mid-day Meal, Encouragement and Community to Caregivers

By the Rev. Paul Gilbert, Associate Priest, Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston

Sam comes to the lunches for conversation and support. He's a quiet man. His wife suffers from a chronic illness that keeps her from going far from home. The conversation helps. Steve has welcomed his parents into his home. His light-hearted way of describing the challenges of making over their family unit at this stage in life draws understanding looks and warm-hearted responses to his humor. A retired military officer sits at another table. He puzzles over how to reconfigure his life because his wife is being looked after in an Alzheimer's unit. Another woman frets because her husband can't retire and she's balancing her home life with her care of an aged parent. Someone else is thinking through the consequences of moving into an assisted living facility. Another woman sits impassively, just listening. For her, saying what she is going through out loud is just too difficult.

This is the face of aging America. Pressed for funds, responsive medical treatment and options for living, we assemble once a month in the parish hall of Grace Church. We average about 25 men and women each month, and we gather to share a meal, tell stories, give understanding and respond with kindness. The challenge is balancing all the responsibilities life requires and adding in a large component of caring for a loved one. All the transitions are difficult: from robust good health to fragility and then to dependence. How do we find the words to tell that story? Here it is unnecessary. Simply show up. We all get it. Although our journeys are all different, they are the same to a degree. What links us together are the reflections, the emotions, the questions, the hugs and the resources of our Christian faith.

The statistics tell us that we're not alone. As the baby boomer popula-

tion moves into retirement and older years, there will be a strain on the health care system never before experienced. Creative approaches are needed. The Pastoral Care Committee at Grace Church has taken a step with this pilot program. Simple is good -- just a monthly time and place with a meal no one has to worry about preparing, and no attendance requirement. There is no



real program except reading from your own life. Would you like to join us? The dates are available on Grace's website, [gracechurchcharleston.org](http://gracechurchcharleston.org). Our lunches are usually on the third

Saturday of each month. Call ahead to the Grace Church Office at (843) 723-4575 to reserve your place. You'll be welcomed.

## Job Opening Pastor to Children and Family Ministry

Trinity Church in Myrtle Beach is looking for a full-time Pastor for Children and Family Ministry. The purpose of the proposed position is to work in the Family Ministries Team to equip families and the church to evangelize and disciple young children. The Pastor for Children and Family Ministry will be responsible for working closely within the Christian Discipleship Team to disciple parents and children's ministry volunteers

to create an atmosphere in the home and the church conducive to the spiritual growth and faithfulness of young children. Finally, the Pastor for Children and Family Ministry will plan and execute such programs as deemed vital to the mission and ministry of the church. Visit [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org) to view the Position Description. Interested applicants should send a resume to Hunter Jordan at [hunterjordan@trinitymyrtlebeach.org](mailto:hunterjordan@trinitymyrtlebeach.org).

## Spring Organ Concerts at St. Helena's

Featuring the Taylor & Boody Organ Opus II, 1985

Spend an hour being soothed and excited by the music of these incredible artists, while relaxing in the beauty of historic St. Helena's Church in Beaufort. All concerts are at noon on Fridays, are free and open to the public. Come early and take a tour of the church. Invite your friends and neighbors to join you. For questions, contact Pat Gould, Director of Music, at (843) 522-1712, ext. 214, or email her at [patgould@isl.net](mailto:patgould@isl.net).

March 25	Dr. Jonathan Dimmock San Francisco, CA
April 1	David Enlow-New York, NY
April 8	Julian Collings, organ and Rebecca Hewes, cello London, England
April 15	Francois Olivier-Paris, France
April 29	Dr. John Weaver-New York, NY

## People News

❖ Please keep the family and friends of **the Rev. Richard Dority** in your prayers. Dority, who served as an Episcopal Priest from 1958-1987 died on November 12. The funeral service was held at Ft. Johnson Baptist Church on James Island.



❖ **The Rev. Dagnall Free** was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on December 4 at St. John's on Johns Island.

❖ **The Rev. Paul Gilbert** recently had a book, *The Marriage Quest*, published by Pluff Mud Press. The book is intended as a starting point for planning a wedding and for planning a married life. It's available from Grace Church's Bookstore as well as available online with Amazon.

