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## Shrinking Jesus and Betraying the Faith

By the Rt. Rev.  
C. FitzSimons Allison, XII Bishop  
of South Carolina, Retired



What caused the crisis now being faced not only by the Diocese of South Carolina but by the entire western Christian Church? It's more than an issue of sexuality. It's one of pandering to the secular culture, of shrinking Jesus and betraying the faith.

Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan are two remarkably popular theologians who teach a version of Christianity that reduces the Christian faith to contemporary secular assumptions. For Crossan, Jesus was an illiterate Jewish cynic. No Incarnation; no Resurrection. The Easter story is "fictional mythology" (p. 161, *Jesus a Revolutionary Biography*). Borg claims that Jesus was only divine in the sense that Martin Luther King and Gandhi were divine. Borg dismisses the creeds (p. 10, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*) Jesus was a "spirit person," "a mediator of the sacred," "a shaman," one of those persons like Abraham, Moses, Buddha, Mohammed, et al. (p. 32)

Recently Borg and Crossan have collaborated on a book, *The Last Week: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus' Final Days in Jerusalem*. Their Jesus is a semi-revolutionary leader of peasants and outcasts against the priestly elite and those

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### 221st Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina

March 9, 2012  
St. Philip's Church  
Charleston  
5 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
and Reception

March 10, 2012  
The Cathedral of  
St. Luke and St. Paul  
Charleston  
9 a.m. Call to Convention

## Majority of Disciplinary Board Unable to Certify Abandonment By Lawrence

By Joy Hunter, Editor

A collective sigh of relief was felt across the Diocese of South Carolina Tuesday, November 29, when the Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina, announced that he had received word that the majority of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops concluded that allegations made against him by anonymous sources did not constitute abandonment of

the Episcopal Church. (See Lawrence's letter following.)

While many of the underlying issues remain, the question of abandonment appears to be settled for now. As Diocesan Convention understood at the time those challenged actions were taken, they did not constitute the abandonment of communion, but rather the affirmation of the historic understanding of

our constitutional polity.

Lawrence, in closing his letter announcing that the allegations had been dropped, said, "May we get on with the grace-filled work of Jesus Christ that is before us 'that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.'"

## Bishop Lawrence Writes to Diocese Following Disciplinary Board's Decision

November 29, 2011

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you in this season of Advent when we await with eagerness the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in great glory to judge both the living and the dead, even while we prepare to celebrate his birth among us so long ago in that unlikely place and with an unimaginable wonder and unspeakable grace—the Word made flesh. In this season of hope, we also rejoice in his daily visitation. To that end it is with such hope that I report to you that late yesterday afternoon I received a phone call from Bishop Dorsey Henderson, President of the Disciplinary Board for Bishops, regarding their ruling on my case which has been before them for several months. In a conference of the board members on November 22nd the Disciplinary Board was unable to certify that I had abandoned the Episcopal Church. While the statement (see page three) leaves many questions unanswered—frankly, to my mind it appears to read like a complex statement of a complex decision in a complex time within a complex church. Nevertheless, I believe it is best to take it at face

value (even while noting that this diocese has not recognized the constitutionality of the new disciplinary canon). For now, given no more allegations from anonymous sources within the diocese it is my hope we can all get back to focusing our full attention on proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ in the power of



MARION LEE

Above, Clergy gather for Holy Eucharist during the November Clergy Conference at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

the Spirit and to Glory of God the Father that the Church here in the Diocese of South Carolina may add daily to its number those who are being saved.

Please know our vocation has not changed. While making disciples and witnessing to the unassailable Truth of the Gospel to a hurting

and troubled world, and speaking truth to power within the unfolding struggles of The Episcopal Church, as well as taking our place in the larger Anglican Communion, we are, as you have heard me say on many occasions, called by God to Make Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age. Even while I write this, we have a group of Irish priests from one of our companion dioceses, the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh visiting at Church of the Cross in Bluffton to share, learn and experience renewal and refreshment in the Lord. They and their bishop, The Rt. Rev. Ken Clarke, will be meeting with our Diocesan Anglican Communion Development Committee to further yet another mutually enriching missional relationship within the emerging Anglicanism of this 21st Century.

Before concluding, let me express my heartfelt gratitude for the innumerable letters, emails and spoken words of encouragement I have received from so many within the diocese (even from those who do not always agree with my theological position or my constitutional and canonical concerns). I am also grateful for assurance of prayers from those all across The Episcopal Church, and those in continuing Anglican circles across North America, as well as from significant Provinces of the Communion. I must also give thanks for Christians in various denominations who, having read of our situation in the diocese, have offered prayers to God for our strength and steadfastness. May we get on with the grace-filled work of Jesus Christ that is before us "that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing."

Gratefully yours in Christ,

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence  
XIV Bishop of South Carolina

### December 5 Update:

Get breaking news by signing up  
for the Diocesan e-newsletter  
at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org).

## Province IV Bishops Make Public Inquiries; Request Meeting

The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis  
Canon to the Ordinary

On December 5, the Rt. Rev. Clifton Daniel, acting as Vice President of Province IV of The Episcopal Church, contacted Bishop Lawrence to request a meeting with other bishops of the Province to discuss the release of quitclaim deeds by the Diocese of South Carolina. The letter, which the Province IV Bishops released to the media and which may be found at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org), requests a detailed explanation of the actions of the Bishop and Standing Committee, as well as the occasion for a personal meeting between Bishop Lawrence and a representative group of Province IV bishops to discuss their concerns. That meeting will be held on the afternoon of December 14. In addition, the Standing Committee of the Diocese is drafting a response to this new development. While the significance of this request will take time to become clear, I commend it to you as a subject for fervent prayer as a Diocese while we wait for the clarity which time will bring.

## Bishop and Clergy Meet to Discuss "Serious Charges" Made Against Bishop Lawrence

In an atmosphere of prayerful solemnity, the Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese of South Carolina gathered at Saint James Church, James Island, SC for more than two hours on Tuesday, October 11. In focus were the "serious charges" that have been made against Bishop Mark Lawrence and the diocese under the new Title IV canons.

Bishop Lawrence began by restating the diocesan vision of "Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age" and then traced the history of the current controversy in The Episcopal Church and the many obstacles they presented to pursuing our diocesan vision. He ended with the two recent diocesan conventions in which the diocese refused to be coerced into the Episcopal Church's embrace of the new title IV canons which violate both due process and the Episcopal Church's own constitution. Of further concern with the current allegations is that evidently this process

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The Reverend Canon J. Michael A. Wright, Rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston, greets Grace parishioners on the front steps of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church after celebrating the 11:15 a.m. Choral Eucharist there.

# Earthquake Blessings

Neighboring Houses of Worship Open Doors to Grace Church Following Earthquake

By Holly Behre, Director of Communications, Grace Church, Charleston

As word spread of the damage sustained by Grace Church in Charleston as a result of the recent earthquake in Virginia, the parish has found itself the recipient of many blessings, including generous gifts of space from other faith communities around Charleston – gifts that have bolstered the spirits of the parish as it presses forward with saving its historic building.

The seismic activity damaged a portion of a clerestory wall (the wall supported by arches) in the nave, making it structurally unsafe and forcing Grace to close off its main worship space on Labor Day weekend. Parish leaders are working with engineers and building experts to get the fragile 1848 structure repaired and reopened as quickly as possible. Early estimates indicate the repairs will take until next summer, at the earliest, to complete. Fundraising for the “Saving Grace” capital campaign is continuing with an even greater sense of purpose.

A primary concern, amid the upheaval, has been finding the space to keep all the worship and ministries of a growing parish moving forward. Grace's Sunday liturgical routine now includes Holy Eucharist at the next-door neighbors' Mount Zion AME Church, another in the parish hall, and a third at Grace's brothers and sisters in Christ, St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Grace has arranged weddings and funerals at local Episcopal churches including Holy Communion, St. Mark's and St. Thomas', as well as First Scots Presbyterian and St. Matthew's Lutheran. Space has been offered by the College of Charleston, The Citadel, and Bishop Gadsden. Bishop Gadsden and Star Gospel Mission made vehicles available to help move people and altar guild materials to and from St. Mary's.

Grace's Rector, the Rev. Canon J. Michael A. Wright, stresses that the church and its congregation could not have known or experienced such generosity of spirit if the building damage hadn't occurred. His recurring theme to Grace members: Keep your eyes open for the blessings that God has set out for us in this current challenge.

Canon Wright says that one particularly heartening moment came when he learned that the President of Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim (KKBE) Reform Jewish Congregation called to offer the synagogue's space for Christmas and Easter services. “Let me get this straight: my Jewish brothers and sisters are making room for us to celebrate Christmas? My heart was filled with gratitude. So you won't hear me complaining about our bruised building. God is providing more than we need,” Canon Wright wrote in a recent parish newsletter.

“Yes, our clerestory walls are in need of healing, but God has knocked down some even older walls in the meantime: the walls that separate Christian from fellow Christian; walls that divide the church from the wider community; walls that have isolated believers from other faith traditions. God is good. But that goodness must sometimes be discovered in new and different places. That goodness can be found by simply living out our varied needs. In the words of one of my favorite proverbs, ‘When you find yourself in the cellar of life, look about for the wine.’”

Grace parishioner Kathee Dowis says that on a recent Sunday morning she encountered a member of Mount Zion AME and thanked him for allowing us to use the church. He told her that a church is only a building until people are in it, and then it becomes a church. “Sister, we are all here to help each other. That is why we are here: to lift each other up. It is just as much your church as it is my church,” she recalls him saying.

Jean Bender, a member of Grace's Vestry, recalls a moment on the steps of St. Mary's as she waited for people to leave the 9:30 a.m. Mass before going in for Grace's 11:15 Eucharist. “Suddenly I felt a warm hand firmly grasping mine and another hand on my arm and looked into a kind face. She said to me, ‘Thank you for coming!’ She went on to say how delighted she was that we were worshipping at St Mary's. She said we should do things together more because that was what it is all about.”

Grace's music department has traditionally offered special events to the community leading up to Advent and Christmas, posing a special challenge this year to find locations with an organ and space for the St. Gregory adult choir plus the St. Nicholas youth choir. Thanks to God's “earthquake blessings,” spaces were found and all the events remained on the calendar.

## Ministry Money

Money is available to help fund events that inspire people to donate their time, talent, and treasure to support local outreach and domestic and foreign mission. Contact the Rev. Ed Dyckman, Chair of the Diocese's Department of Social Ministries at (843) 367-5647 or dyckman.edward@gmail.com.

## Andrew O'Dell Named to Standing Committee

The Rev. Andrew O'Dell has been elected by the Standing Committee to fill the vacancy left by Ed Kelaher's departure. “My greatest joy as a priest is to see the power of God acting through his Word and Holy Spirit to awaken faith in the hearts of both new and old Christians alike,” says O'Dell. He has served as Rector of St. Matthew's, Darlington, for four years and has been a priest of the Diocese since 2003. He is a graduate of Porter-Gaud School and Davidson College, where he received a BS in physics. It was during his college years that he experienced the transformative work of the Spirit through InterVarsity Christian Fellowship's small group ministry and was trained as a small group leader. After graduating from Davidson, Andrew taught computer science

at Porter-Gaud School for three years, where he and his wife, Ellen, first met. Andrew and Ellen are the proud parents of Lily (eight) and Andrew (six). Andrew graduated from the School of Theology of The University of the South and has served as a member of Diocesan Council. He currently serves on the Anglican Communion Development Committee and Ecclesiastical Court.



Above, O'Dell speaks at the 220th Diocesan Convention.

# The Once and Future Church

Mere Anglicanism 2011

Plan to attend this year's Mere Anglicanism Conference, January 19-21 at St. Philip's Church in Charleston. The theme, “The Once and Future Church” will bring together some of the brightest minds in Anglicanism to reflect on who we, as a church, have been and who we can become. Registration is \$100 per person, which includes all

sessions and two box lunches for Friday and Saturday. That fee does not cover all of Mere Anglicanism's costs, but conference organizers wanted to keep the registration fee low so that more laypeople and clergy would be able to attend. Individual presentations are available at \$25 per session.

## Lecture Titles

The Rev. Dr. Richard Turnbull, Principal, Wycliffe Hall, Oxford  
**Anglicanism In Full Flower: The Eighteen and Nineteenth Centuries**

The Rt. Rev. Richard Chartes, Bishop of London  
**Missionary Visionary: Bishop Henry Compton**

Dr. John McCardell, Vice Chancellor, the University of the South  
**Anglicanism on Fire in South Carolina: The Great Beaufort Revival of 1831**

The Rt. Rev. Michal Nazir-Ali, Bishop of Rochester (retired)  
**Amnesia and Anamnesis: How We Lost Our Way**

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina  
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The Very Rev. Dr. Justyn Terry, Dean, Trinity School for Ministry  
**Recovering the Christian Mind: Educating the Anglican Ministry Today**

The Most Rev. Benjamin Kwashi, Diocese of Jos  
**Recovering a Dynamic Anglican Missiology**

To learn more, view the agenda and register, visit <http://mereanglicanism.com>.

## St. John's Chapel, Charleston, to Host Women in Ministry Conference January 12-15

Debra's of the 21st Century

St. John's Chapel in Charleston will offer an exciting “Women in Ministry” Conference January 12-15. Don't miss this opportunity to be blessed by six inspiring women. On January 12, 2012, the conference will begin with a 7 p.m. Prayer and Healing Service with Gospel Music offered by Christal Brown Gibson.

The Rev. Dr. Laverne A. Wilson, National Conference Speaker and Senior Pastor of Charis Ministries in Laurel, MD, will be our featured presenter.

Additional speakers include: the Rev. Lynette

Greene, Executive Pastor of Life Center Cathedral Ministries; the Rev. Martha Horn, a Deacon with the Diocese of South Carolina; Mrs. Janie Dingle Wilson, President/COO of Biblical Family Center and Mrs. Joanne Ellison, President/COO of Drawing Near to God. The conference opening (Prayer and Healing Service) and closing plenary sessions will be

convened by the “first” lady of our Diocese, Mrs. Allison Lawrence. Lunch and dinner are included in the \$50.00 registration fee. Visit [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org) to view the schedule and learn more.





A Statement by the President  
of the Disciplinary Board  
for Bishops Regarding  
Bishop Lawrence

On November 22, the Disciplinary Board for Bishops met via conference call to consider whether, based on information previously submitted to the Board by lay communicants and a priest of the Diocese of South Carolina, the Bishop of that Diocese, the Right Rev'd Mark Lawrence, has abandoned the communion of The Episcopal Church.

Based on the information before it, the Board was unable to make the conclusions essential to a certification that Bishop Lawrence had abandoned the communion of the Church. I have today communicated the Board's action to Bishop Lawrence by telephone, to be followed by an e-mail copy of this statement.

The abandonment canon (Title IV, Canon 16) is quite specific, designating only three courses of action by which a Bishop is to be found to have abandoned the church: first, "by an open renunciation of the Doctrine, Discipline or Worship of the Church"; second, "by formal admission into any religious body not in communion with" the Church; and, third, "by exercising Episcopal acts in and for a religious body other than the Church or another church in communion with the Church, so as to extend to such body Holy Orders as the Church holds them, or to administer on behalf of such religious body Confirmation without the express consent and commission of the proper authority in the Church...." Applied strictly to the information under study, none of these three provisions was deemed applicable by a majority of the Board.

A basic question the Board faced was whether actions by conventions of the Diocese of South Carolina, though they seem—I repeat, seem—to be pointing toward abandonment of the Church and its discipline by the diocese, and even though supported by the Bishop, constitute abandonment by the Bishop. A majority of the members of the Board was unable to conclude that they do.

It is also significant that Bishop Lawrence has repeatedly stated that he does not intend to lead the diocese out of The Episcopal Church—that he only seeks a safe place within the Church to live the Christian faith as that diocese perceives it. I speak for myself only at this point, that I presently take the Bishop at his word, and hope that the safety he seeks for the apparent majority in his diocese within the larger Church will become the model for safety—a "safe place"—for those under his episcopal care who do not agree with the actions of South Carolina's convention and/or his position on some of the issues of the Church.

The Rt. Rev. Dorsey F. Henderson, Jr.  
President, Disciplinary Board for Bishops

Who Hires the Assistant?  
Who Elects the Vestry?  
New Vestry Handbook  
Answers Questions

Do some of these questions sound familiar? "Who hires the assistant?" "Who elects the vestry?" "Does the congregation approve the parish budget at the annual meeting?" "Must a parish financially support the mission of the diocese?" "What do we get for the money we give to the diocese?"

The new Vestry Handbook answers these questions and more. It covers topics such as:

- Understanding the Role and Work of the Vestry
- Managing the Temporal Affairs of the Parish
- Deanery Assignments
- Diocesan Institutions, Staff, and Policies

To download a copy visit [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org) and click "Vestry Handbook" under the "Resources" tab.

