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Church of the Cross to Host 225th Diocesan Convention

The 225th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina will be held March 11-12, 2016 at the Church of the Cross in Bluffton, South Carolina. The Diocese is offering a mini-conference on grandparenting and several workshops prior to the official opening of the convention which begins with a service of Holy Eucharist at 5 p.m. on Friday, March 11. A barbeque and oyster roast will follow at the Oyster Factory on the May River. On Saturday, March 12, Convention registration will begin at 7:30 a.m. on the Buckwalter Campus. The Call to Convention will begin at 9:00 a.m.

Convention Elections

The following individuals had been nominated for Diocesan election when the newspaper went to press. Additional names may have been submitted. Visit www.dioceseofsc.org for a complete list of nominees:

Standing Committee (3 yr. term)

[Clergy - 2]: The Rev. Karl Burns, The Very Rev. Peet Dickinson, The Rev. Hal Fenters, The Rev. Louise Weld; [Laity - 2]: Berta Puckhaber, Betty Schaffer, Foster Smith



Mere Anglicanism January 28-30

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Diocesan Council (3 yr. term)

[Clergy - 2]: The Rev. Gary Beson, The Rev. Donald Hayes, The Rev. Bill Oldland, The Rev. Michael Ridgill; [Laity - 2]: Frank E. Gibson, III, Jacob Graudin, Richard Moore, Corey Prescott, Robin Quick

Diocesan Trustees (6 yr. term)

[Laity - 1]: Denise Horry

Ecclesiastical Court (3 yr. term)

[Clergy - 3]: The Rev. Rob Kunes, The Rev. Andrew O'Dell, The Rev. John Sosnowski; [Laity - 2]: Harry Burchstead, Francis M. Mack

Convention Registration

Visitors to convention are welcome, but seating in the visitor gallery is limited. Alternates attending (in addition to the delegation)

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International Guests Attending Anglican Leadership Institute

Anglican Leaders Gather for Intensive Four-week Semester

This January, a vision of Bishop Lawrence's has come to fruition: the creation of a leadership training initiative that brings future leaders in the Anglican Communion to South Carolina for periods of study, teaching, reflection and nurture. For four weeks, starting January 3 the Anglican Leadership Institute began hosting 14 Anglican leaders for a semester of intensive leadership development. The semester culminates in a three-day immersion on the subject of Islam at the Mere Anglicanism Conference. The participants, each selected by his or her Bishop for this opportunity, are:

- **The Rt. Rev. Sadock Y. Makaya**, Bishop of the Diocese of Western Tanganyika, Kasulu, Tanzania;



JOY HUNTER

Most of the instructional portion of the Institute is being held in Mugdock Castle on Sullivan's Island. Above, The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Samy Shehata, a participant in the Institute, (left) chats with Tom Cameron a lead donor and supporter of the Institute.

- **The Rev. Samuel Andrew Morrison Munro**, Rector, Iglesia Anglicana San Pedro Vina del Mar, Chile;
- **The Rev. Canon Samuel Kahuma**, Diocesan Secretariat, Bunyoro-Kitara Diocese, Hoima, Uganda;

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“Beyond the Walls” Diocese Offering Pre-Convention Workshops, March 11

The Diocese of South Carolina is kicking off its 225th Annual Convention, which will be held at the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, by hosting a series of workshops on Friday, March 11 which are open to the public and which focus on reaching the community outside our church buildings with the theme, “Beyond the Walls.”

Grandparenting Mini-Conference

The first offering of the day, beginning at 9 a.m. is a three-hour mini-conference on Grandparenting offered by Cavin Harper, founder and director of the Colorado Springs based Christian Grandparenting Network.

Does the Bible have anything to say about the roles of grandparents? Many grandparents today enter this role without any definitive understanding of what a grandparent is supposed to do. Few answers are provided by the Church, workshops, books or other resources, but that is changing. God

has been building a movement of intentional, biblical grandparents who are committed to faithfully tell the next generations the truth about God and the Gospel so that they

to impact the next generations for Christ. If you care about the hearts, minds and souls of your grandchildren, you will want to be part of this unique event. Note there is a \$10 fee for this mini-conference.

Mini-Conference and Workshops Topics

Grandparenting Mini-Conference
Inhibitors to Church Growth
Church Outside the Walls
Developing a Healthy Men's Ministry
Remissioning the Church
Building a Healthy Marriage Ministry
Engaging Every Generation
Reaching Emerging Cultures

might know, love and serve Christ. That's what this seminar is about. You will learn what God has to say about this new role many of us are discovering called grandparenting. And you will learn about some very powerful tools grandparents can use

Inhibitors to Church Growth

The Very Rev. Chuck Owens, Rector of The Church of the Cross in Bluffton, has been working with

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The Chance of a Lifetime

David Booman Reflects on His Participation in The Anglican Leadership Institute

By the Rev. David Booman, Asst. Rector, St. Michael's Church, Charleston

In the recent holiday season I was reminded of a scene from my favorite Christmas movie, *It's a Wonderful Life*. George Bailey is paying a special visit to his friend Mary, with something like courtship in mind. However, things do not get off to a good start, and then, as their conversation deteriorates, one of George's friends telephones out of the blue and offers George 'The Chance of a Lifetime.' What is this amazing opportunity? Getting in on the ground floor of a business venture involving plastics. Fortunately, George drops the telephone and what follows is one of the great loves scenes in the history of cinema.

'Chances of a Lifetime' by definition do not happen every day (and often they are grossly exaggerated as in the story above). But this does not mean they never happen. Indeed, this Fall I was presented with an opportunity that has led me to think in these superlative terms. I was invited to be part of the inaugural Anglican Leadership Institute, an invitation extended by the Rev. Dr.

Peter Moore, the Director of this initiative.

Briefly, the Anglican Leadership Institute is an outgrowth of Mere Anglicanism. Bishop Mark Lawrence, in his 2014 Convention Address, called for the creation of a leadership training initiative that would bring future leaders in the Anglican Communion to South Carolina for periods of study, teaching, reflection and nurture.

According to the A.L.I. website:

Leadership is linked to character even before it is linked to competence. So, our four-week intensive training will focus on who leaders are supposed to be as much as what they are supposed to do.

Each day, we will emerge from worship to hear and interact with thoughtful teaching from experienced faculty. Out of their training and giftedness, they will apply the message of Jesus Christ to church history, theology, preaching and modern culture.

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Christian Men's Conference

February 26-28, 2016

Men: Join us at St. Christopher in February for a refreshing time of encouragement and equipping as we learn about leading and following as men of God. This year's conference will include teachings by Shay Gaillard, Rector at Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston; a testimony and workshop on radical mentoring from Regi Campbell, author of *Mentor Like Jesus* (radicalmentoring.com); worship and a workshop from Todd Fields, worship leader for North Point Community Church (toddfields.com).

Enjoy spending time with men from all over in a beachfront environment. This has become a favorite conference for fathers and sons throughout the years.

All men 13 and older are welcome to join in this time of spiritual growth and fellowship.



Conference Leaders

Shay Gaillard

The Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Charleston, was born and raised in Charleston and grew up a member of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and spent 10 years in youth ministry, serving seven as Camp Director at Camp St. Christopher. When the call to ordained ministry came, Shay and his family traveled to Pittsburgh and studied

at Trinity School for Ministry. After graduation he served as the curate at St. Paul's in Conway before becoming the rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in 2007. Shay is married to Tara, and they have four daughters.

Regi Campbell

Regi Campbell is an entrepreneur by trade, having been involved in founding 15 companies. He has served as a CEO four times, in companies from startup to \$100 million in sales. He was also involved in the launch of North Point Community Church serving on the long range planning team and as an elder.

Regi is the author of *About My Father's Business* (2003), *Mentor Like Jesus* (2009), and *What Radical Husbands Do* (2014). Since 2011, he has been an active blogger with over 425 posts, which can be found at radicalmentoring.com/blog.

Regi is passionate about mentoring younger men to be better husbands, fathers, leaders and Christ-followers. He led his first mentoring group in 2001 and founded Radical Mentoring in 2007 to equip and encourage churches and other mentors to do the same. Having championed the idea of small group mentoring since then, Radical Mentoring has

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Men's Holy Land Pilgrimages

Deepen Faith, Conviction, Discipline

Next Pilgrimage April 17-30

By Jay Crouse, USA Course Leader and Organizer

Don't be a pew-sitting, bless-me sponge! Get off your rear end and get engaged!"

This is how my friend, Tommy Klein, described American Christian men. Tommy may have said it a little more colorfully than I would, but he had a point. During my two-week pilgrimage in 2009, I became profoundly inspired and awakened by the spiritual conviction, passion and discipline of orthodox Jewish and Muslim men. As a 25-year leader in men's ministry, I had a startling realization: compared with these men of faith, many men actually are "pew-sitting, bless-me sponges!"

How do we learn most profoundly? For me, it is in visiting a place where the historical events actually took place: the 9/11 Memorial, Gettysburg, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem. The immediacy of the place and facts become embedded in my being from these physical experiences. So is the case with Israel and the history of the Christian faith as I learned from my pilgrimage in 2009.



JAY CROUSE

Our team of men, through experience and reflection, were overwhelmed by the historical settings and sacredness of the land itself as we experienced Jesus' daily life in refreshing ways. Above, Eason Chapman and Richard Moore (center), pray at the sacred Jewish site in Old Jerusalem, The Western Wall.

Through my own pilgrimage journey, led by a passionate course leader, Fr. Andrew Mayes, from St George's College in Jerusalem, I became connected to the land itself in a profound way. From the mysterious, soul captivity of the desert, to the refreshment of the Sea of Galilee region, to the powerful spiritual renewal of dwelling in sacred sights, the land of Israel did

and has continued to call me back to dwell in the presence of God.

As I pondered this observation in the light of my ministry desire for men to live transformed lives through Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit "popped" me with a Big, Holy Audacious Goal (BHAG): lead men here on their pilgrimage and allow them the opportunity to experience the history and knowledge of Jesus Christ, a conviction, passion and discipline about our faith. Thus, Behold the Man.

However, implementing such a BHAG, would take structure, strategy and resources. To that end, I enlisted the invaluable help of two key advisor groups: The Rev. Andrew Mayes and the staff of St. George's College, and the Rev. Fred Robinson, Rector of Church of the Redeemer in Sarasota, FL, and the men of Redeemer. By the fall of 2010, Behold the Man pilgrimage program to the Holy Land was in place. Our first pilgrimage was set for the spring of 2011.

This venture would not be a traditional, commercial pilgrimage undertaking. First, our leadership team committed to organizing 10 years of annual men's pilgrimages to the Holy Land. Second, participant fees would be set to cover only the actual costs and not fund any expenses of



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Personal Reflection: Pilgrimage and Radical Mentoring Lead Men to Fall in Love with Jesus

By Richard Moore, St. Philip's, Charleston

Love the Lord with all your heart." In Matthew 22 Jesus called this the first and greatest commandment, but it takes many of us a long time to figure out how you actually love the Lord with all of your heart, soul, and mind.