❖ **Jason Hamshaw**, youth minister at Prince George Winyah and his wife, **Chelsea**, daughter of **Bishop** and **Allison Lawrence**, welcomed their first child, **Benjamin James Hamshaw** on November 3, 2010. The baby weighed 8 lbs 7 oz. All are doing well. Benjamin is the Lawrence's 10th grandchild.

❖ **The Rev. Daniel Hank** became Vicar of Church of the Apostles, Barnwell, at a service of Institution on November 2, 2010.

**The Rev. Chris Huff** has been called to serve as an Assistant Rector at St. George's in Summerville. "We're looking forward to having Chris here on staff," says Rector, Rick Luoni. "Chris and his wife, Kim, have been warmly received and will fit in well with our community and where the Lord is calling us."

❖ **Martha Horn** was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on November 4 at Saint James, Charleston. Of the event, Horn said, "The Holy Spirit moved through the people of God and through the hands of the bishop in great power and we worshipped the Triune God in song and prayer. I was overwhelmed with the Lord's grace. It will be my great privilege to serve God's people as deacon in The Church of the Holy Trinity in Ridgeland with my husband Robert and in All Saints, Hampton with the Rev. Sally Putnum."



❖ **Cathy Jacobs** has stepped down as Children's Christian Education Director at St. Paul's in Summerville after having served there for 13 years.

Speaking about her work, Cathy said, "Mike Lumpkin and Kendall Harmon asked me to do this as an interim for 60-90 days and here I am stepping down after 13 years. At first I thought all I was going to do was recruit Sunday School teachers and order curriculum, but the Holy Spirit showed me it's so much more. It's been an awesome experience. I look forward to what the Lord has ahead."

❖ **The Rev. Robert Kunes** was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on December 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas at The Church of the Holy Communion, Charleston.



❖ **Tyler Prescott** was ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on January 3, at St. Michael's Church, Charleston. Prescott is joining the staff of St. Paul's Church in Summerville.

❖ Please keep the family of **the Rev. Carlisle Ramcharan** in your prayers. Ramcharan died on No-

vember 9, 2010. His wishes were to be cremated following a private family service.

❖ **Dave Rasmussen** is stepping down as Facilitator of Children's Faith Formation at Church of the Cross, Bluffton, having served there for two years. In a note to the parish family, Dave writes, A "thanks" just does not quite cover all the gratitude I have for the many faithful leaders that have walked the path of exciting change the last two years. Many of you started with us and are still leading the charge! God has blessed me in many ways through your lives, but most of all, through your children. Guard their hearts and minds. Keep them as the centerpiece of all your pursuits, and live out daily your walk among those who matter most."

❖ Please keep the family and friends of **the Rev. Benjamin Bosworth Smith**, in your prayers. Smith, who served as rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, from 1977-1992, died on Thursday, October 21, 2010. Since his retirement from Grace he had served as Senior Associate Rector at St. Stephen's, Charleston. He was 80 years old. The funeral was held at Grace Church on October 25.

❖ **The Rev. Jim Taylor** has been named to serve as the Chair of the Diocesan Stewardship Committee.

❖ **The Reverend Alastair Votaw** retired from his duties as an associate priest at Grace Church on January 1 to allow more time to travel and to explore volunteer opportunities and other interests. Al and his wife, Rhoda, plan to remain in Charleston and at Grace Church.

❖ On January 2, the Rev. Chris Warner began a ministry of preaching, teaching and pastoring at the Church of the Holy Cross on Sullivan's and Daniel Island. Chris served the diocese as rector of St. Christopher from 2007 though 2010 and was an associate rector at Holy Cross for five years before moving to St. Christopher. When asked about Chris' return to Holy Cross, John Burwell, Rector, said, "As soon as I learned that Chris would be available, I chased after him. In December, he finally said 'yes.' We are all elated to have Chris and his family back with us!"

❖ The Rev. Dr. Dallas Wilson became Vicar of St. John's Chapel on October 20, 2010 at a service of Institution.