# Keeping Christ First: Focus of Trinity's Eighth Mission to Roatan, Honduras

By Sherry Schuman, Trinity Episcopal Church, Pinopolis

For the past eight years, Trinity Episcopal Church in Pinopolis has sent an ecumenical team led by Dick and Judith Smith to minister to the people of Flowers Bay in Roatan, Honduras. Construction teams have built a Sunday school building at Flowers Bay Baptist church, tiled the sanctuary, painted a local school, and replaced the roofs on two houses within the community. For the past three years, the Baptist church has been transformed into a medical mission where a small team of physicians and nurses provide medical care for the people in the community of Flowers Bay.

Numbering 14, this year's team arrived in Roatan on June 11 with the medical clinic as its main focus. Within three and a half days, a medical team consisting of two physicians and three nurses saw 308 patients in make-shift cubicles in Flowers Bay Baptist Church. Ten new cases of diabetes and 10 new cases of hypertension, including hypertension in a seventeen-year-old, were diagnosed.

A team of seven laity, including three of Trinity's teenagers, provided support with patient registration, translation and work in the pharmacy. The pharmacy, which was placed near the front of the church, actively dispensed medicines which the team transported to Roatan.

First and foremost in the medical team's hearts and minds this year was keeping



SHERRY SCHUMAN

Above, Trinity member, Judith "Hudi" Smith prays with patients as they wait to be seen at the medical clinic.

Christ first. A brightly colored prayer request form was attached to every patient encounter form. Each patient received prayer for these petitions during the wait between seeing the physician and receiving his or her medicines from the pharmacy. With hugs and tears, each patient exited the clinic. A Bible and new reading glasses were tucked under one arm; tooth brushes, toothpaste and medicines were under the other arm.

Some of the monies raised this past year were used to hire unemployed men from the island to replace the roof on a home in Flowers Bay. Trinity's Tommy McPherson and Dick Smith, served as our foremen, forged

relationships with the crew and the children surrounding the building site.

With a special emphasis on the building of relationships, a tremendous amount has been accomplished since Trinity's first trip to Roatan in 2004. Literally an island paradise wrought by poverty, the human need on Roatan is still very great. Education and running water remain two of their greatest needs. Scholarships are presently being offered to educate four young people on the island, including nursing school scholarships for the two young women who help in the medical clinic each year. We are actively making plans for next year's mission trip.

## Family Blessings

Creating a Heritage of Faith –  
Every Day, Every Night, Everywhere

By David Gilbert, Youth Pastor, St. Philip's, Charleston

The first moments of my daughters' lives were full of praise, thanksgiving and petition. I lifted Rayna (now 7) and Chloë (now 5) up high into the air in the middle of the crowded hospital room, praised God and consecrated their lives to our Lord Jesus Christ, asking his favor and protection upon them. From the time of their birth, we have laid hands on them and prayed over them every night.

Family traditions are strong, whether the tradition is sage stuffing made from Wonder Bread every Thanksgiving, or opening one present on Christmas Eve (and not complaining if you choose the box with new socks and underwear.) These traditions remind us of our roots, especially as we grow older and mature into the complex people we are designed to be.

My wife, Jordan, and I developed our family's prayer tradition in a way that was relatable, reachable, and teachable. We wanted to form a spiritual tapestry of blessing and promise that we could snuggle into and practice as a family every night. We pulled from a plethora of sources to aid us on this quest.

From the crib on, we would lay hands on their heads and make the sign of the cross on their foreheads, saying, "I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. He is one God eternal, now and forever. Jesus loves you more than you will ever know and may your angels rock you to sleep."

We wanted to concretely anchor their first touches and memories into the eternal orthodoxy of the Godhead. Making the cross on their foreheads stands as a nightly remembrance of their Holy Baptism for the remission of their sins. In the repetition of actions and words, our hearts as parents swelled with the

sweetness of Jesus' teaching. Matthew 28:18-20 says "Go and make disciples..." That starts right here in our hearts, then in our children's hearts, then into the world at large.

As a former first and fifth grade teacher, I've thought often of the saying, "teach the teachable moment." That moment often occurred not in the middle of a preplanned lesson on phonics, but in the middle of a story or on the way to art class or heading to carpool. This scripture from Deuteronomy describes the teachable moment.

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on 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. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates."*

Did you catch one of the key words in that passage? "Impress?"

For me, it brings to mind clay in a potter's hand as he "impresses" shape and form, inspiring a functional and useful creation. That is the essence of this passage – live, breathe

and share the totality of your faith in a loving and wonderful God, every day, every night, everywhere, starting with your family.

Why? Because...I said so! (Just a parental joke.) Simply, because our families are microcosms of the Holy Trinity.



JORDAN GILBERT

Jordan and I walk Chloe and Rayna to and from school everyday. On the way to school, we listen to nature, laugh and talk about life. I will notice the individual sun rays passing through an oak as the new day breaks the horizon and "teach the teachable moment" by talking about how Jesus is the Dayspring (the first rays of dawn.)

No matter how short the teachable moment, seeds are being planted and nurtured!

I feel that one of the healthiest patterns for growth we share with our children is the pattern of repentance, what it means, what it looks like.

Repentance has become a cornerstone in our prayer time before bed. We all go into the girls' room and lay on the floor prostrate or kneeling with our head to the floor. This models the prayer of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane. So we humble ourselves before the Lord and ask him to make our flesh as willing as our spirits. We pray the Lord's Prayer, then we pray a prayer of mercy called the





# Cabins: Available for Adoption

## Help Us Separate Queen Anne and Jimmy Buffet

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

The cost of maintaining the properties of St. Christopher will probably always exceed the financial resources of the annual budget. Weathered boardwalks and peeling paint are part and parcel of the ambience of the St. Christopher experience. Few would argue that it is indeed the rustic nature of the Chapel of the Palms and the unmistakable aroma of its unfinished heart pine paneled walls that contribute so much to the sacred memories and holiness of the place.

At the same time, an ambience of sea island shabby chic, eventually deteriorates to just shabby if not maintained. While I am not yet concerned that the properties and facilities of St. Christopher are deteriorating to this level, it is very clear that continually deferring maintenance will eventually reach a crisis point.

How would you or your parish like to adopt a cabin? Can you imagine painting and maintaining these special buildings that hold so many memories? This arrangement would provide great opportunities for a parish workday at St. Christopher or perhaps an ongoing project for a particular group within a parish.

In addition to cabin adoptions, all of the public areas of St. Christo-

pher are in need of new furnishings. Walking into the reception area of the Bishop Temple Conference Center you can easily recognize an eclectic collection of mismatched accessories and furniture donations. While we would love to do better, when it comes to prioritizing funds for the items on our growing "Blue Sheet" of much needed capital projects and improvements, the unplanned crisis needs always tend to claim the day....and the funds.

An unexpected HVAC replacement for the original medical clinic unit when it died completely during sub-freezing temperatures; the collapse and urgently required replacement of the septic drain field that serves the Britt Lowry Staff Quarters on the afternoon when all 34 summer staff were moving in; a total roof replacement of the "Bishop Temple Conference Center" when a patch attempt revealed the full extent of the rot and deterioration of the sheathing below; all just a few of the surprise costs of the past nine months. The amazing Facilities staff of St. Christopher and the judicious use of gracious contractors and limited funds have actually allowed us to accomplish much to address our property needs, but these unexpected expenses all too easily consume any funds that might have

been used for much needed, but less critical concerns.

In sharing this plight, I hope many of you will see an opportunity. Wouldn't it be grand if there was a "St. Swithins Cabin" because the good folks of St. Swithins adopted it with pride and personally cared for its upkeep and maintenance? Wouldn't it be great to finally see all of our camp properties in the same paint scheme that was adopted over three years ago? How about if the St. Matilda's Women's Guild took on the refurbishment of the television lounge in the conference center where Queen Anne settees and Jimmy Buffett rattan have been hanging out together much too long? There are indeed opportunities for you, your life group, your organizations within your parish and/or your parish as a whole to help us continue to serve you. As we continue to steward the resources entrusted for our care of the facilities of St. Christopher, please join in.

Interested in knowing more? Contact me at St. Christopher by email at bob@stchristopher.org or call (843) 768-0429. Share with us that we might continue to provide this place of Christian hospitality where the Glory of God meets the Glory of His creation to revive the Glory of His people.

Note: For the Christmas Holiday the Diocesan Office will be closed December 23, 2011 through January 1, 2012.

# High School and College Students: Have A Heart to Serve?

## Students Invited to Serve at Summer Camp

By Joseph Gibson, Director of Summer Camp and Core, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

St. Christopher Camp and Conference center is looking for high school counselors and college age staff members to join the summer camp team for 2012. If you love Jesus, enjoy working with kids and have a heart to serve then this might be the place for you. Staff members and counselors try to fulfill the vision of working with churches and families to raise up a Biblically faithful generation that loves Jesus, leads the church and changes the world.

Summer staff members spend time with the campers leading activities such as sailing, climbing, team building, arts and crafts as well as being involved in the camper's spiritual development through small group time, chapel time and encouragement throughout the week. We hope that each camper will meet with God, be safe, make new friends and have lots of fun.

"I loved being in such a unique Christian community... and just being able to live and work with really good friends."

"...The community of staff, the support from the whole camp, campers getting set on fire for Jesus, TESTIMONIES, prayer room, worship, the screaming game, the job being so much more than a "job," seeing kids grow from Monday to closing, making funny faces whenever I wanted, hearing about my camper's favorite parts of the day, reading the Jesus storybook Bible, seeing miracles happen, watching prayers get answered, all-staff, taco night, loving my colleagues and my colleagues loving one another, Mama Lynn, staff small groups."



St. Christopher is looking for high school students to serve as volunteer counselors and college students, who have completed one year of college, to serve as counselors.

Here are some of the responses staff members gave when asked to name their favorite part of the summer:

"There was freedom to pursue and share Christ in many ways this summer. It was fun."

This summer we are looking for enthusiastic college students who have completed one year of college and have experience leading children or young people to join our Staff team. Staff training starts May 20 and staff would need to be available until August 10 when camp ends.

We are also looking for energetic high school students to serve as volunteer counselors. Counselors need to be at least 16 years of age by summer 2012. Summer camp counselors are also a vital part of the ministry that happens out at camp. The counselors work alongside staff members and play an important role spending a lot of one-on-one time with the campers. Counselors volunteer at camp one week at a time and are required to attend one of the counselor training sessions March 16/17 or April 13/14.

If you are interested in applying to be a summer camp staff member or counselor, please go to our website [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org) and click on "work here" for more details. If you have any specific questions please contact St. Christopher by email [summercamp@stchristopher.org](mailto:summercamp@stchristopher.org) or by phone (843) 768 1337.



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# Old Becomes New: Renovating the Doors of Kimbel Chapel

Dedications Held November 4, 1939, 1982 and 2011

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

The staff at St. Christopher gathers regularly for worship in Kimbel Chapel. A recent gathering included a special dedication that was intentionally timed to recall the legacies of the past as we look forward in faith to the future.

In 1938 the Diocese of South Carolina first utilized the beach of Seabrook Island for summer camp. From the very beginning, space was set apart for worship. When the Morawetz family offered a ten-year lease on

Kimbel Distinguished Lecture Series at CCU are just two indicators of the Kimbel family legacy and generosity.

Kimbel Chapel was dedicated to honor William A. Kimbel following his death in December 1980, and his wife's death in April 1982. It has served as a regular place of both corporate worship and private prayer for 29 years.

Gradually, through prolonged use the original mahogany wood doors with beautiful

led glass panels which provided the opening into this holy space were eventually damaged and deteriorated beyond repair. Through the years, on numerous occasions, the glass was repaired, reinforced, and re-lead, until finally it became economically unfeasible to continue repairs. Fortunately, among the present staff of St. Christopher, a solution was made possible.

Linda Cassara, who has worked part-time in the Welcome Center as a Hospitality and Gift Shop Assistant for the past four years, is also the owner/operator of Osprey Originals, a custom architectural art glass studio. Ned Collins, who, too, has been at St. Christopher for over four years, and who presently serves as the Chief of Operations, is also a licensed architect. Using Ned's design for glass panels in keeping with the original style, Linda manufactured the new doors from a highly durable tempered glass that will last for years.

St. Christopher's facility department, led by Peter Tetrev, and assisted by Jackie Miller, Neil Anderson and Forrest Davis, then refinished the original wooden doors, repaired and manufactured the needed custom framing, and inserted the new glass panels.

With newly refurbished doors that continue to open wide to those that come for worship and prayer, Kimbel Chapel will long serve to provide holy space for those that visit. The doors were reinstalled in the early spring of this past year and while some have noticed the difference, most have not because of the highly successful design that honored the past but planned for the future. The entire staff of St. Christopher gathered in worship to dedicate the new doors for Kimbel Chapel on the eve of November 4, 2011. It seemed an appropriate day for the celebration.



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From left: Peter Tetrev, Linda Cassara, Bob Lawrence and Ned Collins gather to dedicate the new doors of Kimbel Chapel.

the eight acres of the coastal area where the mouth of the North Edisto River enters into the Atlantic Ocean, the first investment in buildings went toward construction of a boy's dormitory and a Chapel. The first Chapel of the Palms was dedicated at a gathering of the Young Peoples Service League on November 4, 1939, by Bishop Albert S. Thomas. As the precursor to what later became EYC (Episcopal Youth Community), and to what is primarily known among diocesan parishes now as simply Youth Groups, it was fitting that it was a fall youth gathering that served to provide the opportunity for this dedication. One of the oldest surviving photographs of early life at what became St. Christopher is one that documents this fall November day.

When the Diocese began to develop plans for conference facilities in the late 1970's and early 1980's, the plans included an additional Chapel. Upon the chapel's completion the date of the original Chapel dedication was chosen to mark this special occasion. Thus, on November 4 1982, Bishop C. FitzSimons Allison consecrated the new Chapel to honor the late Mr. William A. Kimbel. Early supporters of what is now Coastal Carolina University, Mr. Kimbel and his wife Maud Windeler Kimbel of Wachesaw Plantation in Murrels Inlet were active in the greater Grand Strand area. Kimbel Arena, home to Coastal Carolina's basketball and volleyball programs, and the



MARION LEE

A few of the members of the facilities team gather in front of the cross they created in the new deck outside the Chapel of the Palms. From left, Forrest Davis, Neil Anderson, Alex Baker and Peter Tetrev.

## Chainsaws, Woodchips, Log Splitters, Gentlemen

Seeing St. Christopher's Facilities Team at Work

By Peter Tetrev, Director of Facilities, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

An amazing transformation is underway among the live oaks and sandy beaches of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. Amid the unconstrained growth of plant life, a subtle suggestion of order and artful landscaping is beginning to emerge along pathways, roads and activity areas. Harmony between green grass carpets, pruned island foliage and the untouched tropical forest is being magically created. This blending of landscapes has been diligently created by the hard work and loving dedication of a committed team, led by the Director of Facilities, Peter Tetrev. Not surprisingly, there is much more to it than meets the eye as you will read in the story below, written by Peter himself.

Marion Lee, Director of Communications,  
St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." – Francis of Assisi

Dear Lord, keep us safe throughout the day, keep us attentive to each other, and help us to share your Word. In Jesus' name, Amen."

With morning prayers spoken, our Facilities Team sprung into action. Neil and I assembled and serviced the chain saws. Forrest and Jackie blew fallen leaves from walkways and conducted a campus-wide trash pick up. Michael retrieved the work truck, filled our two-cycle gas tanks, gathered hard hats, the wood chipper, and water coolers.

This June morning, the heat index was already at 110°F and while our guests were scrambling for the air conditioning, we had a job to do: prune the upper branches of trees on the far side of the ponds. The rental of the hydraulic lift was running out in four days and there was still plenty left to cut.

Jackie stayed on the Camp and Conference side to maintain the normal functions of St. Christopher. With 30 well-used (well-loved) buildings calling for preventative maintenance and various departments generating a never ending list of projects, Jackie was kept more than hopping. Fortunately, she is gifted for this kind of work. She has great attention-to-detail skills and a tremendous love for the Camp and our guests. That day she was able to pull off, with her famous smile and without complaint, what it would have taken several others to do.

The rest of us jammed in ear plugs against the growl of the lift's diesel and the whine of the wood chipper. Over the roar, we man-

aged our prerequisite teasing of each other's durability. As usual, Neil's wisecracks are the funniest. He has this uncanny ability to pull together the most disparate ideas and pinpoint an absurdity. He surprises us each time because most of the time he is leading by example, striving for excellence and setting the work ethic bar very high. The guy will not rest until the problem is fixed. Even if aimed at you, his humor is so easy to take, because you know from experience that Neil is as loyal a friend as you are ever going to find.