For some, that love increases rapidly through a near death or other traumatic event. For most, it takes actively doing something to fall deeper in love with Jesus--activities such as studying the word of God, daily devotion, Christian fellowship, worship services,

etc. The bottom line is you are not likely to love the Lord with all of your heart, soul, and mind without actively and intentionally doing something about it.

In 2010, I was sitting in the back of the Parish Hall at the St. Philip's Men's luncheon and a man from Florida, Jay Crouse, was speaking about a men's pilgrimage to Israel he leads. I had always thought that going to the Holy Land would be interesting, but not on the top of my list of places to travel. My line of thinking was that today Jesus is just as much here as anywhere else in the world. As Jay was speaking, it hit me almost as if I could hear God say, "If you love me as much as you think you do, why would you not want to go see the most special place to me in all the world, the place I chose to live and die as one of you?"

At that moment I realized that going to the Holy Land is a great privilege, and sacrificing the time and money is an act of worship, a pilgrimage.

After Jay's talk, I made it through the crowd and told him I was going with him on his next trip, and I did.

Experiencing the Holy Land was far better than I imagined. Worshiping and studying the word of God in the very places the scriptures were written about, spending quiet time in the desert as Jesus did, reaffirming my baptism in the Jordan River, walking the paths in Capernaum where Jesus spent most of his adult life, sailing on and swimming in the Sea of Galilee are just some of the highlights on which I can absolutely not put a price tag.

Jay told me that almost every Pilgrim he has led to the Holy Land gets "popped" at some location. I did not fully understand what he was talking about, but he said I would know it when it happened. He was right. I can still remember the feeling in my stomach, really in my soul, when I saw the very room in Capernaum, where Jesus stood when the paralyzed man was lowered through the roof (Mark 2:4). Having just sat and prayed in the adjacent

synagogue where Jesus very likely preached, I got "popped" as if I had a brief taste of what it was like to have been a part of those very events. To this day, I feel a real connection to Capernaum. I had the privilege of returning to the Holy Land again in 2014 as a co-leader with Jay and could not wait to get back to Capernaum.

My Holy Land Pilgrimage, coupled with life experiences and others who have ministered to me, has convicted me to take my eyes off of myself and put them on Jesus and to help others to do the same.

This is the solution to all the issues we face from battling with health issues, conquering addictions, overcoming financial loss, dealing with the death of a loved one, to just dealing with the evil in this world. So how do you help others do this? One way is the

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Year-Round Outreach:
Trinity Impacts
Community

By Sue Farley, Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach

A year ago, Pastor Iain Boyd formed an Outreach Committee at Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach, to energize and focus Trinity outward so we could steward God’s resources to make a difference in our community. We meet monthly to determine short-range goals and form plans to assist the community. A secondary goal is to create a longer-range plan to make a more significant and positive impact on community needs.

After much research and interviews with many community organizations, we decided to challenge the congregation to make a difference in our community.

Our first challenge at the end of the summer was to collect 500 cans of Vienna Sausages for Help 4 Kids Back Pack Buddies. Help 4 Kids is an all-volunteer non-profit that has helped area children for more than 25 years. Last school year over 3,400 children received bags of food for each weekend. Contributing food or helping collect it is a great way to help feed thousands of Horry County children. Two-thirds of Horry County schools’ youngsters are from families living below the poverty line. The Trinity congregation exceeded the challenge by providing over 1,450 cans for the Help 4 Kids pantry. We have found that giving freely honors the Lord, helps others, and blesses all of us.

Our second challenge was to collect socks and tee shirts for the local Veteran’s Stand Down. By September 17th our congregation generously provided 414 pairs of socks and 396 tee shirts for our homeless veterans. The veteran’s group was thrilled that Trinity helped make the Stand Down one of the best.

The month of October was Trinity’s opportunity to collect food and supplies for Helping Hand of Myrtle Beach. The Trinity grocery cart was filled weekly with canned goods, other non-perishable foods, hygiene products and especially diapers. Helping Hand relies on area churches to fill their food pantries. One of the important aspects of Helping Hand is the distribution of emergency food and supplies to local families.

In December we ended the year providing Christmas gifts for 80 foster children in the area by setting up an “Angel Tree” with tags containing each child’s name, age and gift wishes. Many children had a much happier Christmas due to peoples’ generosity. We are pleased that so many members are willing to help the many less-fortunate of Myrtle Beach several times a year. Proverbs 29:7 (NKJV) reminds us that “The righteous considers the cause of the poor.”

We will continue to discern exactly to what and in what ways God is calling us as a church to be engaged in outreach. Our role for the future is to help the wonderful people at Trinity Church find ways to serve and to model Trinity’s mission: “Trinity Church exists to share the gospel and make Christ-centered disciples.”

Tattooed? St. Timothy’s Hears You
Church Plant’s Tattoo Art Exhibit Takes Church Outside Walls

By the Rev. Gary Beson, Vicar of St. Timothy’s Church, Cane Bay, Summerville

If people aren’t habitually attending church any more, as the surveys and polls tell us, then the church has to go to them.

This was one of the big take-aways from my time in western Pennsylvania at Trinity Seminary. Over three years we watched a number of vibrant, beautiful church buildings get shuttered or decommissioned and it became apparent that church attendance— even for committed believers—is becoming a low priority in their lives.

The relevancy of the church and the Gospel of Jesus cannot be confined to the walls of a church building.

My time in Pittsburgh, attending South Side Anglican, a church plant led by Sean and Kate Norris (Kate is the daughter of our own Dr. Peter and Sandra Moore), convinced me the church can and should go outside its walls to engage the culture. I learned one of the easiest ways to do that is through art. Years earlier, I had read *The Culturally Savvy Christian: A*

considered fringe or counter culture, are mainstream.

Virtually everyone we came in contact with as we walked the streets, ate lunch and socialized were either tattooed or were on the way to being tattooed. It was not only accepted in this culture, it was becoming a rite of passage— like your first car or cell phone.

As we took time to listen to the stories of folks who had decided to get a picture permanently etched on their bodies we noticed two things.

First, non-Christians were surprised churchgoers were interested in their tattoos. Questions ranged from “I thought church people were against tattoos?” to “isn’t there something in the Bible that forbids tattoos?” Those questions served as a starting point for most conversations. What we discovered was most people who have tattoos had never been asked by a professed Christian or churchgoer about their body art. That seemed to surprise everyone on both sides of the conversation.

Second the power of their stories changed the hearts of all who listened, interviewed and photographed our tattooed art subjects. The tattoo itself was secondary to the story behind it and this fact was the most interesting surprise for all of us at South Side Anglican.



“My tattoo is a tribute to my brother Zachary,” said Robert, age 32. “He was the youngest of my four brothers. All of us went into active duty military. My brother’s entire goal in life was to become a crew chief on a Blackhawk helicopter. He died in the Kandahar Province of Afghanistan in a Blackhawk helicopter crash doing what he loved. This tattoo is the traditional fallen soldier image, but was modified to include his flight helmet, his flight wings, his dog tag, which includes his name and rank, and the words ‘Go with God.’”

As we wrote in our invitation “we all want to be heard,” and we as Christians believe God hears us. He knows us and cares so deeply for each of us that he has inscribed our names on the palm of His Holy Hands. Isaiah 49:16. This verse not only provided the beginning of most conversations with people, but also alleviated anxiety on both sides.

With those two understandings and the Bishop’s reminder that “the ground in South Carolina is easier to plow than the ground in Pittsburgh,” I came back to Summerville in 2014, excited about starting a new church in the Cane Bay area.

As I reflected on my time in Pittsburgh, I couldn’t dismiss the thought that a tattoo art exhibit would be an attractive and unusual way to engage the culture here. Especially since only recently had these types of businesses been licensed to operate in South Carolina. My leadership team gave me permission and a group of us began meeting in bars and restaurants in and around Summerville to photograph and speak with people about their body art.

It was incredible to see people who had grown up in church, begin to engage non church goers in a relaxed way about their faith. Each member of our church was

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seen over 1600 men sign up to be mentors and has worked with numerous churches, big and small to launch mentoring programs of their own. Regi lives in Roswell, GA with his wife of 44 years, Miriam. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Todd Fields

Todd Fields, Director of Worship Leader Development at North Point Community Church in Alpharetta, Georgia, has led worship for more than 20 years, and has personally coached numerous senior pastors and worship leaders on how to create engaging worship services, how to build unified teams, and how to become better leaders on stage and off. Todd travels internationally

coaching Worship Leaders and their Senior Pastors on how to be better leaders. Leading worship for such communicators as Charles Stanley and Andy Stanley, Billy Graham, Louie Giglio and more, Todd has developed a unique way of guiding worship leaders that stems from his vast experience in different church and worship cultures around the world.

Most recently, Todd has partnered with The Rocket Company to create Worship Rocket, an online, 12-module training resource for worship leaders. He also developed his own unique worship leader coaching network called Worship Circle.

He and his wife, Carrie, have four sons, Chandler, Carter, Connor, and Collin.

Men’s Holy Land Pilgrimages

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the leadership. And last, God made it clear that our participant goal would be twelve men.

As our first team traveled in the Holy Land and visited every important site from Bethlehem to the Road to Emmaus, spiritual transformation and renewal began to take place. Every participant was getting “popped.” Our team of men, through experience and reflection, were overwhelmed by the historical settings and sacredness of the land itself as we experienced Jesus’ daily life in refreshing ways.

Each year brought thorough evaluation and with these new insights, we began to expand our territory. In all of the following years, a priest has been treated to the pilgrimage experience. Two men from the Diocese of South Carolina,

Richard Moore and Joe Nicholson, stepped forward to launch a pilgrimage partnership with the Diocese of South Carolina. Our vision was contagious!

We are now celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Behold the Man pilgrimage. Sixty-five men and eight women have attended as participants, with sixteen priests attending as pilgrims or serving as chaplains. Several men have chosen to go twice!

As 2011 pilgrim Pete Mogavero described: “My faith was strengthened by all I learned, the people I was exposed to, the experience of studying and praying with Christian brothers and the overwhelming sense of pride and friendship I had while interacting with both Israelis and Palestinians. Neither words nor

pictures can capture the true beauty of Jerusalem. Each holy site brought a special appreciation and a new depth to my Christian understanding.”

Behold the Man continues as a vital program of a comprehensive men’s Christian formation process in the life of the local church. The 2016 Behold the Man pilgrimage trip will be April 17-April 30. Please consider this deeply enriching pilgrimage opportunity for the men of your church.

For more information please contact Jay Crouse, USA Course Organizer, at jaycrouse@aol.com or 941-320-0271.