# Daughters of the King Celebrate 30th and 125th Anniversaries

The Order of the Daughters of the King met on September 18 at the Church of the Holy Communion to celebrate their 30th anniversary in the Diocese of South Carolina and 125 years nationally. Host chapters were the Church of the Holy Communion, the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Calvary Episcopal Church and St. Mark's Episcopal Church.

One hundred and forty members, representing 32 chapters, gathered to celebrate and worship. They began the day with a beautiful pontifical mass, celebrated by the Rev. Dow Sanderson and assisted by visiting clergy and the Holy Communion choir.

The Rt. Rev. William J. Skilton, the first Chaplain of the South Carolina Daughters in 1980, presented a congratulatory plaque to the South Carolina Diocese from the Daughters of the King in the Diocese of the Dominican Republic.

Guest speakers were the Rev.

Greg J. Kronz, St. Luke's, Hilton Head, and the Rev. Jeffrey S. Miller, St. Helena's, Beaufort. The Assembly theme was "Loving God - Loving One Another."

The guest of honor was Maxine Swafford, the first Diocesan President, and the lady responsible for bringing Daughters of the King to South Carolina. Other special guests included: Metro Griffith, DOK President of Province IV, and our own past Diocesan and National officers, Ethyl Ripley, Lindy Kirk, Kim Ferguson, Vicky Armes, and Tina Rhodes. Joining Bishop Skilton were former Diocesan Chaplains, the Rev. Canon D. Joseph Rhodes and the Rev. Fred Gough. The current Diocesan President, Elaine Crafton, and current Chaplain, The Rev. Charles Walton, led the celebration. Marianne Faiers was honored for her 50+ years of membership in the Order. Praise music was led by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moore, St. James Church, James Island.

# St. Mark's Designated 2010 MOJA Historic Site

On Wednesday, September 29, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Charleston, was recognized as the 2010 MOJA Arts Festival Historical Site. MOJA is Charleston's celebration of African-American and Caribbean Arts. The Rev. Dan Messier, Rector of St. Mark's, said of the event, "I am honored and humbled by the selection of St. Mark's Church as the 2010 MOJA Arts Festival Historic Site. Through the dedication

of faithful men and women over the past 145 years St. Mark's has worked tirelessly to live out and bring out the Gospel love of Christ to the community of Charleston and the Diocese of South Carolina. Founded as an African American Episcopal Church, St. Mark's, today, warmly welcomes and embraces the participation of all people in response to Jesus' call to 'love one another as I have loved you.'"



JOY HUNTER

On September 29, 2010, St. Mark's, Charleston, above, was designated the 2010 MOJA Arts Festival Historic Site. At left, following the ceremony, the Rector, the Rev. Daniel Messier, chats with the Senior Warden, Hillery P. Douglas.

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## Calendar Notes

Tricentennial Lecture Series  
January 14, 21

The final two lectures in St. Helena's Tricentennial Lecture Series, "Beaufort - A Look Back 1712-1865," will be held on January 14 and 21. On Friday, January 14, Dr. John McCardell, Vice-Chancellor and President of Sewanee: The University of the South, will speak on "St. Helena's Parish During the Colonial Era." On Friday, January 21, Dr. Stephen Wise, Museum Director and Cultural Resource Manager US Marine Corp Recruit Depot will speak on "Beaufort During the Civil War." All lectures will be held at the church. Ticket prices are \$15 each. Proceeds benefit programs planned for the Tricentennial celebration in 2012.

Healing Ministry Course  
Beginning January 24

God does heal today...could He use you in this ministry, as He heals others? St. Michael's, Charleston, is offering an eight-week course by the International Order of St. Luke the Physician that explores the healing accounts of Jesus Christ in the Gospels as a foundation for healing prayer ministry. Open to all who have completed the Alpha Course, it will begin Monday, January 24, from 5:30-7 p.m. The cost is \$45 for individuals/\$55 total for couples. There will be a nursery available. The course will be facilitated by Johnnie & Jean Corbett. Contact Gretchen Sosnowski to register, at (843) 724-7589 or gsos@stmichaelschurch.net. For more information, visit www.orderofstluke.org.