We checked our safety gear and cranked the chainsaws. I rose 30' up in the lift. It begins! The tree canopy is tangled in vines; excess, diseased and dead limbs. Waiting hidden within are snakes, bees, squirrels nests and – everyone's favorite – Poison Ivy. Michael, our gentle giant who, truth be told, is also our bravest crewmember, handled these hazards with aplomb. Or maybe Michael just appears brave because he is so dependable. Day after day we bank on his hardworking team spirit. What a blessing he is.

As the trimmings dropped, the guys below hustled the debris out from under, limbed it, chipped it, and hauled off the usable logs to the wood pile. (One of our missions is to keep a supply of fire wood for Johns Island families in need of winter warmth.)

And, speaking of missions, Alex, the youngest of our crew, just returned after several months in Fiji where he toured and shared the Gospel. We know he had an impact over there because we can see his determination below as he hauls load after load to the chipper. He is great to have on the team. His servant's heart makes him very adaptable and willing to help in any way.

This work of pruning may sound simple enough, but as the hours passed and the heat kicked in, our drive, as well as our senses, had to kick in harder. In these extremes people get hurt. Our hard hats feel like a plastic bag around our heads. Our long pants and long shirt sleeves are completely saturated and caked in saw chips and bugs. We are in an angry steam bath with no exit.

This pruning job lasted for thirty days. If you ask my crew, it lasted a lifetime. For these young guys to push into manhood, it can take this kind of stress.

Forrest is a consummate example of this. Since arriving at St. Christopher he has been put to many tests: many firsts for him. Standard five speed trucks, log splitters, framing projects, zero radius lawn mowers; all began with "I've never done that before. I don't

## Family Blessings

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Fatima Prayer from the Catholic tradition.

After the prayer of mercy the girls pray a parent's prayer from the Eastern Orthodox Church:

"Lord and Savior, you have taught us to honor our fathers and mothers, and to show love and obedience toward them. From the depth of my heart I fervently pray to You, Jesus, my God: hear my prayer. Bless my parents who have raised me up with the help of Your grace. Protect them from evil, harm and sickness. Grant them faith, health and joy. Bless all their works that they may give You honor and glory all the days of their lives. Amen."

It is so inspiring and comforting to have your children pray over you every night. I got the idea that I was going to teach this prayer to my students at youth group for Lent. I shared

my idea with Rayna, who, of course, thought it was a splendid concept.

She said, "Tell them it's like riding a bike. First you start off on training wheels, that's like learning the prayer with your parents, then you get your training wheels off you're a little wobbly at first but then you are free to ride on your own, that's like putting the prayer in your heart." WOW!

Back to our nightly prayer routine, once they finish their prayer Jordan and I sing them a spiritual called "We Bid You Goodnight."

This prayer time takes maybe ten minutes with a short scripture teaching from one of the Gospels. We tuck them in and kiss them and bring it full circle back to the crib. We make the sign of the cross and bless them.

From sun up to sun down, from the crib to bunk beds, from day to day, year to year, we pray as a family, "I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

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# Live Pure, Speak True, Right Wrong, Follow the King

Robert Noland, Author of *The Knight's Code* to Speak at Diocesan Christian Men's Conference, February 24-26

Robert Noland, acclaimed author of *The Knight's Code* will be the speaker at the upcoming Diocese of South Carolina's 2012 Christian Men's Conference February 24-26 at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. The Rev. Ron Grieser will serve as the Chaplain.



"This teaching and book were born out of over 30 years of ministry and being 'in the trenches' discipling men of all backgrounds and walks of life," says Noland. "Regardless of the symptoms a man may display, we all, including myself, suffer from the same root issues. My desire is to train men in how to build a Biblical arsenal to fight today's spiritual battle and become leaders on the front lines of the faith."

The per person cost of the retreat is:  
\$300 for Villas (3-5/per room)  
\$225 for Lodge Rooms (2-3/per room)  
\$175 for Cabin (10/per cabin)  
\$125 commuter rate  
\$ 60 Saturday only

Praise for *The Knight's Code*:

"Nothing is held back in this book. *The Knight's Code* pulls no punches and no subject is taboo. It provides Biblical answers and solutions to living out your life as God's man in our often twisted culture."  
—Mike Smith, Christian artist management

"*The Knight's Code* helps men have both a clear vision and workable plan of how to be the

kind of man they were created to be—strong, courageous, compassionate, and relentless in pursuit of Kingdom purposes—to move from ordinary to extraordinary."  
—Ed Laymance, PhD, Licensed Professional Counselor, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist

"I have read dozens of books written for men regarding matters of faith and nothing has hit the mark like *The Knight's Code*. This book is simple, powerful, and effective. We used it to start men's small groups at our church and the guys are showing up and talking about it!" —Greg Arnold, founder of M3 and Live Bold E-zine, consultant to United Methodist Men



## A Partnership: Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh - and South Carolina

It's About Relationships: Individual to Individual, Parish to Parish, Youth Group to Youth Group, Diocese to Diocese

By Joy Hunter, Editor

At the end of November the Rt. Rev. Ken Clarke, Bishop of the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, along with his wife, Helen and nine additional clergy and their spouses visited the Diocese of South Carolina to con-

Bishop Clarke read a note written by one of the Irish teens who visited the Diocese of South Carolina the previous summer.

*"To my own surprise and joy it took an overseas journey to real-*



JOY HUNTER

Above, from left, from the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh are: Mrs Ruth Bourke, the Rev Andrew Quill, the Rev Ronald (Ronnie) Bourke, Mrs. Joanne Quill, the Rev Hazel Hicks, the Rt. Rev. Ken Clarke, Mr. Barry Hicks, the Rev Alison (Ali) Calvin, and Mrs Helen Clarke. With the group, on the right is Chair of the ACD Committee, the Rev. Bob Lawrence.

tinue to build a partnership between our two Dioceses. The group spent a week at The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, concluding with an overnight of rest at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. The next day, Monday, December 5, nine from the group met with our Diocese's Anglican Communion Development Committee to reflect on the journey thus far and discuss how they could further their partnership. One touching moment was when

*ize I haven't been living my life as I think God wants. On Friday the 15th in a small, warm cabin at Camp St. Christopher's, Seabrook Island, South Carolina I became a real Christian. I realized that through every one of those people God was calling to me, desperately trying to pull me back to Him. The topic at camp was freedom. Now I know He is holding on tight to my heart I realize I have so much more freedom than before.'*

The relationship between the two Dioceses began back in 2008 at the Lambeth Conference when the wives of the two Bishops, Helen Clarke and Allison Lawrence discovered they were kindred spirits. They brought their husbands together and, as Bishop Clarke said, "We realized we were singing from the same hymn sheet. We shared the same kingdom vision, a global vision and a passion that goes beyond our own Dioceses."

"It's all about relationships," was the phrase repeated throughout the December 5 meeting. The two Dioceses have since built on that theme in several ways. In 2009 Bishop Clarke and his wife, Helen, used a portion of their sabbatical to participate in an ordination service at The Church of the Cross, Bluffton and spend time with Bishop and Allison Lawrence. Then, the Very Rev. Chuck Owens, Rector of The Church of the Cross, and his wife, Becky, spent ten days of their sabbatical ministering in the Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh.

In 2010 a group of young people from the Diocese of South Carolina went to Ireland to build relationships with teens in Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, and in 2011 a group of teens from that Diocese spent a portion of their summer with us.

In 2012 a group from The Church of the Cross will travel to Ireland to lead two conferences on making small churches stronger and more fruitful in their Kingdom endeavors. Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh is one of the smallest Dioceses in Ireland with most of their parishes yoked – meaning one clergy person has oversight of multiple congregations. "We have one that's single," said

## Church Pension Fund to Offer Life Planning Conference for Clergy of the Diocese

On Saturday, January 14, the Church Pension Fund will hold a free Life Planning Conference in Charleston for clergy of the Diocese and their spouses. The Conference will address the Clergy Pension Plan, eligibility for benefits, and allow for time to answer questions regarding personal situations. They will also discuss the benefits of the Church Life Insurance Corporation, Medical Trust, Social Security/

Medicare. Their hope is to provide clergy and their spouses with information which will help them make informed decisions about the future. The meeting will be held at The Riviera Theatre in Charleston. It will begin promptly at 10:30 and end by 3 p.m. Registration forms were mailed to clergy on December 2. If you have not received yours, contact Sean Scheller at (800) 223-6602 x8357.

## Chainsaws, Woodchips

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know if I can do that." and have ended up with professional quality workmanship. But more important than all the specific skills he has mastered is his discovery of his gift for leadership. He is now someone I confidently count on for tasks of all shapes and sizes, including the occasional role of weekend manager, in charge of all Facilities matters during the weekend.

This month the entire team learned they can "press on" through a hard situation even when it seems like they've made it to the end of themselves. They've proved once again that they have what it takes to face a challenge; one that requires wits even when physically sapped. Most importantly they witnessed Jesus keeping us on task and safe while we prayed for His help.

This is a small glimpse of your Facilities crew at St. Christopher, doing, teaching, and growing. Next time you visit, please say "hey" to the sweaty and dirty ones. See for yourself their hearts of gratitude and passion for our Lord and Savior.

Know that we perform our duties to hasten your connection with your Heavenly Father. Please join me in praising Him for His gift of St. Christopher, this crew, and our Country.

*To round out your introduction to the Facilities team, team member Forrest Davis was asked to share some thoughts about his boss:*

"Peter's the first boss to introduce me to the kind of leadership I want to emulate. I really respect him for the way he treats everyone equally and fairly, the way he laughingly keeps a happy work environment, the way he provides just the right guidance—whether you are the new guy or the veteran. Peter has a knack for encouraging competence. He allows just the right amount of freedom—putting us in a position to learn and succeed. He is a natural when it comes to spiritual leadership. I watch intently the way he interacts with his wife and kids. That's how I want to do it someday."

## Bishop and Clergy Meet

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doesn't allow the accused to know who his accusers are.

Lawyer Alan Runyan then made a presentation based on his best understanding of what canonical process seemed to be being used by those in national leadership. It would appear they are proceeding under the abandonment canon with its fast track. Based on what has happened in other dioceses, a deposition of the bishop would be followed by attacks on the diocese and the parishes. The picture painted was an ugly one of expensive litigation, confrontation and acrimony in which all involved significantly lost.

It was stressed that individual clergy, vestry, and parishes needed to be informed about the allegations, the purported process, and the implications at every conceivable level: financial, personal, legal and spiritual. All the clergy were encouraged to share their concerns with the bishop or the ordained members of the diocesan Standing Committee.

Two themes underlay the whole discussion. First, the Episcopal Church is in a constitutional crisis in which its own polity is being radically altered in violation of its history and founding documents,

yet with no structural provision for a means of resolution when just such foundational disagreements occur. That such a deep dispute has arisen with one of the Episcopal Church's founding dioceses only adds to the unfortunate environment into which all have been plunged. The Rev. Jeffrey Miller, past President of the Standing Committee stated during the gathering, "The question is not whether we can stay; it is whether they will let us stay and follow what we believe."

Second, the deeper fracture is about a departure of the Episcopal Church's leadership from Christian doctrine. Bishop C. FitzSimons Allison (XII Bishop of South Carolina) rose to express his concern with these theological innovations and to voice support for Lawrence. While these include a changed understanding of sexual ethics and Christian marriage, it goes much further to the matter of Scriptural interpretation and authority and the uniqueness and universality of Jesus Christ. These recent actions mark yet another hindrance to the Diocese of South Carolina's duty to be faithful to the truth of exactly that gospel and its proclamation to the world.

Bishop Clarke, "but most have three to four churches. (The Rev.) Ronnie Bourke has seven."

The Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh faces many of the same issues faced in South Carolina, with less denominational loyalty and an economic recession.

Chair of the Anglican Communion Development Committee, the Rev. Bob Lawrence said, "It would be mistake to look at this as though we've got it all and we're going to help you. We see this as a partner-

ship and we're going to develop relationships where we can encourage each other and both grow."

"I totally concur," said Clarke. We need to link individuals to individuals, parishes to parishes, youth groups to youth groups and dioceses to dioceses."

In addition to The Church of the Cross' trip in September the two Dioceses hope to have their youth participate in a joint mission venture in 2012. Plans for that trip are under development.



# A Call to Raise our Preaching Standards

By the Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon  
Canon Theologian of the Diocese of South Carolina

The global church (and Anglicans) lost a titan not long ago, when John R. W. Stott (1921-2011) passed from this world to the next. One is only now getting a sense of the stone God dropped into the pond of history through this remarkable man, as ever more ripples move through the waters of those whose lives and ministries he touched.

John Stott was above all a preacher, and as such he modeled a craft that is increasingly weak in the West.

My mother taught English, and we had a life-long conversation about writer-based versus reader-based prose. Good articles and books do the work for the reader, she insisted--they reach out and draw you in.

Dr. Stott was a listener-based preacher. I do not mean by this that he allowed his potential audience to set the topic; nothing could be further from the truth. He was someone who sought to expound Holy Scripture throughout his life, but he did this through making an argument that one who heard him could follow. As you listened you

had the sense that John had wrestled mightily with the text so that you would not need to. More than one person has quipped that John Stott made St. Paul more understandable than Paul himself did!

I will always remember him speaking on the Acts of the Apostles chapter 17 about the mission to Thessalonica. He observed with great care the verbs used in the passage to describe what Paul was trying to do--argue, explain, prove. Then he noted with real force that in response some were "persuaded" by what had been presented. How many times, he asked, do we hear that response to contemporary sermons?

I pray that we might learn to follow in the footsteps of this persuasive preacher. Let us wrestle hard with the text, but let us also present a coherent narrative which is easy to follow. So easy to follow, in fact, that many who did not even wish to hear it will find themselves grabbed and drawn in.

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# Four From Diocese Inducted into Royal Order of St. John

On November 5 the Rev. Dr. David A. Williams, Rector of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Col. Myron Harrington, of St. Philip's, Charleston, Prof. James Hutchisson of Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston and Ms. Cornelia Pelzer also of Grace were "invested" by Prince Richard, the Duke of Gloucester, along with others as members of The Most Venerable Order of The Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Order of St John is a major international charity, accredited to the United Nations, whose organizations provide first aid, health care and support services in over 40 countries around the world. The Order's charitable work is carried out by the St John Eye Hospital Group in Jerusalem and St John Ambulance

organizations worldwide - with volunteers and staff of over 250,000.

The Order of St John traces its origins back 900 years to the Knights Hospitaller from whom St. John today derives its inspiration and maxims - Pro Fide Pro Utilitate Hominum. 'For the Faith and in the Service of Humanity.'

The Order of St John itself is an Order of Chivalry of the British Crown with 25,000 members around the world.

Nelson Mandela, a member of the Order, once said, "St John's focus on primary health care, especially amongst the poorest of the poor, and its capacity to tap the most generous and caring human impulses, gives it a special place in our hearts."

# Several Hundred Pounds of Food Donated by Holy Apostles Garden

By Liz Ringus, Holy Apostles, Barnwell

Holy Apostles Victory Eden (HAVE) started in 2008 as a joint effort with the newly formed Episcopal School at the Church of the Holy Apostles Barnwell.

The Headmistress of the school was also a SC Master Gardener and the church had been trying to think of a good use for a plot of land across from the church.

A small committee gathered and plans were sketched on paper. Six small box raised beds were designed to be accessible for the children and six long raised beds were constructed to be available for the community creating an opportunity for people to grow their own vegetables to help feed their families.

A simple, yet ingenious, garden shed was designed and built by several of our church men using pre-made stockade fences and donated tin for the roof. The roof is edged with a gutter on the back slope that feeds a series of rain barrels so that we don't have to always rely on city water.



LIZ RINGUS

to the community, but soon learned they would have to do the bulk of the work to get it started. The school children learned about cultivation and tended their small boxes, growing carrots, radishes, squash, pumpkin and watermelon. Some of their vegetables were eaten as snacks

at lunch. Working in the garden was a very exciting and fun part of their school day. The large boxes produced an abundance of tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, okra, peppers, and eggplants.

One whole box was planted with herbs and is the designated herb garden. Another whole box is planted with flowers to grace the altar when we didn't have anyone signed up to donate flowers.

The food growing in the garden has been donated to Axis 1 food pantry in Barnwell. At first the committee tried to count or weigh the produce to keep a record of how much was being donated, but after three years, let's just say we have brought in several hundred pounds of fresh produce to the food pantry.

I think one of the zucchinis we grew this year must have weighed about 10 pounds alone! Another first for this year was the planting of heirloom tomatoes. The tomato boxes were circled with marigold plants and seedlings that turned into the most glorious gold/ orange ring of flowers which really kept the bugs off our wonderful tomatoes.

This year's garden also produced sweet potatoes in abundance that were only just harvested on Labor Day! The committee was very pleased with the amount and quality of the vegetables this year, and while it is a lot of work for very few hands, our community needs all that we can grow in these tough economic times.

'The Lord will guide you always; He will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. ' Isaiah 58:11



Funds for the garden have been raised through the sale of some of our produce picked fresh on Sunday by our congregation, and through donations of plants, garden materials, equipment and of course, labor.