Carolina Compass Launched

New Newspaper “Gospel-centered”

By Charleston Mercury Staff

For the past 16 years, St. Michaelite Charles Waring has published a local newspaper well known to many in the Diocese: the *Charleston Mercury*. Since day one, the “salmon sheets” have provided read-

ers with a delightful mix of news, politics, commentary and stories exploring everything from hunting to travelogues to recipes to interviews with the Hapsburg family.

But the *Charleston Mercury* has also included in every issue articles exploring Gospel-centered Christianity.

While on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2013, Charles felt a clear call from the Lord: to add an entirely new section to the *Charleston Mercury* specifically focused on the Christian faith — not just the Good News of the gospel, but the good news of South Carolina churches working together as the Body of Christ. When the discernment process concluded, Charles settled on a mix of news, history, teachings and general interest stories of church service, individuals in the Vineyard, and details about fruit-bearing Christian programs.

A very unique aspect of the *Carolina Compass* is its cross-denominational mission. In the inaugural December edition, contributing writers represented a wide range of denominations: Anglican, Presbyterian, Baptist, Roman Catholic and Reformed Episcopal.

“Our mission for the *Carolina Compass* is to focus on one thing,” said Charles. “Christ, and Him crucified. We want to present the Christian community as a unified front because we are — our denominations might have nuanced differences, but we all agree on the core Gospel. It’s our hope that the *Carolina Compass* will serve as a round-about



BETH SNYDER

Prioleau Alexander delivers the first edition of the *Carolina Compass* to Jim Lewis at Diocesan House.

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Sudanese Student with Diocesan Ties Returns Home for Internship

By Lynn Howard Lawrence, Chair, HART-US (Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust), The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston

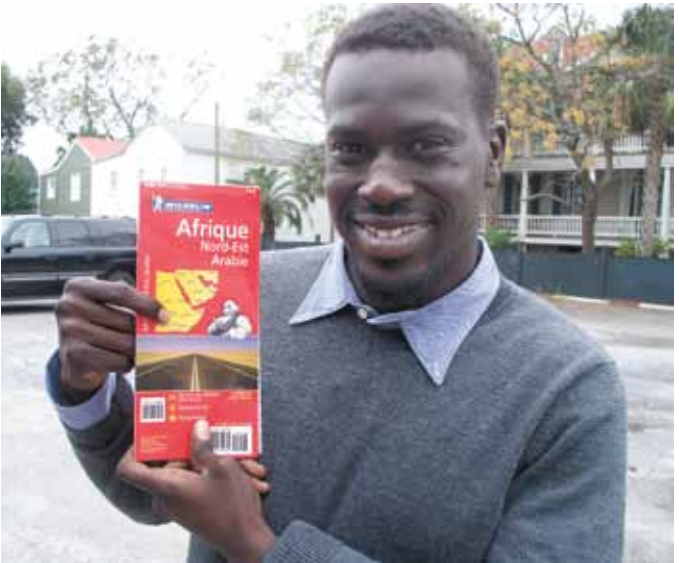
Editor’s Note: KC is currently in South Sudan. This article was written prior to his trip. For an update email Lynn Lawrence at lynnandboblawrence@gmail.com.

Bishop Abraham Yel Nhial and I became friends several years ago when he visited the Diocese of South Carolina and stayed at Saint Christopher Camp and Conference Center where my husband, the Rev. Bob Lawrence, who is the Director, and I live. During his visit in April, 2014, he suggested we get to know a young Charleston Southern University student, Kuaniyal (KC) Chol. Specifically, Bishop Abraham thought KC, a youth ministry major, would make an excellent candidate for our summer staff.

The first time I met KC was during the annual welcome dinner for the summer staff we host at the rectory. KC, who was excited to be working at St. Christopher, said he was in school on a track scholarship and that someday he hoped to return to South Sudan to see his mother whom he had not seen since he was six years old! This last bit of information stunned me, and I asked more about his life.

KC left his home in South Sudan (then Sudan) as a six-year-old when he was chosen

by his uncle and aunt who wanted to take one child with them as they escaped the war and suffering in Sudan. When he was eight years old and living in Atlanta, KC met Abraham Yel Nhial who was the pastor of his church. Abraham went on to Trinity Seminary and was called to be the Bishop of the Diocese



of Aweil, but as many of you know, he has remained devoted to the other lost boys and families from Sudan who made their homes in the U.S.

Not long after KC told me his story, I was attending a HART-US (Humanitarian Aid Relief Trust) board meeting where we were discussing a request from Bishop Abraham who

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Persecuted Believer Attending Anglican Leadership Institute

By The Very Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore, Director, Anglican Leadership Institute

One of the 15 participants in the January 2016 Institute, planned by Anglican Leadership Institute, is Michael, a Sudanese man who was held by the Saudi authorities and persecuted while the community of Christians prayed for his release.

Michael and his wife, both from the Sudan, had secretly served the underground church in Saudi Arabia where, because he spoke Arabic, he was employed as a security guard. The believers would meet in an apartment with full padding on all the walls to keep the sound of their singing from leaving the room. Christian worship is forbidden in the Saudi Kingdom. But an informant, posing as a fellow believer, turned him in, and as a result Michael spent months imprisoned in solitary confinement — threatened with death while being stuffed into a box.

As he tells the story, God seemingly miraculously arranged for a thin stream of cool air, coming out of nowhere, to leak into the tight box so that Michael did not suffocate in the extreme Arabian heat.

At one point, his Muslim guard told Michael that his God told him he ought to kill him. Michael replied, “Yes, but my God tells me to love you.”

Among the many believers who were praying for Michael was his wife, Rose. Finally, the U. S. Embassy in Riyadh intervened, but to get Michael out of prison and out of Saudi Arabia and into the United States necessitated some American institution to officially welcome him



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and Rose. It had to pledge the money to cover the cost of their study and living arrangements here.

In the end, the State Department contacted me as Dean of Trinity School for Ministry. Would we take them? We managed to raise the money, and in due course Michael and Rose arrived at Trinity School

for Ministry in Ambridge, PA, with only a suitcase and the clothes on their backs.

Several years later, having earned his Masters degree and been ordained an Anglican priest, Michael began ministering to the “Lost Boys” scattered all over the United States. These young men had been chosen from thousands of Sudanese refugees to start new lives in America, and many were facing culture shock by being dropped into totally unfamiliar settings — like Fargo, ND. However, they were used to challenges. Before being flown to the United States, these young men, many of whom did not even know the month or year of their birth, had trekked across deserts, waded through crocodile-infested rivers, and made their way hundreds of miles by foot from war-torn Sudan to refugee camps in Ethiopia.

Michael still connects with his roots back in S. Sudan. He recently returned from teaching a large group of Sudanese pastors in his native land. He and his wife live in Dallas where he serves as a pastor and from which he can minister to hundreds of displaced Sudanese all across the United States.

We look forward to welcoming Michael as one of our fifteen participants in the month-long “boot camp” in January that is organized by Anglican Leadership Institute.

New Wineskins

April Mission Conference Not to Be Missed

By the Rev. Bob Lawrence, Chair, Anglican Communion Development Committee

If you are at all interested in raising a vision for world mission in your church, in networking with others involved in world mission, in learning more about mission to unreached people groups and in prayer and care for Anglican missionaries, then a great opportunity awaits you.

Scheduled for April 7-10, 2016 at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, the New Wineskins for Global Mission Conference will offer all of this and more to an expected 1,000 participants from throughout the world.

The Diocese of South Carolina traditionally has a large contingent of participants. During the last con-



During the last conference of 2013, there were close to 75 registered participants from the diocese, including the entire vestry from at least one parish.

If you believe in the vision of the Diocese of South Carolina, or making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age, and you want to find ways to do so globally with and among other Anglicans, then you do not want to miss being a participant in the single largest gathering of mission minded Anglicans worldwide.

ference of 2013, there were close to 75 registered participants from the diocese, including the entire vestry from at least one parish. The members of the diocesan Anglican Communion Development Committee are also regular participants along with Bishop Mark Lawrence, Bishop

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Wounded Healers

Husband and Wife Anglican Priests Battle Cancer Together

By Sybil Fix. Note: This article was written prior to the death of the Rev. Martha Horn. It first appeared in the October 31, 2015 issue of the Post and Courier and is reprinted with permission.

Martha McGougan was a preppy 20-year-old student on a visit back home from Winthrop University when she first saw Robert Horn walk into St. James Episcopal Church on James Island.

"He was wearing hog washers and had a ponytail to his waist and he had something in his back pocket, which I found out later was a half-pint of Jack Daniels," recalls Martha. "I said to my mother, can you believe they let trash like that into church?"

Her mother proceeded to inform her that Robert, 21, then a College of Charleston student, was son of the church's canon and deserving of some respect. But, it made no difference to her, a self-described reveler whose life revolved chaotically around disconnected and, she says, "fleshy" relationships.

"I was a churchgoer then, but I was not a Christian. I wouldn't have known Jesus Christ if he had walked up to me on the street," she says.

Robert had equal disdain for her, he says, though he was slightly further ahead in his knowledge of Jesus; so much so that when some strangers from a Christian community in Moncks Corner approached him the following year on a street corner near the college and demanded a personal profession of faith in Jesus, it was almost as if Jesus himself had asked.

"I knelt and prayed with them right there on Coming Street and accepted the Lord," Robert said.

Soon after, Martha had her own meeting with faith through the St. James youth director, who, one night at a family dinner, muscled her into a soul-churning conversation that forced her to peer hard into her life and realize how awry it was.

"I knew instantly that Jesus had come into my life," she says.

Shortly after those improbable independent conversions, Martha, cigarette in hand and wearing hot

pink short shorts, walked into a youth Bible study at St. James and found Robert, also on his path to salvation. They fell in love — over the Bible, she says — and together they embraced the reprieve they had been seeking unbeknownst even to themselves. They married and embarked on a journey that over four decades has made them into a spiritually compelling couple. As of this month, they are both ordained priests in the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of South Carolina, and both are answering to the title of the Rev. Horn.

From the very start, the Horns were elevated individually and bonded to each other through a belief in God and the study of the Gospel.

"I saw Jesus through Robert," says Martha of their youth church group days. "We were cemented through the Lord, and for both of us, he was a God of second chances. Everything was made new."

In their case, though, the meeting with faith transcended into living redemption as some of life's



JORDAN STURM

Amid chemo treatments and hospitalizations Martha was ordained to priesthood on October 10, 2015.

toughest challenges, including loss of a child and, most recently, a shared diagnosis of cancer, came their way, testing, yet strengthening, the very core of their call to service.

"They are very faithful folks," said St. James's current rector, the Rev.

Arthur Jenkins, who has known the Horns some 20 years.

"Talk about people who have gone through trials: they have gone through trials ... and they have had to seek redemption. That is the point of the cross. That's God dying and bringing something good from it. That is redemption. It is the hallmark of Robert and Martha's life."