Communicators' Gathering  
January 26

The Diocesan Communicators will have their next lunch meeting Wednesday, January 26, from noon - 2 p.m. at St. James, James Island. The topic will be Sunday Bulletin & Communication Pieces. Vicki Vasquez, the group's Chair explains, "This includes the worship bulletin and the piece that communicates Sunday's events, the week ahead events, and future events. Please bring 20 copies of what your ushers pass out to each parishioner as they walk in the door. We want to focus on the specific communication tool that people hold in their hand for that whole hour to an hour and a half during the service. In small

groups we will compare and contrast and hopefully help out those who are struggling to be effective. I encourage those that do not need this workshop to come anyway in order to help others who need inspiration. Lunch will be served. Price to be determined. RSVP to Vicki Vasquez at publications@stmichaelschurch.net.

School of Healing Prayer  
February 1-April 29

The Church of the Good Shepherd, West Ashley, will be offering the Christian Healing Ministries School of Healing Prayer, Level III, beginning Tuesday, February 1 at 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. and running through April 29. Sign up by contacting Kits Jones by January 22 at kitsbill65@bellsouth.net or (843) 571-2993 (church office) or (843) 763-8893. Prerequisite is Level I and/or Level II. There is no charge for the class, but the student manual is \$32.00.

St. Paul's Tea Room  
March 21-April 1

St. Paul's in Summerville will hold their 7th annual Tea Room and Gift Shop from March 21-April 1. The two-week event is used to offer hospitality to the community as well as raise funds for ministries locally, nationally and globally. Call (843) 873-1991 for information or to make reservations for parties of eight or more. Come and join us for a delightful luncheon and a visit to our gift shop. You'll have a lovely day for a spring visit in Summerville.

Old St. Andrew's Tea Room  
March 21- April 2

Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church will hold its annual Tea Room and Gift Shop March 21 - April 2. Open daily, Monday through Saturday lunch is served from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Delicious low-country favorites are featured including chicken salad, shrimp paste sandwiches, okra soup and She Crab soup and scrumptious desserts. Groups of six or more are encouraged to make reservations by contacting the church Monday through Thursday at (843) 766-1541 or office@oldstandrews.com. Old St. Andrew's is located at 2604 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC. Proceeds from the event support the mission and outreach of the ECW and parish projects.

To learn more about the following events visit the calendar at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org).

St. Helena's Tricentennial Lecture Series, January 7, 14, 21 (left)

Mere Anglicanism, January 20-22 (page 1)

Diocesan Communicators' Gathering, January 26 (left)

Cursillo 162, January 27-30

John MacArthur Clergy Gathering, February 8-9 (page 3)

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Jesus Weekend, February 25-27 (page 9)

Jubilate Deo Deadline, March 4

St. Paul's Tea Room, March 21-April 1 (left)

Old St. Andrew's Tea Room, March 21-April 2 (left)

## Interested in a Trip of a Lifetime?

The Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore will be lead a 12-day trip to Corinth, Athens and Istanbul aboard the amazing Sea Cloud II, a luxury tall ship, June 25-July 6, 2011. Along the way, the group of 90 travelers will enjoy inspiring Bible teaching, warm fellowship and a five-night, once-in-a-lifetime sailing experience aboard the world's top-rated cruise ship. Call (843) 723-0603 and ask for Polly Sosnowski to learn more.

## Epiphany Concert Series

St. John's Episcopal Church in Florence is offering an Epiphany Concert Series January 16-February 27. All concerts are at 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Concerts are free but donations are appreciated. Information and a downloadable brochure are available at [www.stjohnsflorence.org](http://www.stjohnsflorence.org).

- Jan. 16 - Caceanova/Finehouse Duo (violin & piano)
- Jan. 23 - St. Mary's Chorale
- Jan. 30 - Paolo Gualdi, piano
- Feb. 13 - The Carolina Trombone Collective
- Feb. 20 - Alexander Elliott, baritone
- Feb. 27 - Ludlamshohle (guitar & piano duo)

To learn more, contact Tammy Williams, Music Minister & Communications Coordinator at (843) 662-5585 or [twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org](mailto:twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org). St. John's is located at 252 S. Dargan Street, Florence, SC.

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