The H.A.V.E. garden committee then publicized the victory garden

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The food growing in the garden has been donated to Axis 1 food

# St. John's, Florence, Breaks Ground on Memorial Garden



WILLIAM MCCRARY

Above, from left, Bishop Lawrence; Ken Weldon, Rector; Weston Patterson, Memorial Garden Committee chair; Pierce Campbell, senior warden prepare to break ground on the Memorial Garden.

On Sunday, October 30, 2011, The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, joined the family of St. John's Episcopal Church in Florence, and, prior to a service of Confirmation, blessed an area of the campus that will become The Memorial Garden of St. John's. The garden will be a place of interment for the ash remains of members of St. John's, their immediate family members, and former members. It will also be a place on the campus for reflection and meditation. St. John's has been an active partner of Florence downtown revitalization and beautification from the very beginning of the endeavor. This garden will be yet one more jewel in the landscape of Historic Downtown Florence.

# Pastoral Crisis Intervention Course

February 1-3 "Bringing Faith to Crisis Situations for a Lasting Impact"

The Pastoral Crisis Intervention Courses I and II are being sponsored by the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy and the City of North Charleston. The courses were co-authored by the Rev. Rob Dewey shortly before the September 11 terrorist attacks.

The courses address how to assist individuals or communities during a time of crisis, and examine the impact that crisis situations have upon people, whether it is a psychological and/or spiritual impact. Participants will receive continuing education credit from the University of Maryland.

The courses will address:

- The Nature of Psychological Crisis
- Crisis Intervention
- Critical Incident Stress Management

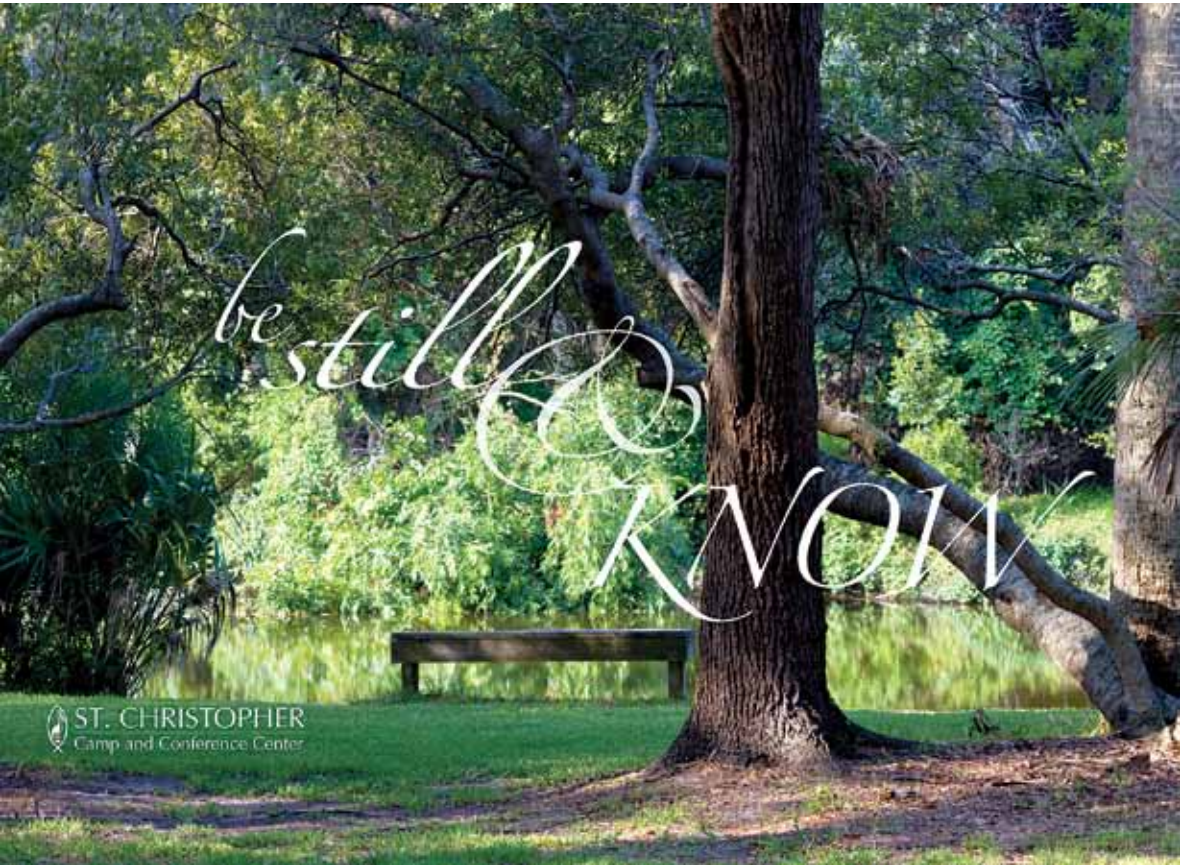
- Psychological Triage
- Pastoral Crisis — A crisis of "Faith"
- Common Reactions During Crisis Intervention
- The Role of Religion
- Mechanisms of Traditional Crisis Intervention
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- Understanding Theodicy
- Principals of Spiritual First-Aid
- Recognize and Understand the Impaired Pastoral Crisis Interventionist
- IMS and Other Emergency Disaster Response Systems
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- Self Care

"As a pastor of a church and volunteer chaplain, the Pastoral Crisis Intervention training I received is instrumental on calls in my church when providing pastoral care and presence to those who have been thrown into chaos," said the Rev. Melinda Jones, of Advent Lutheran Church in North Charleston.

The course will be held February 1-3 from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. each day in the Montague Room at the North Charleston City Hall (2500 City Hall Lane, North Charleston).

The Registration fee is \$75 per person. For more information contact the CCC Office at: (843) 724-1212, administrator@coastalcrisischaplain.org or www.coastalcrisischaplaincy.org. For more information about critical incident stress management, visit the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation's website at: www.ICISF.org.





# Encountering His Presence

## “Be Still and Know God” Retreat, February 3-5, 2012

By Elizabeth Bumpas, St. Christopher Conference Center Director

The single most important aspect of our life as Christians is our ongoing personal relationship with our heavenly Father. Jesus died that we might have access to the presence of God once again, just as Adam and Eve experienced in the garden. Supernatural encounters with the Spirit of God should be the expectation of every believer. However, our lives are so busy that we rarely slow down long enough to intentionally turn our gaze toward Him and acknowledge His presence with us. It’s taken me the better part of a decade to fully realize the truth and importance of Jesus’ teaching that apart from Him, we can do

absolutely nothing (John 15:1-17). Neglect of intentional time alone with Jesus ultimately leads to an inability to hear His voice, burnout and fruitless ministry as we work out of our own strength instead of His power and presence. At St. Christopher we have created quarterly retreats called “Be Still and Know God.” It’s a time to slow down and be with the Lord simply because of who He is; to enjoy Him and listen for His voice. Whether you are in full-time ministry and needing to reconnect or just recognize your need to encounter His Presence, these retreats are designed to help you keep your first love

– your *first* love. The retreat runs Friday to Sunday and is designed to create an environment that enables silence, solitude and prayer in order to connect more deeply with the presence of God. Our next retreat will be held February 3-5, 2012. Join us for a weekend and let us help you to slow down, take a deep breath and encounter the Spirit. Space is limited to 12 participants, so register soon. Go to [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org) for rate information and to download a registration form. For further information, contact Elizabeth Bumpas at [ebumpas@stchristopher.org](mailto:ebumpas@stchristopher.org) or call (843) 768-0429 ext. 3005.

# Jazz, Hip Hop, Blues and Gospel

## Guest Speakers Lead a Week of Vespers Celebrating the Life and Ministry of Absalom Jones

St. John’s Chapel, Charleston, will be hosting a week of Vespers February 12-18 to celebrate the life and ministry of Absalom Jones. This will take place during Black History Month. They will offer a series of “reconciliation” services, featuring speakers from the Episcopal Church, the Reformed Episcopal Church, the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AME), the United Methodist Church and Christian United Methodist Episcopal Church (CUME) to commemorate the friendship of Absalom Jones (Episcopal Priest) and Richard Allen (Founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church [AME]).



Lawrence, XIV Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of SC; Gospel Vespers February 14: Richard Allen Celebration; The Rev. Clementa Pinckney, Senior Pastor Mother Emmanuel AME Church; Music from the 40’s and 50’s Vespers February 15: Absalom Jones continuation; The Rev. Theodore Lewis, Jr., Calvary Episcopal Church; Jazz Vespers February 16: Friends That Have Joined Us; The Rev. Dr. Julius Barnes, Rector, St. Luke’s Reformed Episcopal; Music from the 40’s and 50’s Vespers February 17: Richard Allen Continuation; The Rev. Dr. William Swinton, Senior Pastor Ebenezer AME Church; Blues Vespers February 18: Friends That Have Joined Us; The Rev. Dr. Timothy Bowman, Old Bethel United Methodist Church; Hip Hop Vespers

Each night’s Vesper will feature different styles of music e.g. Jazz, Soul, Gospel, Hip Hop, Spirituals, Songs of the 40’s & 50’s and Hymns & Anthems. On Monday, February 13, 2012, Absalom Jones Feast Day, the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, XIV Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina will be the speaker. A good-will offering will be requested each night to support ministries throughout the Eastside Community.

February 12: Absalom Jones & Richard Allen Celebration; The Rev. Joseph Darby, Senior Pastor, Morris Brown AME Church; Negro Spirituals Vesper

February 13: Absalom Jones Day Celebration; The Rt. Rev. Mark J.

### Absalom Jones Feast Day at Voorhees College

February 14, 5 p.m.  
St. Philip’s Chapel  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo - Celebrant Bishop – Diocese of Upper South Carolina  
The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence - Preacher Bishop – Diocese of South Carolina

# Don’t Miss the Outrageously Fun Summer Camp 2012!! Registration Opens January 17

By Joseph Gibson, Director of Summer Camp & CORE, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

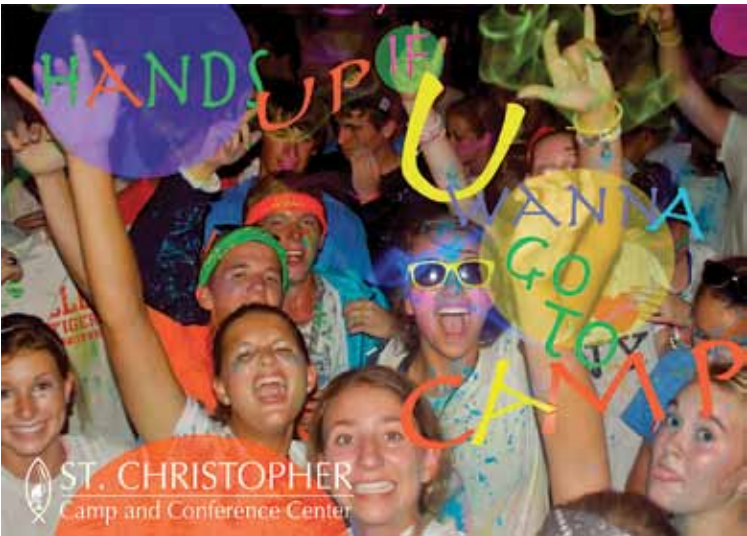
St. Christopher summer camp is now entering its 74th year! There are a variety of sessions based on age/grade completion; and by popular demand, we have expanded the number of sessions available for children completing eighth and ninth grades. Our goal is to assist churches and families in raising up a Biblically-

closer to Jesus, develop new skills, make friends, and have lots of fun in a safe and loving environment. We have developed a variety of methods to facilitate a successful Christian learning environment. Age-appropriate Bible teachings are given during special chapel times and campers spend time in small groups sharing what they have

different activities such as sailing, kayaking, archery, seining, team building skills, crafts, rock climbing and, of course, every camper is given a chance to roll around in our mud pit. Buddy Camp is our option for younger children who aren’t yet ready for a full week of camp on their own. Buddy Camp gives parents a chance to get away from their hectic schedules and enjoy intentional time with their child.

Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 9 a.m. through January 30. Registration for all others will open Wednesday, February 1, 2012, at 9 a.m. through May 11. The easiest and quickest way to apply for a Summer Camp session is online, but we will accept paper applications as well. Whichever method you choose, please apply as early as you are able, since spots will be filled on a first-come, first-served

basis and we want as many children as possible to enjoy camp this year. The St. Christopher website at [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org) is the best source of information on Summer Camp. 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!



faithful generation that loves Jesus, and is equipped to use their gifts and talents in their churches to make a change in the world. We want every child that comes to camp to have a positive experience. Most importantly, we hope they grow

learned throughout the week. Time is also set aside to pray, study scripture, eat great food and interact with others, including specially assigned staff members and counselors, who stay in the cabins with the campers. We encourage campers to try

Registration filled up quickly last year, so it is not too early to start thinking about signing up. Members of the Diocese of South Carolina may register for camp starting

Comments from parents include:

.... “I loved the time spent alone with my child talking about faith and praying. I also loved the water sports.”

.... “I loved having the opportunity to share camp with my daughter and to see her fall in love with this place that is so special to me, my husband, and our family. We will definitely be coming back.”

... “I enjoyed everything. Activities and chapel were perfect. Our staff member was awesome!”

SUMMER CAMP 2012			
#	Dates	Grades Completed	Cost
1	Mon-Thur (June 4-7)	2-4 <sup>1</sup>	\$369
2	Fri-Sat (June 8-9)	K-2 Buddy Camp <sup>2</sup>	\$186
3	Mon-Sat (June 11-16)	7-9	\$495
4	Mon-Thur (June 18-21)	2-4 <sup>1</sup>	\$369
5	Fri-Sat (June 22-23)	K-2 Buddy Camp <sup>2</sup>	\$186
6	Mon-Fri (June 25-29)	4-6	\$411
7	Mon-Sat (July 9-14)	5-7	\$495
8	Mon-Sat (July 16-21)	9-12	\$495
9	Mon-Fri (July 23-27)	6-8	\$411
10	Mon-Fri (July 30-Aug 3)	4-6	\$411
11	Mon-Fri (Aug 6-10)	3-5	\$411

<sup>1</sup> This camp will end after lunch on the final day, while other sessions will end after breakfast.  
<sup>2</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.  
Registration for Episcopalians from the Diocese of South Carolina will be open January 17, 2012 at 9am through January 30, 2012. Registration will re-open for all applicants on February 1, 2012 at 9am. Online booking or downloadable registration forms will be available at [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org). Verifiable need-based scholarships available.  
Please go to [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org) for more detailed information.





Above, a preliminary sketch of the proposed Bishop C. FitzSimons Allison Courtyard.

# Project to Honor Bishop Allison

## Diocesan-wide Fundraising Effort Begins for the Bishop C. FitzSimons Allison Courtyard

By Prioleau Alexander, The Cathedral of St Luke and St Paul, Charleston

Earlier this year, Bishop Mark Lawrence blessed the decision to dedicate the courtyard in front of the Diocesan and Cathedral offices in honor of Bishop C. FitzSimons Allison. Now named the Bishop C. FitzSimons Allison Courtyard, the goal is to see this space transformed into a place that will glorify God and honor the lifelong ministry of Fitz and Martha Allison. The courtyard was deemed appropriate because it was Bishop Allison's decision to move the Diocesan offices to their current location.

The newly created environment will not only honor Bishop Allison, but will serve the ministry of Bishop Mark Lawrence, as well as future Bishops. Bishop Allison is very excited about this aspect. His support for Bishop Lawrence is resolute.

The Design Committee will seek extensive input from both Bishop Allison and Bishop Lawrence. The overall vision is to design a place that, like Bishop Allison, encourages:

- Fellowship and conversation
- Reflection and prayer
- Community building and evangelism to non-Christian neighbors
- Discussion, debate, and learning
- The opportunity to rest in the glory of God's creation
- Teaching, worship, and preaching

The newly renovated Bishop Allison Courtyard will be open to all. Among the design elements will be an appropriate space honoring Bishop Allison's lifelong ministry,

accented by either scripture or a quote from one of the Bishop's many books and writings. The area will also include a commissioned sculpture, based on a topic or concept of Bishop Allison's choosing.

The decision has been made to include a small, tasteful marker recognizing the project's lead givers (\$10,000+), with the option of listing the gift as a family gift.

Those wishing to donate to the fund should mail their checks, made out to The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, with "Bishop Allison Courtyard" written into the memo area to:

The Cathedral of  
St. Luke and St. Paul  
Attn: Prioleau Alexander  
126 Coming Street  
Charleston, SC 29403

# All Saints Garden Tour Sponsors Exhibit of Floral Art

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

The 2012 All Saints Episcopal Church Garden Tour will host an exhibit of original works of art inspired by gardens February 7 through March 16 in the Hilton Head Branch of the Beaufort County Library, located at 11 Beach City Road.