A life of calling

After studying in the church youth group, Robert and Martha went to their respective graduations and were married. By then Robert had felt his call to the ministry, and when he entered Virginia Theological Seminary, Martha followed. She was an X-ray technician, and soon a young mother, but she ate the Gospel like sugar, she says, and she took many of the same seminars as her husband.

At one point, Robert said, "I began telling her that I saw a pastoral presence in her and that maybe God was calling her." She shrugged it off, but the seed stayed.

Robert's first parish placement in the early 1980s was St. Matthias

Episcopal Church in Summerton. The couple's impact on the parish was immediate, said Deb Embry, a parishioner there.

"It is hard to talk about how many lives they have touched and changed," she said. "They made such a big difference for all of us and gave us such an example of how to live the Gospel."

Embry, a palliative care and hospice nurse, was a single mother then, trying to figure out her life. She said Martha ministered to her and taught her the Gospel one on one, guiding her to the Scriptures for appropriate wisdom at every turn in her life's circumstances.

"I was 30 then, and to see someone who lived what they believed so intensely was different," Embry said. "What struck me was the intensity and passion with which she lived it, and she has never wavered in that. It was a tremendous growing experience for me."

In Summerton, the Horns left behind a Bible study group and a prayer group that lasted decades after they had moved on to a different church in another town. They cemented through these practices



JOY HUNTER

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Shifting Landscapes

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

Barefoot, the woman braced herself for an oncoming wave. The wave tumbled ashore and departed as quickly as it arrived. It did not leave, however, without snatching a handful of sand and shifting the landscape beneath her feet.

For many of us, the term landscape brings to mind idyllic scenes painted by the world's greatest artists or magnificent gardens tended by human hands. For others, the term suggests wide expanses of God's handiwork—sun-kissed mountains, lush meadows and barren deserts. But what significance does the term landscape have for the newly ordained Martha Horn?

Seventy women gathered at the Hampton Inn and Suites Oceanfront, Myrtle Beach, the second weekend in November to hear Martha speak about landscapes. The retreat, hosted by the Diocesan Women's Ministries, was entitled Shifting Landscapes: From Mine to His. It was the second retreat held this fall.

For the majority of her adult life, Martha's landscape was solid, comfortable, and well-defined. She was the wife of a priest, a loving mother, a doting grandmother, and a passionate Bible teacher. Even her call to the priesthood didn't disrupt her landscape -- at least, not initially.

The catalyst for change came during Martha's second year of seminary. One morning, while on her knees in prayer, she envisioned herself traveling along a road through familiar territory. Ahead, the road curved sharply. As she rounded the curve, she encountered the LORD's words resonating through a new and unfamiliar landscape. You are called to the priesthood, and you are also married to clergy. She sensed God shifting her landscape, to one created by Him.

As iron sharpens iron (Proverbs 27:17), so Martha challenged the women attending the retreat to shift landscapes. She articulated this shift with the following analogy: Sunday school children, when asked to arrange felt

figures on a flannel board, place themselves center stage. But Jesus—who is added as an afterthought—dangles haphazardly from a corner. The shift occurs when someone acknowledges Jesus as the only Way and places the cross of crucifixion at the center of his or her landscape.

"We're the embodiment of the Spirit of Christ living in us, working in us, and transforming us into the likeness of Jesus. These are our Incarnational Identities," Martha explained.

April Brien (Trinity, Pinopolis) was contemplative. "I never thought about having an Incarnational Identity. The concept is familiar yet new."

Martha admitted to "vacillating between the frontage road and the main road" in her battle between self-will and God's will. She contrasted her self-made landscape, straight lines running from A to Z, with the squiggles and curlicues found in God's Landscape. She spoke about accepting life's challenges not as

stumbling blocks but as stepping stones. The honesty of Martha's testimony afforded her audience encouragement and grace.

"The foundation of God's Landscape is His sovereignty," Martha testified. The strength of her conviction was underscored by a red cap, the sign of her present battle with cancer, covering her head. "Christ learned obedience through suffering. Once we learn this lesson, we are on the road to living out our Incarnational Identities and ushering others into the Kingdom of God."

Before celebrating the Holy Eucharist, Martha lifted her arms and shouted a battle cry, not once, but three times. "Tetelestai. Tetelestai. Tetelestai," she proclaimed. "It is finished; the victory is won."

To the Reverend Martha Horn, shifting landscapes is essential—for, while it is not without suffering, God's Landscape is the only way to perfect freedom.

Horn Encourages Women to Accept Life's Challenges as Part of God's Sovereignty During Fall Women's Retreats



JANET ECHOLS

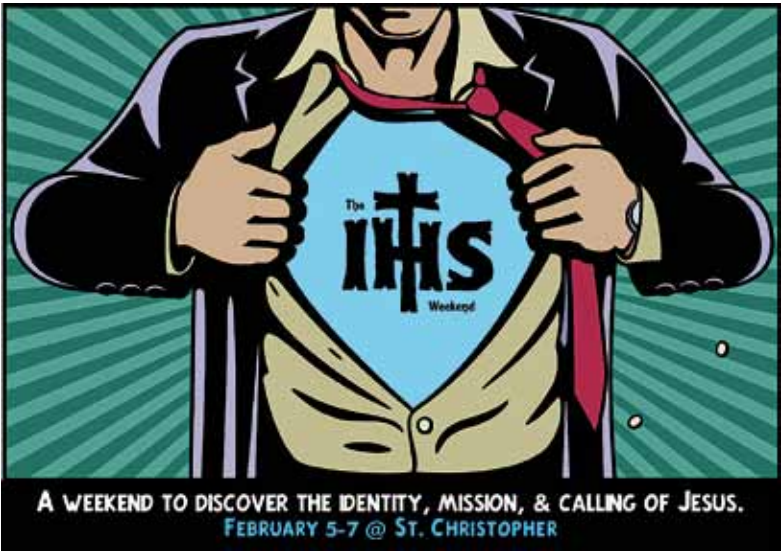
Crossing Denominational and Racial Lines for Prayer

By Bobby Temple, Saint Matthews, Fort Motte

Even before the awful tragedy of the Charleston Nine at Mother Emanuel AME Church occurred, some people in Fort Motte began to think about the beauty and benefit to be achieved by meeting together as Christians—regardless of the church they usually attend and regardless of their race or whether they knew each other or not—to pray together and thank God for their mutual benefits. We have now done so for three consecutive months meeting on the first Wednesday of every month at different churches of those in our group. We began at the New

Bethany Church, met next at the Mizpah Baptist Church, and most recently met at Saint Matthews Parish Church. The commonality we found is our faith in Christ Jesus and our wish to do His will by expressing our love for each other and praying for each other's welfare. We did not know how to begin at first, but simply started by introducing ourselves and singing some familiar praise hymns most of us knew (albeit some better than others). Then a beautiful thing happened. First one and then another who felt moved—probably by God above—offered spontaneous

prayer about what was on their heart at the moment. At each gathering, we close after an hour or so but only after we have set the time and place to meet again—because to a person, we each know we must continue. It is so clear when a good thing is revealed! So, if you're in the Fort Motte area on the first Wednesday of the month, join us. Come experience the goodness and love that comes from praying for and with each other in a community. For more information, call Lissa Peterkin at (803) 874-1515, or Janet Echols at (803) 412-8818.



The Jesus Weekend introduces students to the identity, mission, and calling of Christ. The teaching, which comes from Christianity Explored youth edition, is most suitable for 8th and 9th grade students. Our speaker this year is the Rev. Andrew O'Dell from St. Helena's,

Beaufort, and David Childs will lead worship music. This is our most focused event and one that has had more impact on students lives than any other weekend we do! For more information visit www.scyouth.org/events/jesus-weekend or contact Dave Wright at Diocesan House.

Grace Parish Bids Farewell to Vicar Linda Manuel

By Laura Bowman, Sr. Warden, Grace Parish, North Myrtle Beach

The Rev. Linda H. Manuel, founding Vicar of Grace Parish, North Myrtle Beach, has left her position at the church because she and her husband, J. Robert Manuel III, have

moved out of the Grand Strand area. Her final service at Grace Parish was held on Sunday, September 6, 2015. Grace Parish is part of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina under the leadership of Bishop Mark Lawrence, and Vicar Linda is the only priest Grace Parish has ever had. The original founding members of Grace Parish first organized in late 2011 after the Diocese of South Carolina voted to split from the national Episcopal Church. In early 2012, the group met with Bishop Lawrence and



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Men Fall in Love with Jesus

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way Jesus modeled it, discipling. Many today call it mentoring. About a year ago I met Regi Campbell. Regi was a successful AT&T exec in Atlanta. He founded a ministry called Radical Mentoring. It has been around for almost 10 years and is exploding around the country right now. Radical Mentoring is an eight month mentoring program where eight mentees meet monthly with a mentor. Each month participants focus on different topics such as: character, prayer, finances, sexuality, marriage, fatherhood, etc. All of the materials that the mentor needs for each session is provided on their website. Discipling is going to be a key focus at the Christian Men's Conference in February, at St. Christopher. The Rev. Shay Gailliard and Regi Campbell, founder of Radical Mentoring, will be the speakers. Rev. Rob Kunes will be leading the worship portion of the conference along with Todd Fields, the worship leader of Andy Stanley's church in Atlanta, leading the worship music. Jay will be leading another Pilgrimage in April 2016 and 12 men from the Diocese will be joining him. Do you feel called to be one of those 12 men? Information on the 2016 Behold the Man Pilgrimage as well as the 2016 Christian Men's Conference can be found at <http://www.diosc.com/sys/ministries/mens-ministry> or by calling the Diocese of South Carolina office at (843) 722-4075. While these are not the only ways you can fall deeper in love with the Lord, they are available to you if you are willing. So, I'm going to end with this one question: What are you going to do to fall deeper in love with Jesus?

Mondo and Regenerate Events Impact Students

Youth Reflect on "Extremely Powerful," "Raw" Experience

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministry

Excitement stirs in the autumn air when approximately 200 teens and their leaders descend on St. Christopher for a weekend of biblical teaching, worship, and activities. With so many youth groups joining together for spiritual growth, the 40-hour experience transcends the weekly norm and becomes an unforgettable gathering. Worship music led by "The Birdsongs" drew the masses into the presence of God, while strong Bible teaching focused their minds and hearts on the truth of the gospel. Our fall youth events focused on the storyline of scripture. Students were able to see the theme of Creation, Fall, Redemption, and Restoration and how this is the good news that changes our lives. Our speakers at Mondo were Charlotte Smith of St. John's, Florence, and Rob Schluter of St. John's

Parish, Johns Island. The Rev. Rob Sturdy was our speaker at Regenerate. Seminars were taught on "How to Study The Bible", "Social Media & Identity", "How To Share Jesus With Friends", and several other topics. Below are several comments from students highlighting their experience on these weekends.