Jurors, including Joyce and Don Nagel, as well as Marilyn Dizikes (winner of the 2011 competition), will select one submission to be featured on the 25th Annual Garden Tour poster. The work of art selected for the 2012 poster will be announced at an Artist's Reception on February 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the library gallery.

All paintings at the library are for sale with an established percentage of the selling price going to the Garden Tour to benefit its selected charities. The artist for the selected poster will serve as a juror for 2013. There will be hanging space for about 50 works of art.

Visitors to the Library gallery will have an opportunity to vote for "The People's Choice." The winner of this vote will be publicized and receive a cash award. All profits from the Garden Tour will be donated to several local non-profit organizations that meet established criteria.

The library's hours are Monday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Tuesday, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Thursday, 1 p.m. – 8 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.



Pat Gardiner, an artist from Sun City Hilton Head, views a painting of hers that was entered in the 2011 competition.

The 25th Annual All Saints Garden Tour, "A Potpourri of Gardens," will be held on May 19, 2012.

# One Last Gift for Your List

With Christmas right around the corner, give a gift this year that will directly effect the hearts of your loved ones, be they daughter, wife, mother, son, husband, or father. Give them the gift of time with their heavenly Father, time with their own

hearts, and time to bond with others in the Body of Christ.



Consider a gift of the Men's Conference, February 24-26, 2012, (see page six); the Women's Retreat, March 2-4, 2012, (see page ten) or the Marriage Conference, July 20-22, (see page 16). Learn more at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org).

## Book Recommendation

# From Folly; Local Story of Redemption Recommended by Daron Taylor

By Daron Taylor, Diocesan Young Adult College Ministry Coordinator

Matthew Pridgen's story is one of redemption. He was baptized at Trinity Episcopal Church in Myrtle Beach and later attended high school youth group at St. Michael's in Charleston. However, at the age of 21 he had reached such a state of hopelessness that he attempted to kill himself in the Atlantic Ocean. He was high on LSD and thought that when he died in the water, the world would end. His plan was to swim out from Folly Beach as far as he possibly could so that even if he changed his mind at the last minute, it would be too late.

When he finally sobered up in the middle of the ocean, he realized he was a helpless guy in desperate need of land. At that point, he did the only thing left to do and prayed for the first time in years. He made a promise that if God delivered him to land, he would never drink or use drugs again. Eight

teen hours after leaving Folly Beach, he asked for a towel on the pool deck of the Sanctuary Hotel on Kiawah Island.

Six years later, Matthew remains completely sober from alcohol and drugs. He has emerged from the depths of despair and regained a life of meaning and purpose. His book is an invitation to enter his story, to see what he saw in the water, and to gain a fresh perspective on life itself. His desire is to play the tape through on the choices that nearly destroyed his life, in order to illustrate where the road he once traveled ends.

Why I recommend this book relates to the

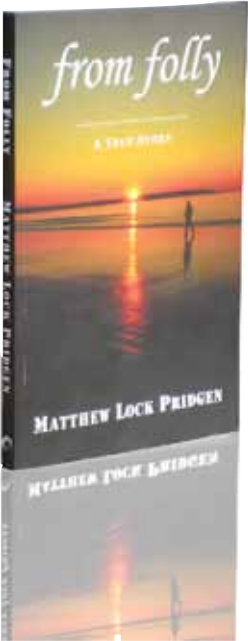
wide spectrum of experiences young adults live through. Literally, I have yet to find a great manual on "how to reach young adults" that effectively works for every church and every young adult.

There is no formula that when applied correctly will assure young adults will come running back to God. This is one man's story. What it shows us is no two people are the same and emphasizes the importance of those in the Church getting to know young adults one at a time.

If our churches are going to engage and reach younger generations, we'll need to be informed about stories like this one. Matthew's story exposes our sacred paradigm that "if we create the perfect programs and events within our church, then we'll get the younger generations." It's a difficult thing for a church to reach a generation if they currently have no one from that generation embracing the life of their church.



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So here's a great start. Get to know Matthew through his story. Then begin to discuss and dream what it would require for your church to effectively engage and reach young adults.

Published by local Four Winds Books, *From Folly* was released on July 1, 2011 and is available for purchase. For more information, visit: [www.fromfolly.com](http://www.fromfolly.com).

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# Growing

as Women in Christ's Kingdom



## ECW WOMEN'S RETREAT MARCH 2-4, 2012

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center,  
Seabrook Island, SC [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org)



Joanne Ellison, Speaker  
of Drawing Near to God  
[www.drawingneartogod.com](http://www.drawingneartogod.com)

Founder of national nonprofit Drawing Near to God, Joanne Ellison has helped thousands of women navigate their way around the distractions of life and into the presence of God. She is the author of 12 Bible study guides as well as the popular 365-day Bible devotional, Draw Near To God.

Per Person Costs: \$200 Lodge, \$165 Cabin or \$125 Commuter

Learn more and register at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org)  
Contact Denyse Steen at 843.225.5008 [denysesteen@gmail.com](mailto:denysesteen@gmail.com)

Sponsored by the Diocese of South Carolina Episcopal Church Women

## St. John's, Florence, Expands Music Program; Welcomes Music Intern

Music Ministry outreach endeavors at St. John's, Florence, continue to expand. On October 1, the parish welcomed William Douglas to the staff as Music Ministry Intern. St. John's has a long history of training Youth Ministry interns, but William is the first in the area of music ministry.

William, a senior at Wilson High School in Florence, is already a skilled organist. He feels a call to church music ministry and is on track to pursue a degree in organ performance. While at St. John's, he will work closely with music minister, Tammy Williams, in all aspects of music ministry, including playing for worship services, assisting with the children's choir, and participating in the day-to-day aspects of administering a music program within a church setting. The internship also will provide William an opportunity to learn the

liturgy of the Church.

The Rev. Ken Weldon, St. John's Rector, writes, "We are delighted that William will be part of our ministry team for the coming year. I look forward to seeing what the Lord will do in the life of this faithful young man. I am excited to see how God will use this internship to challenge and encourage William personally and spiritually. We also look forward to the many ways in which William will bless our parish family through his enthusiasm, dedication, and talent."

St. John's Music Ministry is dedicated to community outreach through various programs including: an annual regional choir workshop, a summer choir camp, a year-round music theory class for area church singers and the Epiphany Concert Series, soon to mark its seventh season.



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## Musical Offerings from All Saints, Hilton Head

The following are musical offerings from All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island.

On Sunday, January 8, 2012, at 9 a.m., All Saints will dedicate its new Walker organ. All Saints' Organist and Choirmaster, R. Steven Branyon, will serve as Organist for this service. There will be a special guest conductor. The program will include music of Vaughan Williams, Mathias, and Walton.

On Sunday, February 19, 2012, at 4 p.m., Dr. Jared Johnson, Canon Organist and Choirmaster of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral,

Columbia, SC, will present a Solo Organ Recital at All Saints featuring the music of Bach, Howells, Ives, Durufle, Widor, and Liszt.

On Sunday, March 18, 2012, at 4 p.m., the Choirs of St. John's Episcopal Church, Savannah, GA will join with All Saints to present a Concert of Sacred Music. The concert will be held at All Saints. There will be a special guest conductor.

For more information about any of these offerings please call (843) 681-8333.

# Gratitude: Natural or Gracious Which Type Do You Exhibit?

By the Rev. Jim Taylor, Diocesan Chairperson for Stewardship, Rector, St. Thomas Episcopal Church, North Charleston

As I think about gratitude and the connection it has to giving, I realize, for many across our diocese, state and country, this has been a difficult year. A growing number of Americans have lost their jobs or have been unable to find gainful employment for years. This has led to stress in their marriages, family structure and lives. Lack of employment, has forced many to file for bankruptcy. and some have even lost their homes. For those people, gratitude is probably the last thing on their minds. They are angry at life, government agencies, mortgage and insurance companies, and maybe even God. Yet for some, though, even in the midst of hardship and uncertainty gratitude is immediately part of their character and a reason to give praise to God each day.

As I think about our own surroundings in the "Lowcountry," we have plenty for which to be grateful. We live in a beautiful part of the south where the fall weather has been splendid. Moreover, the economy does not seem as bad in this part of the nation as in others. Boeing has built a manufacturing plant in North Charleston for a new and innovative airplane called the Dreamliner. Smaller companies have relocated or are planning to build new plants in the area to meet the needs of Boeing. The tourism industry remains strong. This area has a long, rich history that will continue to attract visitors and vacationers.

We are blessed to be in a great diocese that has Godly leadership at all levels. We have plenty to be grateful for in this part of America.

### Two Types of Gratitude

Jonathan Edwards, American preacher and theologian, says in his *Treatise for Religious Affections*, that there exist two types of gratitude. One is natural gratitude and the other is gracious gratitude.

**Natural gratitude** streams out of us freely when good things happen to us. This could be something big like receiving an unexpected tax refund or something as seemingly insignificant as someone letting you ahead of them at the grocery store checkout. These occurrences require no effort on our part. They are unexpected, sometimes spontaneous acts of kindness that delight us. We can easily and naturally display emotions or make expressions of gratitude when these good things occur. These unsolicited events give us energy, optimism and even melt away the concerns of life or worries of the day. We are happy that a positive occurrence has found a way into our lives. Do these unforeseen events necessarily please God? Probably not, as we feel grateful for these acts, it is simply too easy. It's sort of like a batter hitting a slow baseball pitch or a basketball player making the easy layup. It requires very little challenge to our faith.

**Gracious gratitude** is different

from natural gratitude. In Gracious Gratitude, we express our love, devotion and commitment to God for His goodness even when we are confronted by difficult circumstances. Gracious gratitude is about not abandoning our faith and belief

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in God when we receive the notice that our job is terminated or a difficult prognosis from the doctor. Is this type of Christian faith easy to accomplish or to live out daily? For most of us the answer is no. With gracious gratitude, it's rejoicing in God's character and love for us, knowing as St. Paul said in Romans, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither

the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Through worship, prayers and individual ministries, we can show our gratitude to God for life itself. We express our gratitude to God explicitly, knowing God's love will not abandon us.

One of the great hymns we have in our hymnal is Harry Emerson Fosdick's "God of Grace and God of Glory." The third verse states, "bend our pride to thy control; shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss thy kingdom's goal."

Our goal as Christians is to make stewardship a daily way of life. Because of our faith, gratitude, and formation, **we can** proclaim to the world our ministry of time, talent, and treasure without shame. At times due to forces beyond our control or because of our own sinfulness, the ministry of stewardship may not be easy. During these pressure points in our lives, we need the strength, wisdom and courage of God, to help us make the right decisions.

Johann Sebastian Bach would add "SDG" after a composition. SDG means Soli Deo Gloria, which is Glory to God Alone. I pray your stewardship decisions for your church will likewise have appended at the end SDG - Glory to God Alone.

## The Very Rev. Dr. William J. Snow

September 22, 1923 to  
May 13, 2011

The Very Rev. Dr. William J. Snow entered into eternal rest the morning of May 13, 2011. Dr. Snow was a graduate of the United States Military Academy, Virginia Theological Seminary, Wake Forest University, and the International Seminary with the degrees



of Doctor of Ministry and Doctor of Divinity. Dr. Snow was well-known in the Orangeburg community, having served as a Rector of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer for over 24 years. He retired in 1989 but continued to serve as a supply and interim minister in the Diocese of South Carolina. In 1996 he was honored by the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer as their first Rector Emeritus. Dr. Snow was appointed as a Dean in the Diocese of South Carolina in 1970 a position he held for the remainder of his ministry. He also served on the board of Trustees, Bishop and Council, Finance Committee, and other institutional boards of the Dioceses. In 1977 he helped found the Episcopal community for the Aging at Still Hopes in Columbia and served on its founding board. Dr. Snow came

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Shrinking Jesus

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who accommodate to the dominant system of Roman coercive authority. It was not our sinful condition that demanded his crucifixion but this elite. Borg and Crossan’s Jesus does not come from God to take away sin but arose from among the innocent to teach us how not to be a part of the dominant systems. They fail to understand the depth of sin in all of us at all times, including peasants, as well as the elite. More importantly they lose the assurance of ultimate mercy and forgiveness.

Speaking of elites, these two “scholarly authorities” purport to tell us, “What the Gospels Really Teach about Jesus.” They pander to an increasingly secular culture and to the human itch to find some undemanding simplicity that now finally explains everything. And they do this while ignoring, and without reference to, the multitude of superior contemporary scholars such as Richard Bauckham, Raymond Brown, Luke Timothy Johnson, N. T. Wright, Richard Hays, Leander Keck, Christopher Bryan, and scores of others whose works reflect the faith of scripture and the creeds.

In addition to the academic arrogance of claiming that everyone has been wrong about Jesus until now, Marcus Borg, who is a member of the Episcopal Church, denies, in his writings, the creeds and doctrine he affirmed at his confirmation and in his present worship. It is the same moral issue as that of Bishop Jack Spong who was asked by one of his clergy, “How can you, as a bishop, ask those you ordain to swear to doctrine that you expressly and personally deny?” Crossan, on the other hand, showed some moral integrity when he resigned his Roman Catholic orders. These are not times when people readily think in terms of doctrine or of honor.

Christian faith, but not secular faith, now effectively banned from schools, colleges, and universities, has been relegated to the private and subjective arena. The result is the growing popularity of any who eliminate from Christian faith all that secular trust finds incompatible: miracles, the radical nature of sin and the consequent radical nature of grace, transcendence, holiness, and our human desperate need for God’s initiative action in Jesus.

The consequence of this secular replacement of Christianity over the years is that otherwise educated people can be bereft of any substantial grasp of scripture. One glaring example is Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori who tells us that Marcus Borg “opened the Bible to me.” (Acknowledgements *A Wing and a Prayer*). The Christian creed’s affirmation, to which she has repeatedly sworn, (but Borg negates) is that Jesus Christ is:

“the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made . . .”

Borg has not opened the scripture for Bishop Jefferts Schori but closed its revelation of Jesus’ divinity.

One must ask how such apostasy has come about in the Episcopal Church. One answer is given by the new bishop of Connecticut, Ian Douglas. He accurately claims, “The Episcopal Church does not readily think in terms of doctrine.” As one thinks carefully about this statement the spiritual pathology of TEC becomes apparent.

Doctrine is “that which is taught, what is held, put forth as true” (Webster). Doctrine is a synonym for teaching. When we “do not readily think in terms of doctrine” we are unaware and ignorant of Christian teaching. This is true of both “liberals” and “conservatives.” We were warned in scripture about losing our grasp on doctrine and the danger of false doctrine; (“ . . . so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine by cunning men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles.” Eph. 4:14 (see also Titus 2:7, I Tim. 1:3, and 4:16, II John 10, II Tim. 3:16, 4:2).

Bishop Douglas’s statement, however, is only true of Christian doctrine. The Episcopal Church does indeed think in terms of doc-

trine: doctrines of litigation, abortion, divorce, sexual behavior outside of marriage and all kinds of current politically correct doctrines, as well as teachings that Jesus is reduced from the Son of God to a “subversive sage.” (p. 119, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*)

The Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church personifies this sad reduction, this shrunken Jesus, this betrayal of Christian faith. Her claim that “salvation is attained by many ways – Jesus Christ is a way, and God has many other ways as well. . .” (italics provided) (Interview, Time Magazine, July 10, 2006) is a violation of her ordination and consecration vows regarding the church’s creed (p. 519, *Book of Common Prayer*, 1979). It is also sadly bereft of the Good

News that salvation is never attained but freely given to those who believe. As to her belief in eternal life, she is unsure it exists and she contends that Jesus was more concerned with heavenly existence in this life. (*Arkansas Democratic Gazette*, Jan. 7, 2007)

This sad result reduces Christian faith to the secular assumptions of this age while this age is in desperate need of the very faith that has made it great. Dean William Inge’s famous warning has never been more apt than today: “The Church that marries the spirit of the age will find herself a widow in the next.” We thank God that the leadership of this diocese not only thinks in terms of Christian doctrine but is courageously committed to the sworn faith of scripture and creeds.

When Episcopalians do not think in terms of Christian doctrine they consciously and unconsciously conform to speculations of the current age. When the creedal and biblical affirmations of Jesus’ full humanity and divinity are given up we lose the promised assurance of God’s mercy. The sad secular substitute for divine mercy is a culture destroying permissiveness, lowered standards of morality in society, and diminishing honor in human character. Permissiveness is no substitute for mercy.

Let’s be clear – the doctrine of Borg, Crossan, and Jefferts Schori makes nonsense of the Eucharist:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. (p. 362 *Book of Common Prayer* 1979)

The doctrine of “mere man” (like Martin Luther King and Gandhi) is indeed a widespread heresy in modern times but finds no reflection in any of the major heresies. It was so rare that only a specialist is apt to know its name: psilantropism. One of the outstanding contemporary scholars, Timothy George, has this to say about heresy:

Heresy is a deliberate perversion, a choice (hairesis in Greek), to break with the primary pattern of Christian truth and to promulgate a doctrine that undermines the gospel and destroys the unity of the Christian Church. A Church that cannot distinguish heresy from truth, or, even worse, a Church that no longer thinks this is worth doing, is a Church which has lost its right to bear witness to the transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ who declared himself to be not only the Way and the Life, but also the Truth.

Rest assured the Bishop and Diocese of South Carolina, in the face of heretical assault on the Church will be faithful to the “one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of all.” The challenge for us at this time is the opportunity to recover the neglected duty of “thinking in terms of doctrine” and to show the cruelty of heresy and declare the Gospel good news of Jesus Christ, Lord and Savior.

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Dean William Inge’

Sent to Prison and Set Free  
A Redeemed Life: Vladimir Walt Pantovich

By the Rt. Rev. Alex Dickson, Bishop in Residence, St. Michael’s Church, Charleston

Walt Pantovich was born on June 5, 1951, in Yugoslavia during the Communist Regime. His mother was a member of the Greek Orthodox Church, but the communist rulers suppressed the Church during their reign. Walt was drafted

her in the trunk of his car and headed toward North Carolina. The police arrested him soon after.

A few days later, Walt was able to get word to me in Pawleys Island. I drove to the Detention Center and spoke with the Chaplain, who



into the Yugoslav army at age 18, and served for two years. He married and eventually immigrated to the United States becoming a citizen in 1973.

Around the year 2000, Walt came to live near Pawleys Island where my wife Jane and I were making significant changes to our home on the Waccamaw River. Walt was referred to us by a friend who said, “He can fix anything.” He really could! Moreover, he always lived up to our “handshake” agreements. Jane and I included Walt and his then-girlfriend to be with us and our family at Christmas and Thanksgiving, and he often came. In this sense, Walt became part of our family.

Although he worked hard all day, Walt typically met his friends for drinks and entertainment in the evening. Afterwards, he returned home to his “current” girlfriend before getting up the next morning to resume his work. He left no time for prayer or reading the Bible. Walt eventually stopped drinking in early 2005, but still did not read the Bible.

On August 4, 2003, I walked down to our dock to feed some horseshoe crabs. Suddenly, I had a “heart block.” I was immediately unconscious, and fell from the dock. When I regained consciousness, I tried to move but couldn’t. I heard Walt and his helper sawing and hammering on the front deck of our home, about 100 feet away. I called weakly, “Walt I am in trouble, help me.” Miraculously, Walt heard me. He ran down, turned me over and held me in his arms, talking to me until the Emergency Team arrived. They carried me to the Hospital and I began my recovery. The Lord used Walt to save my life.

On the night of March 7, 2006, Walt’s then girlfriend Sheila came to his home in a rage. High on drugs and filled with anger, Shelia picked up the poker from the fireplace and started hitting Walt. Backed into a corner, Walt reached for something with which to protect himself, but instead found a baseball bat. Although Walt was tall and strong, he did not want to hurt her, just to stop her. He swung the bat and hit Sheila in the head knocking her to the floor. She died soon after. When Walt realized what he had done, he panicked. Wrapping Sheila’s body in a blanket, he put

gave me the use of a small room in the prison where Walt and I could talk privately. There, Walt gave me all the details of that fateful night.

At the end of our first visit, I said, “Walt, you held me in your arms when I fell. The Lord used you to save my life. Now I am going to ‘hold you in my arms’ so the Lord can save you.” I asked him to examine his life, and note the actions he regretted—things he knew were wrong. I told him on my next visit I would ask him to share them with me, thus catalyzing a “lifetime confession.”

I returned to the prison about a week later, and Walt shared with me this lifetime confession. I asked him if he wanted to repent of all of this and give it to the Lord. He readily confessed all of this to the Lord, fell to his knees, and surrendered his life to the Lord as I led him in a prayer of faith. After a period of silence and sobbing

with his head bowed, Walt looked up at me with tears rolling down his cheeks. I then gave him Absolution, explaining what I was doing. I brought a piece of bread and a small bottle of wine with me, which I consecrated, and we shared the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Walt was now in the process of being redeemed. Hallelujah!

I visited Walt at the Detention Center each week over the next two years as he awaited his trial. Jane went with me on occasions, as did many people, for whom Walt had worked in recent years, including one woman in a wheelchair. I gave Walt a Bible and he began to read it every night. He went to every Bible Study Class that the Chaplain offered and led a Bible Study each night in his cell. Each time I came to visit Walt was full of questions about the Bible and the Gospel Message. The Holy Spirit filled him with a deep desire to know more and more. Praise the Lord! I told him to “just keep reading for the ‘plain sense’ of the text, and let Jesus, the Word of God, teach you the ‘word of God written.’”

After two years, Walt’s case was brought before a Judge at the Court House in Georgetown. The trial lasted for four days, and I attended each day. On the final day of the trial

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# Ministry on the Highway

“The Devil has got me in a hole. I don’t know what to do.”

By The Very Rev. Chuck Owens, Rector, Church of the Cross, Bluffton

My traveling back and forth to Charleston has averaged two to three trips each month for fifteen years. As you might expect, the journey has fallen into a routine: Highway 278 W to I-95N at Exit 8, I-95N to Exit 33, then Highway 17N to Charleston with a pit stop in Jacksonboro;

went inside to use the facilities (never good to miss an opportunity if you’re over 65). On the way back to my car a strange car pulled up beside me. The clean cut man inside looked to be around forty and he was crying, “Are you a priest?” “Yes”, I replied; my black pants, black shirt and white collar were obviously the

and passing out in a motel room. He awoke Thursday morning to discover that his wallet, money and cell phone had been stolen. “I’m so ashamed,” he continued, “What should I do?” “Well to start with, you need to call your wife and tell her what happened.” “I can’t,” he said; “I’m too ashamed!” The toddler car seat next to the catalogs on the back seat coupled with the church sticker in the rear window gave added meaning to his tears and words. A pause followed, after which he said, “I can’t call my wife . . . my cell phone is gone and I don’t even have a dime for a pay phone.” “You’re at least four and a half hours from home,” I continued. “Do you have enough gas to get there?” As he lowered his head, a car horn sounded reminding me that we were blocking traffic to one of the service islands. Pointing to my car, I said, “Pull up to the pump next to me.” John stood speechless (expecting a sermon I suspect) while I filled his car with gas and gave him the twenty dollar bill Becky had given me an hour earlier. Insisting that he wanted to repay me, I gave him my business card and told him I would be praying for him and his family throughout the day.

I thought of my encounter with John as I passed that same station on the way home last night and thanked God for the nudge to break my routine. I thanked God, too, for the many times He protected me from myself when I was traveling. You see, I’ve come to realize that most often “the devil who gets me in a hole” is the one who looks back at me from the mirror . . . perhaps I should have shared that with John.



the same pattern in reverse brings me back to Bluffton. The time spent going and coming is not wasted: calls are made, prayers are said, sermons are memorized and thoughts are pondered.

Yesterday I started to Charleston early; I had several folks to visit prior to a meeting of the Deans at 12:30 p.m. Just before turning onto I-95N, something strange happened - I broke my routine to stop for gas even though I had more than enough to make it to Jacksonboro. After topping off the fuel tank, I

invitation he desperately needed. “I’ve done something terrible and need someone to talk to - the devil has got me in a hole - I don’t know what to do!” “Tell me about it,” I said.

After introducing himself (I’ll call him John), he told me that he and his family live just south of Wilmington, North Carolina, and that he travels throughout South Carolina and Georgia selling a specialized line of furniture. He had wrapped up a long and unproductive Wednesday in Savannah by going to a bar, getting drunk, picking up a woman

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our dear friend, Bishop Fitz Allison and my beloved wife, Jane, sat with me all day in support of Walt.

Walt was tried for murder, as his attorney’s efforts to have the charges changed to Involuntary Manslaughter were rejected by the judge. The defense attorney told me that it looked very much like Walt would be found guilty and sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Walt’s attorney asked me to stand before the Judge at sentencing, and make a plea for mercy. The time came, and I stood before the Judge and said, “Your honor, as a Priest and as a Bishop I have visited many people in prison over the last 50 years. I can discern a ‘jail house’ conversion when I see one, and I can discern the ‘real thing’. I am totally convinced that Walt is a living fulfillment of Second Corinthians, chapter five, verse 17 – ‘If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old is gone and the new has come.’ Walt’s repentance and conversion is the ‘Real Thing’. I plead with you to show mercy in sentencing Walt.” Walt was sentenced to 18 years in prison, and sent to Lieber Maximum Security Prison.

I continued to visit Walt on a monthly basis at Lieber Prison. I developed a good working relationship with the Chaplains. Walt continued to go to Bible Study classes regularly, and also began to sing in the prison choir. On one visit Walt said to me, “When I do get out of prison, I don’t think I should go back to where I used to live. I have heard about a place in North Carolina where a group of men live together. They study and pray and worship each day. I believe they call it a Monastery.” “Amazing, Walt!” I said, “You are now talking about becoming a Monk”

Life in a maximum security prison like Lieber is not easy, but Walt continued to live and grow in the knowledge and love of the Lord. On one of my visits, the Chaplain said to me, “We have a wonderful program in the South Carolina Prison System that allows prisoners who come to know the Lord deeply, to be transferred to Kirkland Prison near Columbia, SC and enter a training program to become a Prisoner Assistant to a Chaplain. It is a two year program. They are instructed by faculty members from Columbia International University. At the end of the program, those who graduate will receive an Associate Degree in Religious Studies, and then be assigned to one of our prisons as a Prisoner Assistant to the Chaplain.”

Walt was accepted into this College Program; he was transferred to Kirkland Prison in January of 2011, and began his education there in February. During my visits with Walt in prison, he has often said, “I know and deeply regret the terrible thing that I did to Sheila. I did not want or intend to kill Sheila. Much of what the witnesses at my trial said about me being a ‘violent man’ was false. Nevertheless, I know that I deserve to be in prison for what I did, and I am so deeply grateful to know and believe that the Lord has forgiven me.”

Amazing! Walt had to go to prison for the Lord to set him free!

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come. (2 Cor. 5:17).

# 115 Teens Join in Christ- St. Paul’s Youth Quest Vacation Bible School: It’s Not Just for Children

By Sue Winder, Parish Coordinator, Christ-St. Paul’s, Yonges Island

Every summer a mass of teenagers converge onto the campus of Christ-St. Paul’s, Yonges Island, to participate in a unique adventure. “Youth Quest” takes place at the same time as Vacation Bible School, and gives teens an upgraded, more mature, teen-friendly version

summer of 2007. It has attracted youth not just from Christ-St. Paul’s but also from the surrounding community, many of whom didn’t previously attend church.

Each year a theme is selected around which the teachings are focused. In 2011, the Youth Quest theme was “Boot Camp: What to Wear to the War” and was based on Ephesians 6:10-17. Each day focused on a particular scripture:

- Monday - The Belt of Truth
- Tuesday - The Breastplate of Righteousness
- Wednesday - The Shoes of the Gospel of Peace
- Thursday - The Shield of Faith
- Friday - The Sword of the Spirit



of VBS. The idea began to take shape in 2007 when the Rev. Craig Borrett, Rector, and then-youth minister Darrin Owens sought ways to engage youth and help them grow in their faith with a clear vision of Jesus.

The Youth Quest concept was the result and it was presented for the first time in the

Youth pastors and speakers from other community churches were invited to join with Christ-St Paul’s in presenting the lessons.

Youth Quest runs from 9 a.m.- noon Monday-Friday, usually in June. Each day begins with a breakfast and “hang out” time so the youth can greet friends and get to know

each other. Next, they play a mixer game. They also play other crazy, wacky and fun games throughout the week. Then there’s a time for praise and worship. The Youth Quest Worship team plays enthusiastic, energetic music. Then the speaker has the floor for about 20-25 minutes. After the lesson, everyone breaks into small groups and discusses the questions based on the scripture/lesson just presented. Small groups last about 15-20 minutes. Then they gather for more music and end the morning at noon.

Youth Quest has grown both in numbers and spiritual depth each year. It began with about 30 students in 2007 and this past year over 115 teens were registered. It was an awesome time for all those involved. We look forward to Youth Quest Summer 2012 with great excitement over what the Lord will do!

## The Very Rev. Dr. Bill Snow

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to Orangeburg in 1965 after having been the Vicar of Christ Episcopal Church in Denmark, SC. During his tenure at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, not only did the church prosper but it also sponsored four men into the ordained ministry. His ministry and love for the Church and community will long be remembered.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Valliant Snow; four children Elizabeth Lee

Snow of Chapin; William Arthur Snow, II of Manassas, VA; Catherine Louise Snow of Orangeburg, and Virginia Page Snow of Orangeburg; a Sister Peg Coburn of Norfolk, VA; five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren

Memorials may be made to the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 1606 Russell St., Orangeburg, SC 29115 or to a charity of choice.



## Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, Joins in Feeding the Multitude

Saturday, November 19th, a group of 23 children, youth and adults from Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, served at the Feeding of the Multitude event in West Ashley. This year Christ Church joined with five West Ashley churches of multiple denominations for their second event aimed at feeding the hungry in the name of Christ.

The West Ashley event started after members of Good Shepherd Episcopal Church volunteered for a Feeding the Multitude event, started by local Rev. Dallas Wilson, in Charleston. The church decided to bring the concept west of the Ashley in order to unite with neighboring churches to serve the less privileged populations in their area. At Forest Park Playground a basketball court became a dining room where anyone could come to have a Thanksgiving meal prepared and served by volunteers.

Joe quick, one of the volunteers from Christ Church said, "I had the opportunity to serve a family who were pulling food off of the plates before the plates were off of my tray. It was obvious that they hadn't had a meal like this for quite some time. There was a look of desperation in their eyes like it was too good to be true. One man ate six plates of food and I have to assume that it was because he wasn't sure when he would get another meal like this. Another lady said, 'This is mine? I can have all of this?'"

Joe went on to say, "The fact that my family could play a role in an event like that is what it is all about for me, being in touch with people who need a smile, a kind word and in this case a meal."

## My Last Visit with John Stott - June 17, 2011

By the Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore, Associate for Transformational Discipleship, St. Michael's, Charleston

"There was a man sent from God whose name was John."

John the Baptist, to whom the above reference refers, was beheaded by a king in a palace at a relatively young age. John Stott, who I met in January of 1957, spent his final days on earth in a small bed-sitter in a rest home for retired clergy about 30 miles south of London. He was weak, frail, nearly blind, and bedridden. He had turned 90 this spring, and was expecting to go home to the Lord very soon.

But in his heyday, and for more than a half century, John Stott had an impact on his world akin to that of John the Baptist. Both were sent from God. Both pointed to Jesus. Both attempted to live very simply. Both hand few possessions. Both were filled with the Holy Spirit. Both had a group of disciples who drank deeply from their wisdom. Both operated on the fringes of power - political as well as ecclesiastical. Both were men who knew the Scriptures and the power of God.

There the similarities end. The Baptist was a rough-hewn, plain-speaking, abrasive country preacher. John Stott was a highly educated, urbane, son of a titled English doctor, who spoke and wrote in impeccable Oxford English. Moreover John Stott was a diplomat, statesman, apologist, and scholar. Could there be two Johns more different?

Now that we have news that John Stott has left us for greener pastures in heaven, an event that happened on July 27, 2011, I want to share a few reflections with you on my visit to St Barnabas' in Surrey just over a month prior to his death, and a few thoughts about

the 40 minutes I had with this man who was my mentor, model, and dear friend.

Remarkably he was well enough to see me, as other visitors had been discouraged from coming. His health had been precarious all spring. But a window opened up, and John told his lifetime secretary Frances Whitehead that he would definitely see me.

I fed him coffee through a straw, and sipped from a cup myself. We talked of old times such as the time we had a water pistol fight on Christmas morning at the Rectory in London, and the breakfast we shared a few years back on a terrace overlooking the Intracoastal Waterway in Florida.

We talked about the Anglican Communion, and the struggle for Truth that is straining the "bonds of affection" within it. I read him Psalm 34, one of his favorites. I took his hand and prayed, giving thanks for his life, and commending him to our Father. Before I left I said that we would soon see each other in heaven. He agreed. A Philippine assistant came in to feed him his lunch, and I quietly left. I then went outside and wept.

He was embarrassed for me to see him in such a state. This man had preached to thousands, held missions at some of the world's great universities, been a chaplain to the Royal Family, written over 50 books, mentored hundreds of younger clergy, and the New York Times and TIME Magazine held him to be one of the most influential Christians of the last century. But he was now a shaking, emaciated, frail man ready to meet his Savior. Isn't this is how it always is? None of us is immortal. None of us will live one more day than the Lord has

assigned. None of us in our flesh is more than a collection of molecules just as prone to decay as everything else in creation.