"Rob's teaching really showed me how much God loves us. I learned that Jesus is our friend, something I never saw him as before. Regenerate is such a great way to bond as a youth group and to begin to understand the infinite love of God. Every youth group should attend Regenerate because they will grow closer together and grow more in their knowledge of God." – Mattie

"Praying and hanging out with people showed me what it's like living a godly life as a community. It encouraged me to pray more and it showed me God's love. The worship

music spoke to our hearts while the teaching spoke to our heads. – Grace

Throughout the weekend I had the amazing opportunity to hear from God about how much he loves me and that I can him fully. The teachings this weekend focused on creation, the fall, redemption, and finally our response. Throughout these teachings, it became more obvious to me the love God has for us all. The Birdsongs led extremely powerful worship." – Ann Claire

"The seminar on identity helped us understand how to participate in social media without becoming defined by it." – Chrissy

"My favorite part about Regenerate was acoustic worship in the Chapel led by The Birdsongs. Being in an environment like that, the worship was so real and so raw. It was really cool." – Betsy

To view videos of pictures taken on these weekends, go to www.scyouth.org.



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Pre-Convention Workshops

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parishes and dioceses in Canada and Ireland for six years to identify and overcome the obstacles limiting their effectiveness. He will offer to do the same for us in a session entitled “Inhibitors to Church Growth.” “Most of the obstacles to growth can be found in the pews and pulpits of our churches,” says Owens. What might they be and how might we address them? Honest answers will be given in this offering by the Rector of one of the largest and fastest-growing parishes in the Diocese.

Church Outside the Walls

The Rev. David Dubay, Rector of Holy Trinity, Windemere, and head of the Church on the Move (a ministry to the Latino community) and the Rev. Gary Beson, Vicar of one of the Diocese’s newest congregations, St. Timothy’s, Cane Bay, which recently held the Tattoo Art Exhibit, will co-lead a workshop on taking the church “outside the walls.” They will share lessons learned from their own experiences in evangelism and reaching the unchurched, de-churched and lapsed.

Developing a Healthy Men’s Ministry

Jay Crouse, Diocesan Coordinator for Men’s Ministry, who has served as a men’s ministry leader for over 25 years and who, for the past 15 years, has worked in full-time ministry to men, will be leading a workshop on creating a structure and a strategy to develop a vibrant men’s ministry. This workshop will focus on equipping the men of your church as disciple makers in their homes, workplace, community and the world.

Remissioning the Church

John Burwell, rector of Redeemer, Orangeburg, firmly believes that God has great days and greater community impact ahead for our parishes and missions. Your church can soar! Join John for “Remissioning the Church” as he shares insights, encouragements and practical applications gleaned from growing the Kingdom of God in South Carolina over the past 31 years. , John has been involved in four church transformations in our diocese including Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island, Good Shepherd, Charleston, All Saints Florence and Redeemer, Orangeburg. He has also taught leadership and stewardship principles in over 50 churches throughout the United States.

Building a Healthy Marriage Ministry

A Team from Family Life Ministry will be with us to lead a workshop on how to build healthy marriage ministries our churches. Over the past 40 years FamilyLife has helped tens of thousands of churches minister to marriages. They’ll be with us to answer the question, “Why Marriage Ministry” and give a new vision for what marriage ministry can look like in the context of our churches. They will walk through the five steps to develop proactive and sustainable marriage ministry.

Engaging Every Generation

Dave Wright, a sought-after speaker on youth ministry who serves as the Diocese’s Coordinator for Youth Ministry, and Peter Rothermel, our Diocesan Coordinator

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Seize the Day: GrandCamp June 20-24
A Grand Faith Adventure for Grandparents and Their Grandkids

By Catherine Jacobs, Pass the Legacy Ministry

Seize an opportunity this summer with your school-age grandkids by joining us June 20 - 25, 2016, for GrandCamp on the sandy shores of St Christopher Camp and Conference Center. During these five days, you will be transported away from the distractions of everyday life where God can do the powerful work of building a legacy of faith that can be passed from generation to generation.

Bishop Mark Lawrence and his wife Allison will kick off the week with the Bishop sharing his testimony on being a grandfather. Your faith will grow, your relationship with your grandchildren will grow, and your relationship with God will grow. And what’s more... you’ll have more fun than you thought possible!

You’ll laugh, play, talk, smile and share life together as you enjoy morning Bible studies and afternoons of kayaking and swimming. GrandCamp is truly a transformational experience. So, “seize the day” and join one of the best investments you will ever make in the this life.

Grandcamp is an amazing adventure designed to transport



DEB PARKER

“He just loves it!” says Margie Williams of St. Jude’s, Waltherboro, when asked what her grandson, Grayson (shown above), thinks of GrandCamp. They’ve been twice so far and will be attending this summer as well. “He comes back so full of energy! His four-year-old brother, Walker, is dying to go, but he’s got to wait a little bit longer. Looks like I get to look forward to GrandCamp for a few more years!”

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Wounded Healers

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the talents Jenkins ascribes to them easily: Martha an extroverted, powerful Bible teacher; Robert a scholarly, discerning spiritual leader.

“He holds things in his head very well, and he is very good at pointing out God’s place in your life. He is good at saying, ‘this is not the problem,’ ‘this is,’” Jenkins said, paying him then the ultimate compliment: “A pastor is someone you go to for counsel and prayer. I would go to him.”

Eventually, Robert’s work as a priest took them to Georgia, Louisiana, and, finally, Alabama. It was there that one night in 1999 they got a call saying their son, Joseph, had died.

Stepping Stone to More

Joseph, 18, a youth church leader whom Martha calls “such a little evangelist,” had taken a prescription pain killer given to him by a friend and had gone into anaphylactic shock. Martha was working at the hospital that night and she watched when they brought him in.

“It was devastating. For days I could hardly get out of the bed,” she said.

Suddenly she was terrified that the joy that had come into her life through finding God would vanish. And, she couldn’t understand why God had taken this child she had raised so righteously to glorify God. “I didn’t want to teach anymore,” she said.

A few days later she understood. “The Lord gave me two words:

‘I want you to stop asking why and give me a how: How can this become a stepping stone toward God instead of a stumbling block?’” Martha said. “God ministered to us very fiercely through this.”

Martha redoubled her work ministering to Bible study groups and women around the country, often focusing her work with others who suffered similar grief.

“After their son’s death, people who had lost a child came to them and said, ‘How can I get through this?’ ” Jenkins said.

Robert and Martha worked hard to preserve the spiritual bond that first drew them together, not letting the grief they each felt separate them. They led prayer meetings together, retreats and healing seminars, with Martha’s more visual and intuitive tone balancing and complementing Robert’s more pragmatic, rational style of ministry. They drew from each other and grew, they say.

Meanwhile, Martha began opening her heart to the concept of becoming a priest herself, reconciling her calling with the Scriptures she knew so well and shedding an unrecognized fear of failing.

Deep down she knew that priesthood is where she would be her greatest; she just needed to own that. Finally, after consulting with bishops and spiritual mentors, in 2007 she enrolled at the Trinity School for Ministry, and soon after graduation in 2010, she was ordained as a deacon.

“She is an incredible teacher and preacher, and those are good gifts for

a priest to have, but she is subjective when she reaches out and the Holy Spirit speaks through her to the specific needs of the people she is addressing,” said Robert, praising her natural sensitivity.

Selfless Endurance

But, as Martha puts it, God was not done. She was serving as deacon in Ridgeland and looking forward to her preparation for ordination as a priest when Robert was diagnosed with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the plasma.

And just months later, in 2013, Martha was diagnosed with breast cancer. Robert recently received a stem cell transplant and seems to be moving toward remission, while Martha, whose cancer had metastasized, has been through remissions and sudden reoccurrences.

Amid chemo treatments and hospitalizations, and a couple of years behind schedule, just earlier this month she nonetheless managed to be ordained to priesthood. She is now assistant priest of St. Luke’s Church in Hilton Head Island; Robert is priest in charge at the Church of the Holy Apostles in Barnwell.

Martha’s ordination, at 62 and in a church where female ordination remains nontraditional, is a natural, if courageous, climax of a lifelong progression in ministering, in which life’s ebbs and flows have merely served to sharpen an already steely faith, said Jenkins.

In what he calls a broken world, where bad things happen not as God’s ultimate will but as a test of our spiritual mettle, the Horns walk as models of selfless endurance, and, ultimately, redemption.

“Jesus Christ was the first wounded healer,” said Jenkins, “and Robert and Martha are now acting as wounded healers.”

“With Martha and Robert it is not about ‘why me?’ but about how God can use what they are going through to his glory,” Embry said. “There are not enough words to say how much God has used them to make a difference. ... If they can come through with the grace they have, maybe there is hope for the rest of us.”

None of this has been easy, said Martha before yet another trip to the hospital to deal with side-effects of her chemo.

“This has not been a skipping down-Calvary kind of experience,” Martha said. She mentions chemo dates with Robert and weeks in cancer lodges.

But, she said, “God used this in our lives mightily: How to live in the midst of this? To us, it’s about the continuing transformation, about God using us through whatever comes to transform.”

“These are not experiences anyone would ask for,” said Robert, “but they do not have to be destructive to one’s soul. We have gone through difficult times ... but we have learned that no matter how difficult the situation is, God has never abandoned us.”

Carolina Compass

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for denominations with ‘Salvation through Jesus’ serving as the center of the circle.”

Joining Charles in this new adventure are writer Prioleau Alexander and long-time Mercury managing editor Rob Salvo.

“Charles told me about his vision for the Compass, and I said ‘Count me in,’” said Prioleau. “I’ve always believed my gift of writing came from God, so what better way to put that skill to work?”

Distribution of the Carolina Compass is thundering forward. Not only is it included inside the 14,000 copies of the Charleston Mercury, but the team is overprinting 25,000 copies as a stand-alone product. Diocesan distribution points include about a dozen churches, an army of Christian-owned businesses, and — thanks to owner Cary Chastain — every Moe’s Southwest Grill in the Lowcountry. The paper is free of charge.

“We’re hoping every church and business in the Diocese will serve as a distribution point,” said Charles. “If any readers would like their church or business to do so, they need only email Prioleau at CharlestonSkyShots@gmail.com.”

According to Charles, the team hopes the Compass will serve as an evangelical tool, and assist the faithful in reaching the seeker. Individuals are encouraged to take more than one paper and give it to a friend, neighbor or co-worker.

Salvation on Maybank?

By Nancy Scales, St. John's Parish, Johns Island

“Have you been saved?” It’s a question not heard so often in liturgical traditions like ours. And it’s not the same question as “Have you joined the church?” Also, when you hear of people “giving their lives to Christ,” those doing so are usually younger people. Far

the car around and pulled into the parking lot at Harvest Health, the nursing home next to St. John’s Parish. For the next 2-3 hours I’ll visit nine or ten men and women, all of whom are there long term.