It was hard to say good-bye as John's life and example meant so much to me. But we believe that there is such a thing as the communion of saints, and he will ever be with us in that holy fellowship. As Hebrews says, he and others now sit in that great aqueduct in the sky, and cheer us on. They have finished their race and they want to make sure we finish ours.

Many letters of commendation have been sent on ahead of him. These letters are the countless believers in all denominations (but especially dear to us are those of his own worldwide Anglican family) who are running the race today thanks to his witness. They, with us, hope for new bodies and a new creation, where decay, discouragement and death will have vanished. That's why among us goodbyes are never sayonara. They are always au revoir.

The unanswered question when we witness the passing of giants is whom will God anoint to pick up the mantle of leadership they leave behind? In the case of John Stott there is no certainty that such a leader exists. The man who led him to Christ as a schoolboy, Eric Nash, had prayed that God would give him "a ten talent man." God abundantly answered that prayer in the case of John Stott who Nash mentored faithfully in the early years of his Christian walk. But given the challenges of the day it now it is our turn to ask the Lord for some ten-talent men and women. May he raise them up in our generation, and then may we be ready to mentor them.

### People News

❖ Congratulations to the Rev. Patrick Allen and his wife, Ashley, on the birth of their son, James Henry Allen. James was born on July 7 and weighed 6 lbs and 13 oz. Henry's big sister, Lucy, who'll turn three in October, is delighted by the arrival of her new baby brother.

❖ Please keep the family of the Very Rev. John Barr, Rector of Holy Comforter, Sumter, in your prayers. John's mother, Nell Barr, died in an automobile accident on October 7. John's sister, Beverly Moore, was also seriously injured.

Nell Barr, widow of the Rev. Canon John M Barr, had been very active in both the Diocese of Upper South Carolina and the National Episcopal Church Women.

❖ Please keep the family of Charles Thomas "Tommy" Bryant, in your prayers. Tommy died on November 1, 2011. He was the son-in-law of Bishop Buchanan. His wife was Margaret Buchanan Bryant. A memorial service was held on November 5 at St. Michael's Church, Charleston.

❖ The Rev. Matthew Canter was ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, December 3 at St. Michael's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church in Carlsbad, California. The Rt. Rev. Edward L. Salmon assisted. A graduate of Nashotah House, Matthew will serve as an Assistant at St. Michael's by-the-Sea.

❖ David Childs has recently been hired as the part-time contemporary worship director at Church of Our Saviour on John's Island. He will work closely with music director Helen Wheeler to develop a modern worship offering to reach

not only the current congregation but the greater island community as well. David has been leading worship as a vocation for the past 10 years.

❖ The Rev. Jason Collins was ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, December 3 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Conway, SC. A graduate of Nashotah House, Jason will serve as an Assistant at St. Paul's, Conway.

❖ Please keep the family of the Rev. Charles Marshall Furlow, in your prayers. Charles died on July 30, 2011. He was ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church on June 11, 1959, at St. Philip's Church, Charleston. In his 50+ years of ministry, he served the following churches in the Charleston area: Grace Episcopal Church, Chaplain to the Episcopal cadets at the Citadel, St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Walterboro, Sheldon Chapel in McPhersonville, Porter Gaud School, and Calvary Episcopal Church. He was married to Jo Marie Harris on November 9, 1968, at Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C. Of special note, to

those in our area is that he is credited with introducing soccer in the Charleston area in 1959. He served as a soccer referee from 1960 - 1968. His funeral was held August 6, 2011, at Calvary Episcopal Churchyard in Fletcher, NC.

❖ Please keep the family of the Rev. William Murray (Bill) Hargett in your prayers. He died on September 19, 2011 following a battle with leukemia. Known belovedly as "Father Bill," he served parishes in Roselle, NJ; Short Hills, NJ; Little Washington, VA; St. John's, Wembley, England; Centreville, MD; and Christ Church, Mount Pleasant. In 1992 he was called to St. Alban's in Tokyo, Japan, an international parish of Anglican Episcopalians. He is survived by: his wife Ann Hargett; four daughters, 11 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, and a sister. His memorial service, offered by Grace Church, was held at the Church of the Holy Communion on September 23, 2011.

❖ Please welcome the Rev. Bob Horowitz and his wife, Stephanie, to the Diocese. Bob has been called to serve as Rector of St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Walterboro. His first Sunday there was November 20. For the past seven years he served as Rector of Church of the Redeemer in Greenville, SC. A 2001 graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, he has served as an Assistant at St. Paul's By-the-Sea in Jacksonville, FL and for three years as Associate for Pastoral Care at Christ Church, Greenville, SC. Bob and Stephanie

have been married 29 years and have three grown children.

❖ Congratulations to the Rev. Marcus Kaiser and his wife, Kim, at the birth of their third son, Samuel Roberts Kaiser. Samuel was born on Labor Day (September 5, 2011) and was just 6 lbs, 8 oz. In addition to his parents, Samuel is welcomed by two brothers, James and Jacob.

❖ Please continue to pray for Mrs. Allison Lawrence, wife of Bishop Mark Lawrence. On November 7, Allison fell and broke the L1 vertebrae in her back. Recovery is expected to take up to three months. She is recovering at home and they are not accepting visitors. She wanted to thank everyone for their prayers. If you would like to send her a note, address it to: Mrs. Allison Lawrence, Diocese of South Carolina, PO Box 20127, Charleston, SC 29413. Pastoral care needs may be addressed through the Diocesan Office (843) 722-4075.

❖ The Rev. Vernon (Les) McAbee, who had served as a priest in our diocese, died on Saturday, September 10. The funeral was held at St. Charles Anglican Church in Huntsville, AL on September 17. McAbee had been a seminarian from Holy Comforter, Sumter and graduated from Virginia Theological Seminary. He is a former rector of Holy Trinity, Grahamville.

❖ The Rev. Dan Messier, Rector of St. Marks, Charleston has ac-



cepted a call to St. Francis-in-the-Valley, Green Valley, Arizona. According to their website, St. Francis has more than 500 active members and is located in a community developed primarily for retirees.

❖ The Rev. Andrew O'Dell has been elected by the Standing Committee to fill the vacancy left by Ed Kelaher's departure. "My greatest joy as a priest is to see the power of God acting through his Word and Holy Spirit to awaken faith in the hearts of both new and old Christians alike," says O'Dell. See story on page two.

❖ The Rev. Andrew Pearson, Associate Rector at the Parish Church of St. Helena, Beaufort, has accepted a call to serve as a Canon at the Cathedral Church of the Advent in Birmingham. The primary focus of his ministry there will be on teaching, the preaching rotation, women's ministry and starting a ministry to young adults. The Pearsons last Sunday at St. Helena's was October 23. His first Sunday at the Cathedral was November 6.

❖ Please keep the family of the Rev. William D. Shively in your prayers. Mr. Shively died October 2, 2011 at his home in Hilton Head Island, SC. He served as interim Rector at All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton

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# ER&D Provides Ongoing Aid


Earlier this year, Episcopal Relief & Development (ER&D) provided assistance to many communities in the Diocese of North Dakota who were adversely affected by



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Contributions to ER&D were used to provide assistance to rescue efforts following the recent floods in El Salvador.

the massive flooding experienced there. One of the hardest hit cities was Minot, ND. The initial cleanup there is about completed, but now All Saints Episcopal Church in Minot is now looking for volunteers to help with home repair and reconstruction. All Saints is coordinating the ongoing work. Volunteers will be housed in the church building. If individuals or church groups in our diocese would be interested in this unique opportunity to help people, please let me know and I will coordinate the response.



**Episcopal Relief & Development**  
**Healing a hurting world**  
*By Harmon B. Person*  
*Diocesan Representative for ERD*

## Diocesan Contributions to ER&D

At the end of September, an ER&D report on giving by churches showed the following churches in our diocese had made donations during the first nine months of 2011: Grace Church, Charleston; St. Mark's Chapel, Port Royal; Holy Cross Faith Memorial Church,

Pawleys Island; St. James Church, McClellanville; St. Bartholomew's, Hartsville; Trinity Church, Edisto Island; St. David's Church, Cheraw; St. Paul's Church, Conway; St. Alban's Church, Kingstree; All Saints Church, Hilton Head; and St. John's Church, Florence. We thank each of them and encourage others to join them by the end of the year. Most of our contributions went to help either (1) earthquake and tsunami victims in Japan, (2) earthquake victims in Haiti, or (3) tornado and flooding victim in the United States. In addition, numerous individuals made contribu-

tions. In fact individual contribution totals outweighed church contributions by a two to one margin.

## Storms and Flooding Hit Northeast US and Central America

Recently, aided by ER&D's Disaster Relief Fund, Episcopal congregations in several northeastern states and in Central America have been able to help themselves and others in their communities recover from damages inflicted by Hurricane Irene, Tropical Storm Lee, and two tropical depressions in Central America. The rain and flooding in the US received much publicity, but the bishop of El Salvador recently said that the current crisis there was even worse than when Hurricane Mitch hit the area in 1998. In El Salvador, ER&D has targeted ten communities with services such as food, water, shelter, medication, and transportation. Thousands of

vulnerable people will be helped by ER&D's efforts in the area. The damage in Vermont was widespread. Virtually all of Vermont's 48 Episcopal congregations have been involved in providing assistance to others in the diocese, even if their own communities were not plagued by the rain and flooding.

## Update on the Episcopal Church of Sudan

The Episcopal Church of Sudan faces serious problems following the recent establishment of the separate country of South Sudan. Fighting still occurs in some of the border areas. Recently, a South Sudanese bishop who was visiting in the United States stated that the Christian minority who live in the Muslim-dominated north have been under tremendous pressure since they gained independence in July. The government of Sudan has introduced Sharia law; Christians find themselves unable to obtain employment; one church has been burned down and another has been threatened with demolition. When Sudan split into two separate countries, the Episcopal Church in Sudan remained united even though only a few dioceses are located in the north. The Roman Catholic Church, however, decided to split into two separate bodies, one in North Sudan and one in South Sudan. Episcopal Relief & Development continues to support the Episcopal Church of Sudan, which was established in 1889. They have over four million members, far more than our own Episcopal Church. Our assistance has expanded to include training of staff of the Sudanese Relief and Development agency so they can handle situations that may arise. Many Episcopalians in this country have designated their contribution to ER&D for the Episcopal Church in Sudan.

## Your Support is Needed

Episcopal Relief & Development's work is constrained only by the amount of financial support it receives. Many of you make year-end contributions to worthy charities. Please consider including ER&D as a charity you support. You can donate online or by mailing a contribution to ER&D, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. You can be confident that every dollar will be well spent helping people far less fortunate than most of us. Thank you. Contact Harmon B. Person, Diocesan Rep for ER&D at Hbpjlp2@bellsouth.net.

# Mockingbird's Fall Conference

(for the burned, the young-at-heart, and parents especially)

By the Rev. John Zahl, Associate Rector Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island

*Note to Parents: if you don't have time to read all of this, just jump to the end of this piece and download my mom's amazing talk about parenting. It'll blow you away!*

This past October, I had the privilege of traveling to another Mockingbird (<http://www.mbird.com/>) Conference with nine Holy Cross-ers. This one was at one of my favorite churches, The Cathedral Church of the Advent (<http://adventbirmingham.com/>), in Birmingham, AL. It was there that I first heard the calling to the ordained ministry. We had an absolute blast! Mockingbird is a ministry that "seeks to connect the Christian faith with the realities of everyday life in as fresh and down-to-earth a way possible." They publish books, put on conferences, and lead a massive campus ministry at The University of Virginia in Charlottesville. They also have a blog that is one of the coolest most read blogs in the entire Christian blog-o-sphere. The reality is that ministry is needed online almost as much as it is needed in real-time, because many people these days spend their life there. Mockingbird started as a ministry to young adults but has morphed over the years into something much bigger, a kind of rejuvenating movement centered around using Pop Culture, Social Sciences, and High Culture as a vehicle for preaching the Gospel (in 16th Century Reformational terms). They are especially eager to connect with people who have previously been "burned" by the church. In my opinion, it's the smartest, coolest and most creative thing going on in the evangelical world at the moment. Their main theme (like Christianity's) is grace. Obviously I am one of their contributors. :) This conference gathered a series of brilliant speakers together. And it was catered by the famous Dreamland BBQ, which was awesome! The keynote speaker was Rev. Paul Walker, rector of another fantastic Episcopal church, Christ Church (<http://www.christchurchville.org/>), in Charlottesville, Virginia. His opening talk had the brilliant title 'Why We Always Lose When We Keep

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Head Island from 1991 to 1993. In addition he served congregations in Ohio, Missouri and New York. He is survived by two sons, David and his wife Candy; and Thomas and his wife Lisa, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held at All Saints on October 22, 2011.

Please keep the family of the Very Rev. Dr. William "Bill" Snow in your prayers. Fr. Snow died on May 13, 2011. See story on page 10.

❖ The Rev. Rob Sturdy, Rector of Trinity, Myrtle Beach, will step down as Rector at the end of the year and, in January 2012, join the staff of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant. St. Andrew's left the Episcopal Church to join the Anglican Church in North America in March of 2010. Rob will have primary responsibility of overseeing School of Theology and church planting efforts. "I love Trinity, Myrtle Beach. I love our Diocese and

our Bishop, Mark Lawrence," said Sturdy. "I was not looking to leave, but when Steve (Wood, Rector of St. Andrew's) made the offer, I had to consider it."

❖ Please keep the family of Mrs. Vangie Summers, former Administrative Assistant to several of our former bishops, in your prayers. Vangie's son, Dewey, age 58, died following a brief illness on Saturday, July 16. Dewey had been the Pastor at the First Baptist Church in Walterboro.

❖ Please keep the Rev. Charles Walton and his family in your prayers. Charles' mother, Mrs. Iva Walton, died Sunday evening, July 24, in Raleigh, NC. Her family was by her side. The graveside service was held on July 28, at Raleigh Memorial Park, Raleigh, NC.



# St. John's Chapel to Host The Master's Leadership Symposium

February 23-25 2012, St. John's Chapel, Charleston will host a men's event, "The Master's Leadership Symposium" featuring professors and graduates of the Master's Seminary to present the Gospel over a four day period. This grows out of the February 2011 event in which St. John's hosted Dr. John MacArthur, Senior Pastor, of Grace Community Church and teacher for the radio and television ministry, *Grace to You*. At that time, Dr. MacArthur promised the Rev. Dallas Wilson, Rector of St. John's Chapel, that he would send some of his top professors and graduates from the Master's Seminary to present the "Gospel According to Jesus" over a period of four days at the Charleston, South Carolina "Master's Leadership Symposium." Subjects taught during the 2012 conference will include: "The Pastor as Evangelist; Church and Worship;" "The Real Deal; Preaching a Narrative;" "Loving Leaders, Not Dominating Dictators;" "How Firm a Foundation, Part 1 & 2; Marks of an Effective Leader;" "Getting It Right-Basic Hermeneutics;" and

"Parenting: To Encourage or Exasperate and the Lord of the Sabbath." This conference is the preliminary approach to establishing of an inner-city accredited Bible College and ultimately a Seminary for Charleston Ministers that have not been fortunate enough to attend an accredited seminary or receive an accredited degree. The schedule for the conference is as follows:  
**Wednesday, February 23**  
1 p.m. Jesse Johnson  
The Pastor as Evangelist  
2:30 p.m. Christopher Hardaway: Loving Leaders, Not Dominating Dictators  
4 p.m. Carl Hargrove  
Getting it Right – Basic Hermeneutics  
7 p.m. Carey Hardy  
Building by the Code  
I Cor. 3:10-15  
**Thursday, February 24**  
1 p.m. Christopher Hardaway  
Church and Worship: The Real Deal

2:30 p.m. Carey Hardy  
How Firm a Foundation Pt. 1  
4 p.m. – Jesse Johnson:  
How Firm a Foundation Pt. 2  
7 p.m. – Carl Hargrove  
Listen Before It's too Late  
Prov. 1:20-33  
**Friday, February 25**  
1 p.m. Carl Hargrove  
Preaching a Narrative  
2:30 p.m. Carey Hardy  
Marks of an Effective Leader  
4 p.m. Christopher Hardaway  
Parenting: To Encourage or Exasperate?  
7 p.m. Jesse Johnson  
The Lord of the Sabbath  
Matthew 12  
  
The tax-deductible cost of the conference is \$50.00. There will be a continuing education certificate issued to each participant attending this conference. Space is limited. scholarships are available. Call (843) 720-3600 x102. There will be a tax-deductible mission offering taken each day.



# Five St. John’s Children: “No Presents; Give to Uganda”

By Karen Tetrov, St. John’s, Johns Island

### A Note from The Rev. Greg Snyder, Rector

In early 2011, a team of six of our parishioners returned from a trip to Northern Uganda with powerful stories of transformation, healing, and concern for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are just now coming out of over 30 years of despotic rule and civil war. These stories have already begun to impact our parish at St. John’s in ways we could never have anticipated. Below is one of these stories as told by Karen Tetrev. Her husband, Peter, was one of those who went on our first mission to Northern Uganda.