How did I get into doing this? Years ago I was a Candy Stripper at

James Island and began attending St. John’s, it was natural to go to Harvest Health (then called Island Oaks) and ask if they had residents who didn’t receive any visitors. The staff gave me a list, and with my background I was also given several “hard” cases who need more time than staff can provide.

So what do I do? Mainly, I listen. These people are old and lonely but they have lives to share. There’s Jack* who had a bad accident and cannot move any part of his body, nor speak – I drop in and make small talk, and I’ve met his family (down from Wisconsin!). Once I came in to find him strapped into a chair and awake. “One day,” I told him, “you’ll talk to me.” He smiled

and mouthed the words, “One day, soon.” That day is still coming.

Then there’s Melba, who also had an accident and hasn’t moved anything but her head for the last decade. Each week I read her a chapter of The Purpose Driven Life,

which we then discuss (her mind is excellent). Sometimes I peel an orange and feed it to her section by section.

Another is Wilma, who has a reputation for belligerence. She glowers at me but never spoke nor moved until recently when I put my hand next to hers on the bed: Slowly, she lifted her hand and laid it in mine. Breakthrough!

I’ve written letters, learned family members, handed out magazines,

“What are you afraid of?”
“An eternity in pain.”

told about my grandchildren, and shared cat stories. A firm believer in the power of human touch, I hold hands and give hugs. But most importantly, I give them my time and attention. This is largely a Medicaid facility, and there are some who have nothing in their tiny half a room – no TV, no radio, no books, no pictures. They sit or lie there all day doing... nothing.

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“An eternity in pain.”

And so we come to Randy. Randy who is yet to tell me he’s having a good day. When I first started visiting, he was monosyllabic, always in pain, and believing death was around the corner. When leaving for the day, I’d say, “See you next

week!” and hear back, “I doubt it.” One day I came in, sat down and, after the usual gloomy beginning, said, “Randy, what are you afraid of?” Turns out, he feared “spending eternity in pain.” We talked more, and out of the blue, I asked him if he’d like to repeat a prayer after me: the Sinner’s Prayer, a prayer of repentance asking God for forgiveness. When we finished, I assured him that by accepting Jesus as his Savior, he would not spend eternity in pain, but in glory.

So what’s the point in my telling all this? Certainly not to toot my own horn. This is where Christ has called me to be – where He’s been preparing me to be for some time: Where has He been preparing you to be? To every person I visit I believe I am bringing Christ, and you can do the same. Maybe God has a project just for you, or perhaps it will be at Harvest Health with me – yes, it’s a hassle getting the TB test and background check they require, but it’s worth it when that person’s eyes light up because you’ve come back and will keep coming back. And who knows, perhaps someone else will see their eternity transformed from pain into glory.

*All names and some details have been changed to protect anonymity.

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less often do we hear of the elderly making such a life-changing decision. But it does happen. Read on.

It’s Thursday afternoon. I’ve been with the Bible Babes, and to lunch with some of them, usually at Sunrise Bistro. But now I’ve turned

the VA hospital in Salisbury, MD, taking veterans around in those heavy wooden wheelchairs they used back then. And during my 20 years in Bamberg, SC, I visited a few elderly people in the nursing home there. So when I moved to

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

This past Advent my wife asked what I was going to preach about on the coming Sunday. “Repentance,” I replied. “Oh gosh!” she replied wearily, “I wish you’d preach on something cheerful.” One can easily understand why repentance is not considered a joyful subject. The dictionary defines repent as “self-reproach for what one has done or failed to do,” “conduct as to change one’s mind regarding it,” “to feel remorse.” The brilliant novelist, E. M. Forster, claimed that “of all means to regeneration, remorse is surely the most wasteful. It cuts away healthy tissue with the poisoned. It is a knife that probes far deeper than the evil.” (Howard’s End, Ch. 41) One could expect such a negative view of remorse from Forster’s known failure to trust Christian forgiveness. However, we should not overlook the unfortunate truth in his observation. This is especially important when we acknowledge that our secular culture increasingly shares with Forster a hope bereft of divine forgiveness and where mere regret sadly replaces repentance.

I contend that the Greek word used in scripture to express repentance distorts the true biblical meaning of the crucial term: Repent. The Greek word that is used is metanoia meaning to change one’s mind, whereas in every context in scripture repentance is not change of mind but change of heart. The difficulty lies in the fact that the Greek language has no word for change of heart – no metakardia. Swahili has no word for atonement because there had been no experience of atonement. So Greek, bereft of Israel’s revelation concerning change of heart, is left with a superficial hope, only a change of mind, metanoia, no metakardia.

This failure to appreciate the deeper dimension of human nature was abetted by the teaching of Socrates and Plato who insisted that knowledge produces virtue. They identified goodness with knowledge saying that to know the good is to do the good. Vice and evil are simply the result of ignorance.

Such belief is radically different from that

of scripture: “The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately corrupt . . .,” “If I . . . understand all mysteries and all knowledge, but have not love, I am nothing.” (I Cor. 13: 1,2) Love comes not from a change of mind but a change of heart. “. . .rend your hearts and not your garments.” (Joel 2:13); “The Lord is

Misled by Scripture Recovering the True Meaning of Repentance

nigh them of broken hearts.” (Ps. 31:18); “The wise in heart will heed commandments . . .” (Prov. 10:8), “The heart of men is set to do evil.” (Eccles. 9:13), “. . . receive the heart of contrite ones . . .” (Is. 57:15), “Blessed are the poor in heart for they shall see God.” (Matt. 5:8) In fact it takes nine columns in Cruden’s Concordance to list the texts regarding heart, but one column is sufficient to include all the verses regarding mind.

Because the Greek language had no word for change of heart Greek translation gives prominence to the mind. This was bootlegged into Christianity resulting in a Greek rather than a Christian understanding of repentance. It is not enough to change one’s mind. Our hearts must be changed, changed not by knowledge but by love.

Following this mistake the meaning of faith or belief (pistis) tends to be relegated to the mind and not, as in scripture, more deeply to the heart. One can intellectually acknowledge the existence of God but that is a far cry from the trust of God in one’s heart. The latter results in action whereas the former can rest in mere passive acknowledgement.

Much of the historical misunderstanding in the relation between faith and works stems from teaching that faith (pistis) is a matter of the mind instead of its being a trust of the heart that, as true faith, inevitably leads to works. Professor Ashley Null has taught us that “what the heart desires, the will chooses and the mind justifies.” This, he tells, us is his paraphrase of Philip Melancthon’s writings that so influenced Thomas Cranmer and can be seen in his Prayer Books.

Knowing that the will is but an agency of the heart, Cranmer saw the virulent vanity of Pelagianism. Unless the heart is enticed, evoked, and changed it is vain to exhort the will. The Gospel itself is the means by which the heart is changed by the message of a gracious God. Unless the heart is moved, the will will not be effectively engaged.

It is particularly evident in the parable of the prodigal son that repentance in the pig-pen is a low level of repentance, an insight of the mind. “I can do better as one of my father’s servants.” But true repentance, a change not of mind but a change of heart, occurs when he experiences the undeserved initiating costly love of the father. Similarly, Cranmer’s absolutions in both Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer (1928) show that true repentance comes after, not before, absolution. The grace of unearned and undeserved absolution speaks to the heart and results in the fruit of the Spirit.

There is no Socratic reliance on the mind and knowledge as the means of virtue and obedience in Cranmer’s prayer books. His use of Ps. 51 in the penitential office “make in me a clean heart, O God. . . a broken and a contrite heart, shalt thou not despise;”; his responses to the Decalogue: “. . . incline our hearts to keep this law”; and in the reception of Holy Communion, “. . . and feed on him in thy heart . . .” shows clearly that Cranmer’s incomparable use of scripture for the biblical meaning of repentance indicates a true metakardia even though there is no such Greek word.

When Dr. Null’s work on Cranmer was published by Oxford University Press, it was promised that the whole title would be on the cover. Unfortunately, it was not. One has to turn inside to the title page to find it: Thomas Cranmer’s Doctrine of Repentance: Renewing the Power to Love. Given the general and understandable attitude toward the term repentance, the sub-title badly needs to be up front. Many of us feel that repentance is good for other people but understanding that it renews “the power to love” makes us realize a dimension that all of us seek. “Renewing the power to love” rescues the remorse in repentance from destructive possibilities. Sin is a deeper matter than mere breaking a rule or law. It is always radically personal against others, against self, and against God. No self-hate, self-damage, despair or the accumulation of sacrifices – the fruit of mere remorse – can rectify or redeem sin.

God’s absolution is no mere acceptance. It is God’s grace squeezing into the bastion of our hearts through the crack of remorse. This is the repentance (metakardia) that renews the power to love.

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The Cross & the Crescent
The Gospel and the Challenge of Islam
Mere Anglicanism, January 28-30, 2016

One of the greatest challenges for Christians at the dawn of the 21st century is the power and influence of Islam. As the world’s two great missionary religions, Christianity and Islam are often at odds with one another, and the tension can at times feel palpable. How are we as Christians to respond to the challenge of this growing and energetic religion? This will be the question discussed by top scholars on the subject at the 2016 Mere Anglicanism Conference. Learn more by visiting www.mereanglicanism.com.

Global Connections Make “Making Biblical Anglicans” A Reality

By The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence, Chair, Anglican Communion Development Committee

Back in April of 2007 at a New Wine-skens for Global Mission Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, upon meeting The Rev. Dr. Grant LeMarquand, then a professor at Trinity School for Ministry and Deacon Abraham Yel Nhial, one of the “Lost Boys of Sudan,” I never imagined that they would both become lasting friends and bishops within the Anglican Communion. I also never imagined that I would have the opportunity to offer them hospitality at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, or that I would be able to respond to their invitations to share in their ministries in Ethiopia and South Sudan. Such is the providence of a gracious and good God who is forever weaving relationships among his people who are seeking to know, love and serve Him.

My wife Lynn and I were recently blessed to serve on a SOMA-US (Sharing of Ministries Abroad) team in October, 2015. Our SOMA team included Dr. Glen



BOB LAWRENCE

Above, Lynn Lawrence, teaches on repentance and forgiveness at the Bishop Gwynne College in Juba, South Sudan. In both Gambella and Juba, the Lawrences were able to instruct men and women preparing for ordained ministry in the Church.

Petta, the National Director of SOMA-US, Fr. Andy Powell from the Diocese of Forth Worth, and two priests from the Diocese of Makueni, Anglican Church of Kenya, Canon Francis Matui, and Rev. Patience Mwikya.