We’re just like a lot of Christian parents. While struggling with a tight budget and the temptation to conform to this world’s standards, we still want to give our children good things. This was especially true when it came to a birthday party this year.

Here’s how God used two families’ ordinary circumstances to bring about an extraordinary lesson in His limitless power.

It was just after Christmas, and I recall saying to my husband, Peter, “What are we going to do for the boys’ party this year?” Two of our sons, William and Peter John, had their 8th and 4th birthdays both coming in late January. Very convenient for God to plan their due dates to be the same, don’t you think? We were feeling guilty, as I’m sure none of you have. Guilty that we hadn’t had a “real” party for three years straight. Guilty that we couldn’t afford Disney vacations. After all, aren’t these the things good parents do?

The reality was that we had changed careers, moved two times, had a third baby, and started home schooling all within a two and a half year period. Rebuilding after a financial crisis meant life had to be as simple as possible. Oh, and keep in mind that Christmas had just passed, too.

“Can I have a party with all my friends this year, Mom?” Our oldest had been hounding us all year. William had even planned several scenarios. A camping party, a pirate party, an arts and crafts party, fending off his enthusiasm was growing tiresome.

One day, I was discussing the looming party with a friend from church. She mentioned that she had been busy this year and

hadn’t organized a party for her kids either. (Eric and Jackie Baer have four kids, and their birthdays are bunched together). I guess they were feeling guilty, too.

In a moment of genius, Jackie said, “Why don’t we have a party together?” It was perfect, split all the planning, costs, and work! We had the perfect venue, the Multi-purpose Building at St. Christopher. (Peter is Director of Facilities at the Camp.)

The party would be great. A jump castle, the climbing wall via the Camp, a BBQ lunch (catered for free by Dennis Anastasis), piñatas, two cakes, and 80 guests. I said to Peter, “We never could have afforded all this ourselves, not in our dreams!”

There was one interesting dilemma. What do we tell people about gifts for all five kids?

Almost audibly, God said, “Take donations instead of gifts and give it to kids in Uganda.” Of course, it made perfect sense! Peter had just returned from a mission trip in Gulu, and they were in need of scholarships for their children. On top of that, Jackie’s mother, Clara, was born and raised in Uganda and driven out during Idi Amin’s rule.

I will admit, both of us were not sure how to present this idea to our kids. “Hey, kids! You’re not getting any presents at your party. We thought we’d give money to kids in Uganda instead!” Come on, they’re kids!

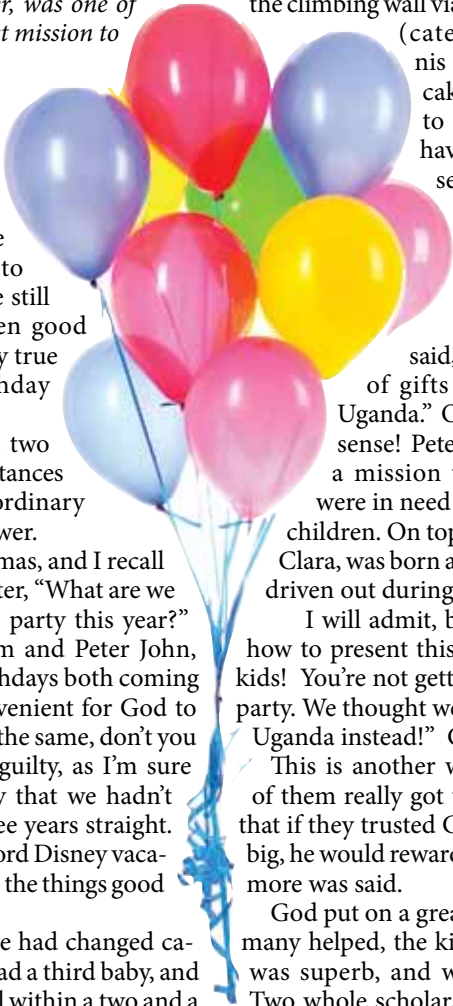
This is another way God worked. None of them really got upset. We assured them that if they trusted God with something this big, he would reward them. Miraculously, no more was said.

God put on a great party. Everyone came, many helped, the kids had a blast, the food was superb, and we collected over \$300! Two whole scholarships would be given to Bishop Johnson. On top of it, when the kids got home, there were unexpected presents waiting for them.

This is what I learned through all that happened – When we give up the things we think are so important, and trust God’s love toward us, he is faithful to show us how he can give us all our hearts desire and more.

“He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?”

Romans 8:32



## St. Helena’s to Kick Off Tricentennial Celebration with Visit from Lord Bishop of London, January 22

Parishioners will kick off the 300th anniversary of the Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort on January 22 with a major celebration. The festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. with the ringing of the 1726 church bell calling the parish to worship. Hosts and hostesses in Colonial costumes will greet visitors. The powerful shouts of a Towne Crier will be heard. After ceremonial anthems members of the choir, along with special brass, will lead parishioners in ceremonial songs after which The Rev. Jeff Miller will proclaim the Opening of St. Helena’s Tricentennial.

The Rt. Rev. and Rt. Honorable John Chartres, Bishop of London, will join in the worship service, which will be held at 10:30 a.m. Other notable guests include Bishop Mark Lawrence and The Rev. Frank Limehouse.

A number of special events are planned in celebration of the Tricentennial including performances by the Naval Academy and the Charleston Symphony Orchestra, a revival lead by Dr. Tony Evans, special foreign mission initiatives, a Fall women’s retreat and many others. Visit [www.sthelenas1712.org](http://www.sthelenas1712.org) to learn more.

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Score’ (<http://www.mbird.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/11/03-Why-We-Always-Lose-When-We-Keep-Score.mp3>). He is one of the greatest living preachers in America, and getting to hear him, for me, was as good as it gets.

A final, and important highlight was a talk given by my mother, Mary Zahl, about parenting, called ‘Grace in Families’. I can’t recommend it enough to any and all parents. Mom speaks with great insight and sensitivity. She had been working on that talk for 35 years! There was not a dry eye in the house. You can listen to it here: <http://adventbirmingham.com/adventsermons/102811GraceInFamiliesMaryZahl.mp4>

Please share it with any of your friends who you think would be helped by it.

The next Mockingbird conference is their annual Spring one in New York City this coming April. It’s bound to be fantastic! Think about going and ask me if you have any questions about it. If you’re looking for a little fresh spiritual fuel, listen to those two talks by Paul Walker and Mary Zahl. They’re what I’m floating on at the moment.

Note: This is reprinted from the newsletter of Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island



DAVE WRIGHT

Above, middle school students attending Mondo, listen as Dorothy Holland (not pictured) leads a seminar on how to share their faith with others.

## Mondo and Re:Generate Draw Hundreds of Teens to St. Christopher

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him. Colossians 2:6

### High School Students Attend Re:Generate

Excitement stirs in the autumn air when more than 275 teens and their leaders descend on St. Christopher for a weekend of biblical teaching, worship, and activities. With twenty youth groups joining together for spiritual growth, the forty-hour experience transcends the weekly norm and becomes an unforgettable gathering. Worship music led by David Childs and Haley Shaw drew the masses into the presence of God, while teaching from Paul’s epistle to the Colossians focused their minds and hearts on the truth of the Gospel. Our focus this fall was redemption and the aim was to help students understand that how we start in the faith is how we continue. The same gospel message that brings us into the kingdom transforms us into the people that God intends for us to become.

Re:Generate (for high school students) was held November 11-13 and featured teaching by Simon Guillebaud of Great Lakes Outreach. Six different seminars were also offered and taught.



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Above, high school students attending Re:Generate meet in small groups to discuss the talks given throughout the weekend.

### Middle School Students Attend Mondo

Mondo (for middle school students) took place October 14-16 and featured teaching

- 24/7 Worship : What does it mean to worship all the time? By Rob Schluter, Youth Minister at St. John’s Church, John’s Island
- A Gospel-oriented Worldview: How well do you know what you believe? How well can you defend it? By Will Klauber, Youth Minister at Christ Church, Mount Pleasant



DAVE WRIGHT

Above, middle school students gather on the beach to pray and talk about what they are learning during Mondo.

by Oeland Camp, Youth Minister at St. Paul’s Church in Summerville. Seminars on sharing the gospel with others were led by Dorothy Holland, Youth Minister at Holy Trinity Charleston and Hunter Jordon, Youth Minister at Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach.

- Redeeming Young Lives : How the gospel shapes our approach to the injustice of modern day slavery. By Julia Jantzi, a student at College of Charleston
- One 2 One: Sharing the Gospel. A straight forward look at how to use God’s Word to reach others. By Hunter Jordan, Youth Minister at Trinity, Myrtle Beach
- Gospel in culture: How do we engage people with Gospel truth in our world? By Dave Wright, Coordinator for Youth Ministries for our diocese
- Redeeming Prayer Time: What if when we prayed we did so out of relationship not obligation? By Sean Richardson, Youth Minister at St. Paul’s, Conway



# The Rev. Martha Horn to Address Daughters of the King at Spring Retreat

The Rev. Martha Horn will be the guest speaker and retreat leader at the annual Daughters of the King Diocesan Spring Retreat to be held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, March 16-18, 2012.

The Rev. Martha Horn is well known and respected for ministry throughout the Diocese. She is currently sharing pastoral duties with her husband, the Rev. Robert Horn, at the Church of the Holy Trinity in Ridgeland.

Martha is a member of the Order of the Daughters of the King and is currently teaching an in-depth Bible

study in Bluffton at the Church of the Cross.

Martha is a 2010 graduate of Trinity School for Ministry in Ambridge, PA. She was ordained to the Deaconate of the Episcopal Church in November, 2010.



Martha brings over 30 years experience in lay ministry. She has traveled internationally to proclaim the Gospel message.

Please make plans to attend the March Retreat. Registration forms will be

included in the January issue of the DOK newsletter, Assembly Lights, and on the diocesan website, [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org).

# A Holy Busybody Looks Under the Bed!

A Story of Hope from LAMB

By Suzy McCall, Founder and Field Director of the LAMB Institute

Baby Sammy's story reminds me of the zillions of times my mom would say (in response to our whining about losing something), "Have you looked under the bed? Go look under the bed!" Of course I find myself echoing my mother's words with my own children, especially Lucy, whose shoes are forever playing hide-and-seek.

Reportedly Baby Sammy was found under the bed. I have wondered how exactly that might have happened. His mother is mentally ill, had the baby at home, and then presumably stored the new baby under the bed and ran off. How was he found? I have wondered.

One idea I have is that a neighbor was watching the pregnancy. There are still a few Good Samaritan busybodies in the world! No doubt she watched the girl grow up, noticed that she was pregnant, wondered what would happen to the baby . . .



Perhaps she even asked the girl, as I did in our neighborhood one day of a different mentally ill woman, "What are your plans for the baby?"

And was told, as I was, "I'm not pregnant!" And this was at eight months! I was alarmed, and this neighbor probably was, too.

Maybe this neighbor noticed that the tiny house where the expectant mother lived was quiet and empty one day. No one was outside cooking beans or washing clothes. The broken door was

closed. The Good Samaritan neighbor decided to take a look.

She walked into the house and noticed a bloody, disheveled bed. The woman had her baby! But where were they? Then she heard a little cry, very weak and muffled. She moved the covers around on the bed but found nothing. Then she thought, "Look under the bed!" And there was baby Sammy, still covered

in his birth mess and now with ants as well. What a sight!

After four months in the hospital and another month with us, Sammy bears no signs of this horrible experience. He is strong and active, and his cries are no longer weak and muffled. He is a happy baby boy, fussy and with a big appetite.

I like to think that the Good Samaritan who saved Sammy is still the holy busybody of her little world, keeping an eye out for the vulnerable and needy. She wasn't afraid to look under the bed, and as a result a precious life was saved.

We never know what we're going to find under the bed, but the next time you are searching there, remember baby Sammy, and ask God to give you the courage to be a Good Samaritan busybody. You might just be the one to rescue someone from sex slavery, domestic abuse or abandonment.

Each life is precious to Jesus, and we are His hands, feet and eyes. And bless you, whoever you are: the person who found Sammy under the bed. May the Lord continue to bless you with His desire to seek and save His lost lambs.

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## Calendar Notes

Annual Children's Christmas Pageant December 18  
Grace Church will present their annual children's Christmas pageant at The Chapel at Bishop Gadsden at 4:00 p.m. Sunday, December 18. Contact: Holly Behre, (843) 723-4575, [hbehre@gracesc.org](mailto:hbehre@gracesc.org)

Handel's Messiah, Christmas and Popular Highlights, December 18  
Prince George Winyah's Episcopal Church in Georgetown will present their free performance of Handel's Messiah on Sunday, December 18 at 6 p.m. There will be a nursery and a reception to follow.

"Mary, Did You Know," Cantata, Crèche Display, December 18  
The choir of St. John's, John's Island, is presenting a cantata "Mary, Did You Know?" at 6 p.m., Sunday, December 18. The cantata will be followed by a soup and sweets reception and a display of a number of crèches owned by Daughters of the King, and members of the congregation. All are invited to this lovely prelude to the Christmas season. Contact: Margie Gill, (843) 559-9560 or [mgill@stjohnsparish.net](mailto:mgill@stjohnsparish.net)

Christmas Lessons and Carols December 18  
Grace Church will present their Christmas Lessons and Carols with St. Gregory Choir and St. Nicholas Choir on December 18 at 7:00. p.m. Note: It will be held at Kahal Kodosh Beth Elohim (KKBE) 90 Hassell Street, Charleston.

Absalom Jones Feast Day Eucharist, February 14  
All are invited to join with the community of Voorhees College when they celebrate the Annual Absalom Jones Feast Day with Holy Eucharist, Rite II on Tuesday, February 14 at 5 p.m. This will be an opportunity to celebrate the African American identity in the Episcopal Church. The Rt. Rev. W. Andrew Waldo, Bishop of the Diocese of Upper South

Carolina will be celebrating. The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina will be preaching.

St. Paul's Summerville Eighth Annual Tea Room and Gift Shop, March 12-23  
St. Paul's in Summerville will have its spring Tea Room and Gift Shop from March 12-23, 2012. The Tea Room will feature two popular dishes, the signature tomato pie and she crab soup, the parish house salad, as well as other delicious salads, sandwiches, and desserts. The Gift Shop will have an abundance of fresh, hand made items created over the year by a new and talented team. Gift items include jewelry, purses and totes, dolls, wooden crafts, and many others. Proceeds will fund local and world ministries. Come enjoy the flowers of Flowertown in the Pines!

Day of Healing Prayer with Nigel Mumford, March 17  
The Rev. Nigel Mumford, Director of the healing ministry at Christ the King Spiritual Life Center in Greenwich, NY will be leading St. Michael's Day of Healing Prayer March 17 from 8:45 a.m. until 2 p.m. Registration will open soon.

Christian Marriage Conference July 20-22  
Take your spouse to the Christian Marriage Conference this year. It will be held July 20-22, 2012 at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on beautiful Seabrook Island.  
"This conference was a great experience for myself and spouse," said one participant. "It made me realize things that we weren't working on and things we need to work on so we will have the marriage we both desire."  
Another said, "This weekend reminded me so much that 'Surely the presence of the Lord is in this Place.'"  
The cost is only \$365 per couple for the weekend which includes the seminar, lodging and scrumptious meals.

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

- Women in Ministry Conference, January 12-15 (see page two)
- Diocesan Clergy Life Planning Conf. January 14 (see page six)
- St. Christopher Camp Reg. Opens, January 17 (see page eight)
- Mere Anglicanism, January 19-21 (see page two)
- St. Helena's Kicks Off Tricentennial, January 22 (see page 15)
- Pastoral Crisis Intervention Course, February 1-3 (see page seven)
- Be Still and Know God Retreat, February 3-5 (see page eight)
- All Saints Floral Art Exhibit, February 7-March 16 (see page nine)
- Cursillo Weekend, February 9-12
- Absalom Jones Celebration, February 14 (see this page)
- Jesus Weekend, February 17-19
- Master's Leadership Symposium, February 23-25 (see page 14)
- Christian Men's Conference, February 24-26 (see page six)
- Jubilate Deo Deadline, March 2
- ECW Women's Retreat, March 2-4 (see page ten)
- 220th Diocesan Convention, March 9-10 (see page one)
- St. Paul's Tea Room, March 12-23 (see this page)
- DOK Spring Retreat, March 16-18 (see this page)
- Healing Prayer with Nigel Mumford, March 17 (see this page)
- EPIC High School Retreat, March 23-24
- Cursillo Weekend, April 19-22
- ECW Annual Meeting, April 28
- Christian Marriage Conference, July 20-22 (see this page)

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