SOMA was invited by Bishop Grant LeMarquand to come and serve with him in the Diocese of the Horn of Africa. Based in Gambella, Ethiopia, our team was specifically invited to come and offer ministry through teaching the inaugural group of first year students and other diocesan clergy at St. Frumentius School of Theology. Similarly, we were invited by Bishop Abraham Yel Nhial to come and serve in the Diocese of Aweil, Episcopal Church of Sudan and South Sudan by offering teachings and ministry to his diocesan clergy. Unfortunately, due to unplanned

airport closures and limited flights between Juba and Aweil in South Sudan, our Sudanese mission shifted to offering ministry to the entire student body of almost ninety students at Bishop Gwynne College in Juba, South Sudan.

In both Gambella and Juba, we were blessed to come alongside the men and women of these areas that are studying and preparing for ordained ministry in the Church. In both schools, students are preparing amidst the continuing challenges of very limited resources, warfare and tribal unrest among the peoples of their lands. For most, English is also a third or fourth language, yet the primary language for all of their reading and instruction. While this presented its own challenges, the language of love and prayer through the power of the Holy Spirit transcended all other barriers such that ministry abounded. With a particular focus on trauma, forgiveness, inner healing and prayer, many students gave living testimony to their

own renewal, understanding and transformation by the Holy Spirit. With our diocesan vision of “Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age,” our participation in a SOMA mission allowed us to do so globally with other Anglicans for Anglicans. It was indeed an amazing opportunity that allowed us to truly live out our Christian faith in ways that blessed us far more than anything we offered of ourselves. The door is wide open for other missions in support of ministry in both Ethiopia and South Sudan. SOMA-US also offers incredible opportunities for those that might feel called to this ministry. For additional information please feel free to contact me at 843.768.0429 or blawrence@stchristopher.org.

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had asked for funds for windows in the cathedral church in Aweil. As an organization, HART-US serves the oppressed and the persecuted, and its projects are usually more program-focused than building-focused. We decided we could not fund the window project, but as we prayed, it seemed the Holy Spirit kept whispering KC’s name. Soon, the board met KC and heard of his desire to return to his homeland not only to see his mother, but to serve his people. The idea of an internship with Bishop Abraham was born. Over the next nine months, the board talked to Bishop Abraham, wrote a budget, interviewed KC again, and by May 2105, developed a plan for KC to return to his home to share the Gospel with the people of the Diocese of Aweil, South Sudan.

KC worked again at St. Christopher during the sum-

mer of 2015, and all summer long KC and I shared his story. In the beginning, I wondered if all of the funding would come in as we needed \$8,000. As we shared his story, we were touched by the generosity of others, and in the first two weeks, nearly \$1,500 had been given to this HART-US project.

God is so good, and we reached our complete goal through the generous giving of so many. In particular, we are grateful for the generosity of the Church of the Resurrection in North Charleston, St. Michael’s, Old St. Andrew’s, and the Rev. Hamilton Smith, for their significant financial support.

KC arrived in South Sudan December 21. Bishop Abraham took him to visit his mother for a few days. This was the first time KC and his mother have seen each other in 17 years. After the time in his mother’s village, KC

will begin his youth ministry internship working with and training the youth ministers in the Diocese of Aweil. He will return to Charleston six weeks later--a changed young man, no doubt.

Please keep KC in your prayers throughout this experience. Pray for his safety and protection, for good health, and most especially for the Holy Spirit to guide KC as he shares what he’s learned with those who work with children and young people in South Sudan.

If you are interested in following KC’s journey, email me at lynnandboblawrence@gmail.com and I will connect you with KC. When he returns in early February, he will be available to speak to youth groups and parishes about his experience of returning to the land of his birth and serving with Anglicans in the Diocese of Aweil.

12 Steps for Everyone Harnessing the Power and Effectiveness of 12-Step Ministries for Those in Pain

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Mike Znachko, Chair of the Diocese of South Carolina’s Addiction Recovery and AIDS Ministry Commission, understands how effective working the 12 Steps (most closely associated with Alcoholics Anonymous or AA) can be – not simply because he’s seen the fruit of it in his own life – which he has, and not only because he’s seen their effectiveness in the lives of others in groups he’s attended – which he’s aware of, as well.

Znachko, a retired businessman, and member of St. Luke’s, Hilton Head, spent the last 15 years introducing and training others in 12-step programs internationally in prisons and communities resulting in thousands currently reaping the rewards in their own lives.

He knows the 12-steps work.

“They’re for everyone,” he says. “You, me – even if we don’t have what’s typically thought of as an ‘addiction.’ Everyone’s addicted to something. It’s how you deal with pain and everyone has pain of some kind.”

Znachko wants to help those in churches, as he did with those in prisons, harness the power and effectiveness of 12-step programs by training others how to begin.

He believes the programs can be a valuable addition to resources already available in churches.

Beginning groups can help alleviate some of the need for ongoing counseling sessions by clergy. They don’t take the place of counseling, therapy, meetings with prayer teams or Stephen ministry, but they supplement those resources. Znachko is a licensed Stephen Minister.

“In every congregation there are broken relationships,” says Znachko. “We all have pain. We all have problems. But people won’t talk about them. They don’t want to admit they have problems, and until we admit and confess, we all become slaves to them – resulting in behavior issues causing disruptive family, social, and even professional relationships

which may even lead to criminal actions.

“The first step in any 12-step program is admitting you’re powerless. The second and third steps involve turning ones will and life over to God. The remaining steps deal with ones issues and seeking and giving forgiveness with the help of God. In that way the 12-step program becomes a way to draw closer to God.

“It’s not the 12-step program that brings recovery,” says Znachko, “It’s God.”

Znachko isn’t saying the 12-steps are the be-all or end-all in emotional healing but believes they can make a significant difference in the lives of those who participate.

The Rev. Louise Weld, Associate Rector at Saint James, James Island, who has seen dramatic changes in those she knows who have worked the 12-steps and who has read both *Twelve Steps for Christians*, and *Breathing Underwater*, a book which makes use of 12-step concepts in Christian discipleship, is working with Znachko and will be starting an Emotions Anonymous group at Saint James this coming January.

Emotions Anonymous is a 12-step program in which participants admit they are powerless over their emotions

and addictions and with the help of a support group move toward healing and wholeness by working through the steps.

Znachko has trained individuals in 12-step programs in Belize, Haiti, Tanzania and Kenya as well as the United States. Most of his work has and is being done in prisons. In June 2015 he led a workshop for 70 clergy and lay leaders in the Diocese of South Carolina, helping participants identify addictive behavior and introducing the 12-step programs of Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), and Emotions Anonymous (EA).

To learn how your church can harness the power of 12-Step programs contact Mike Znachko at mdzs@aol.com or (843) 290-6373.



JOY HUNTER

Thousand-Year Rain Storm Hits The Diocese of South Carolina

By The Rev. Ed Rosenlieb, Diocesan Disaster Response Coordinator

Twenty-three inches of rain fell in just a few days this past October causing a major flood-declared disaster in the state of South Carolina, including problems for not just members of the Diocese, but seven different Diocese Church properties.

Flooding water was the major culprit causing flooding of church properties along Coastal South Carolina including Conway, Georgetown, Charleston, Sumter and Orangeburg.

St Paul’s, Conway; Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter; Church of the Holy Cross, Statesburg; Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston; and Church of our Savior, Johns Island, all suffered damage as a result of flooding.

Prince George Winyah Church, Georgetown, suffered substantial damage to their National Registered sanctuary as did a major section of the Georgetown Community.

The lake at Camp Anderson, a recreation and Church

Camp area owned by the Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg, was drained during the flood. On Friday, Saturday, and early Sunday, October 2-4, 2015, Orangeburg (like most of South Carolina) received at least 15 inches of rain causing a wave of water to rush into the lake from upstream. The floodwater overpowered the spillway, taking out a portion of the dam, and draining the lake.

Contributions to assist in recovery efforts can be made to the Diocese of SC Flood fund at www.dioceseofsc.org.

Summer Camp Registration Opened January 15

By Will Klauber, Director of Summer Camp, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

As we ease into winter here at St. Christopher the focus of Student Ministries is on two things: the ongoing 35th year of our Barrier Island Environmental Education Program and the upcoming registration

and application process for the 78th year of Summer Camp. For those two reasons I couldn't be more excited than I am right now! This summer we look forward to the multitude

of the things which make our Summer Camp great while still trying to make this summer better than the last. If you have yet to get a postcard in the mail, visit our website www.stchristopher.org for information regarding session dates, registration, and applications for folks who are interested in working here this summer. (<http://stchristopher.org/index.php?SummerCamp>)

If you are a parent, grandparent, or are otherwise interested in sending children to camp, note the ever-important registration openings on our website. Early registration for parents and grandparents who are members of churches in the Diocese of South Carolina opens January 15, 2016, at 9 a.m. and closes at 5:00 p.m. on January 29, 2016. For those who may not be eligible for early registration, those who may forget to register early, and for anyone interested in summer camp, open registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on February 3. For specific questions about camp, registration, etc. click on the FAQ tab on the website. If your question is not answered there contact us at summercamp@stchristopher.org or (843) 768 – 1337.



Summer Camp Schedule

#	Dates	Grades Completed	Cost
1	Thur-Fri (June 2-3)	Buddy Camp (K-2) ¹	\$227
2	Mon-Sat (June 6-11)	6-8	\$529
OE1	Mon-Fri (June 6-10)	6-8	\$450
3	Mon-Fri (June 13-17)	3-5	\$436
OE2	Fri-Wed (June 17-22)	8-12	\$550
4	Mon-Sat (June 20-25)	9-12	\$529
5	Mon-Tue (June 27-28)	Buddy Camp (K-2) ¹	\$227
6	Wed-Sat (June 29- July 2)	2-4	\$390
7	Tue-Sat (July 5-9)	3-5	\$436
OE3	Wed-Sun (July 6-10)	6-8	\$450
8	Mon-Fri (July 11-15)	5-7	\$436
9	Mon-Thur (July 18-21)	2-4	\$390
10	Fri-Sat (July 22-23)	Buddy Camp (K-2) ¹	\$227
11	Mon-Sat (July 25-30)	7-9	\$529
12	Mon-Fri (Aug 1-5)	4-6	\$436

Making Connections for Ministry and Mission



Top two photos: volunteers at God's Goods Thrift shop sort and prepare to ship clothes. Bottom photo: Men with Church on the Move wearing some of the donated items.

Help Fuel the “Evangelical Engine”

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

If you receive a mailed copy of the Jubilate Deo, then your name is obviously included on the master mailing list of the Diocese of South Carolina. Congratulations! You are among one of the over 14,000 households that gets mail from the Diocese. Prior to your receipt of this particular issue of the diocesan newspaper, you also received a mailing from St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center as our end-of-year appeal for our Annual Fund. We use the same mailing list as we too are indeed the Diocese. We have, in fact, been characterized by the Rev. Karl Burns, Chair of the Board of Directors for St. Christopher and Rector of All Saints, Florence, as “The Evangelical Engine of the Diocese.” I like that as indeed we are...but the engine needs fuel!

When one considers the spiritual impact of the many events we are blessed to host, St. Christopher does indeed have a crucial role to play in shaping the spiritual autobiographies of thousands who have come to faith in Jesus Christ in this hallowed place. From Cursillo, youth events, summer camp, parish weekends,

healing conferences and personal retreats, God – through the power of His Holy Spirit – continues to show up and transform lives. This is a ministry that constantly delivers both tangible and eternal results for the Kingdom of God. I believe it is indeed worth supporting as the Evangelical Engine of the Diocese. Do you?

Last year among the 14,000 households that received our end of year annual appeal, we heard from 220 of you. While that small group gave generously, they still only represented a bare 1.5% of potential supporters within the Diocese. I know full well that we are all bombarded regularly with appeals to support many good causes and endeavors. I also know there is a limit to what any one of us can do within limited financial resources. But, I also know that far more than 220 people are benefitting from all that St. Christopher has to offer for respite, spiritual nourishment, prayer, restoration and renewal. Is it worth it? I pray so. And I pray that in thanksgiving, you will recognize our need for your financial support.

St. Christopher does not have a strong

tradition of people giving in support of its ministry. An Annual Fund appeal only began some eight years ago, and while it has taken hold for some few of you, the potential for further support is exponential. While we do not yet have a tradition of giving, we do indeed have a strong tradition of taking – of people coming to be blessed and taking away those savored blessings and memories.

If you are among those that have been blessed and taken away savored blessings and memories but have yet to be included among those that give, now is your time. We need you and your support, both in prayers and in your monetary gifts, to do all that we want and need to do to continue to be the Evangelical Engine of the Diocese. We want to offer more scholarship assistance for summer camp, Barrier Island, and conference participants. We want to begin the process of replacing or rehabilitating our aging cabins. We want to replace the decaying infrastructures of our property before unexpected collapse leaves us literally in the dark as it did in February of this year when all of the exterior lighting throughout the camp side of our campus went out.

We want your help.
We need your help.
Please give to the Annual Fund so that we can fuel the engine and continue the good work that has brought us through our 77th year of bearing Christ Jesus in this special place that is St. Christopher.



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When the Rev. Janet Echols learned that the people served by the Church on the Move, a ministry to the Latino community headed up by the Rev. David Dubay, needed warm winter coats she thought her church in Fort Motte might be able to help with a few coats. But God had a bigger plan to bring three different ministries together to bless His people.

A week later, while attending #177 Cursillo weekend at St. Christopher, she met several members of the Church of the Cross, Bluffton, who volunteer at God's Goods, a Church of the Cross-owned thrift shop. After sharing the needs of Church on the Move, the God's Goods volunteers quickly mobilized to collect hundreds of pieces of winter clothing for men, women and children. But the next hurdle was transport, the cost of shipping would be expensive. Through the Cursillo Community network, the coats were collected from Bluffton delivered to the Ultreya at Summerville, and then passed on to Cursillo folks from Charleston who then delivered them to David Dubay who shared them with families in need.

“Every church and every ministry in this Diocese is doing something amazing”, said Echols, “...no matter how big, no matter how small. Wouldn't it be fantastic if we could connect our ministries and work together like this more often.... imagine the synergy! Imagine the potential for the fulfilling of the Great Commission!”

Burials at St. Christopher

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

Three years ago, I was excited to announce that St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center had designated an area adjacent to the Chapel of the Palms for the Christian burial of cremated human remains. Since that time we have had about a dozen folks make advance arrangements for their own burials, and we have had three burials at St. Christopher. With cremation becoming all the more common and with St. Christopher being a sacred and holy place that holds significance in the lives of so many of us, it is an ideal place for one to consider this option.

Cremated remains are buried only in cloth bags that have been fashioned from retired fair linens used in sacramental worship that are provided by St. Christopher and crafted by a voluntary group of seamstresses. The place of burial in the burial field is the choice of St. Christopher and will not be plotted or marked in any permanent manner. While memorials of flowers or other items are not allowed in the burial field, they may be placed temporarily in the Chapel of the Palms inasmuch as they do not interfere with other scheduled use or needs of the Chapel.

A very handsome permanent plaque is now displayed in the Chapel of the Palms with the names of those who are buried in the burial field. The plaque contains the name, date of birth and date of death of the deceased. Burial with this commemoration on the plaque remains available for a fee of \$500. Upon making arrangements for a burial, the use of the Chapel of the Palms can also be reserved at an additional fee of \$500.00. All burial related fees that have been received go to a restricted account for the maintenance and upkeep of the Chapel of the Palms and the boardwalk area around the burial field. Use of the Chapel of the Palms for a burial service will remain subject to availability and scheduling at a time that is both convenient and appropriate for both the family and St. Christopher.

Anyone interested in making prior arrangements for the Christian burial of human remains at St. Christopher should contact the office at 843.768.0429. A contractual agreement form will need to be completed along with making all applicable payments. We remain strongly encouraged by this recently added ministry opportunity for St. Christopher that literally extends our outreach from cradle to grave.



DANIEL KALSHOVEN

Barrier Island Naturalists Celebrate 35th Anniversary of Ministry

By Daniel Kalshoven, Communications Director, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center

During the first weekend of November, St. Christopher celebrated its 35th year of Barrier Island Environmental Education Ministry. This special weekend was set apart to highlight the incredible work that has been going on through the years in providing an on-site environmental education

program to the many schools that visit throughout the year.

With many recent Naturalists joining those who have served as far back as 1999, the weekend was a resounding success in celebrating all that B.I. has done in the ministry of St. Christopher. The highlight of the weekend was the Annual B.I. Oyster

Roast. Current and former Naturalists joined around the shucking tables celebrating all this ministry has meant to the community and the fruit of St. Christopher throughout the years. It was an incredible weekend, and we look forward to the next 35 years of the Barrier Island Environmental Education Program.

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Afternoons will culminate in a two-hour colloquy where we will interact in small groups with the theme of leadership as brought to us by gifted leaders from both church and society. Some of our discussion will be shaped by case studies where realistic challenges call for wise responses.



JAY CROUSE

The intense curriculum and small class size has enabled participants in the Anglican Leadership Institute to interact with professors and develop strong ties with one another. Dr. Allan Ross, Professor of Divinity at Samford University, taught a week-long portion of the institute in January.

Evenings will include special guest speakers, while weekends will bring opportunities for ministry in local churches.

Finally, the January 2016 Semester will culminate in a three-day immersion on the subject of Islam presented by a phalanx of scholars at the Mere Anglicanism Conference.

Of course, I am profoundly honored and humbled to have been invited to take part in this venture. For one thing, I will have the opportunity to sit at the feet of the great Anglican leaders in the world today (folks like the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, the Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway, the Rt. Rev. Michael Nazir Ali, the Rev. Dr. Peter Moore, the Rev. Rob Sturdy, Dr. Allen Ross, Dr. Paul Marshall, and a number of lay leaders within our diocese. For another, I will be able to rub shoulders on a daily basis with 13 'risings stars' within

Anglicanism today. If even a little of their character rubs off on me during this season of training and fellowship, I suspect you may not recognize me come February! Incidentally, while I won't be the youngest of the 14 participants (only the 2nd youngest), I will be the only North American (some of my clergy brethren, noting this, have encouraged me to the effect of 'Remember, you're representing North America—don't mess up!').

I write this article after having completed the first week of the Institute. If possible, it has already exceeded my expectations. Several things have especially stood out to me this first week.

First, the Beauty of Christ's Global Body. Upon meeting my fellow participants the first day, I was surprised to discover that we had many mutual friends from places like India, South Sudan, Nigeria, Uganda, Tanzania, etc. This was especially surprising in light of the fact that as a young priest I haven't lived very long, haven't traveled very far, and haven't had a whole lot of life experience.

In short, this instant connectedness was not about me but was simply a beautiful testament to how Christ's body has grown—from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth—and to the spiritual unity we have in Christ is being made visible by advances in modern technology.

Stemming from this unity, the fellowship has been both rich and challenging. With regards to the richness, one cannot hear eyewitness stories of martyrdom and persecution without being touched in the deep places of one's soul and inspired to follow Christ more faithfully in one's own walk (Heb. 11). Many of the participants have tread the path of persecution, and as a Westerner, their stories put my own ministry challenges in healthy and humbling perspective.

On the other hand, the diversity of the fellowship has challenged us to wrestle honestly with the unique cultural lenses we bring to ministry. Whether we're asking questions



Students: Work Here All Summer

If you know a current high school or college-aged individual who is interested in working at Summer Camp let them know our staff, counselor, and intern applications went live in December. All of our staff, counselors, and interns are required to be Christians who love the Lord, have a clear understanding of the Gospel, and a desire to serve God here at Summer Camp. This is the most important aspect of our staff and counselor vetting and training because they will spend their time here using all of the activities we do to help

show campers the Gospel message is vital in any situation we may find ourselves in. One of my favorite things is catching up with our applicants and hearing the things the Lord has been doing in their lives recently.

Again, do not hesitate to contact me or anyone here in student ministries with your questions. We look forward to serving the Lord here at St. Christopher by welcoming you and your children back this summer and for many years to come!

after a lecture, breaking down a passage of scripture in a small-group preaching exercise, or analyzing a case study from mission field, it has been eye-opening to see just how pervasively our cultures influence our perspectives. Fortunately, as we wrestle honestly with these issues, our blinders begin to fall away, and we are able to more clearly see the pure and undiluted Gospel, in all of its glory.

This leads me to a second way in which this first week has already made an impact; the Goodness of the Gospel. As Christians we simply can't hear the Good News of Jesus enough. It is the gift that keeps on giving, the wellspring for thirsty sinners that never runs dry. One of the distinctives of the A.L.I. curriculum is that the Gospel occupies center stage in all that is done. Whether it is Morning Prayer, a lecture on preaching or church history, or an afternoon colloquy on leadership in the corporate world, the curriculum is saturated in Gospel goodness. Again and again, in Word and example, we are reminded to cease striving and to walk humbly before the Lord on the

solid ground of the Gospel, trusting joyfully in His sufficiency. The effect of this immersion in Gospel fellowship and teaching has meant for me renewed vigor and vitality and a desire to serve Jesus more wholeheartedly.

In closing, I would like to offer heartfelt thanks to Bishop Lawrence and Peter Moore, as well as A.L.I.'s Board and Donors, for launching this Institute and inviting me to be a part of it. I would also like to thank Fr. Al Zadig, and the vestry, staff, and parishioners of St. Michael's for graciously sending me forth with your blessing. It has truly been the chance of a lifetime.

Please pray with me for the flourishing of this Institute and that its fruits may be reflected in our parishes, diocese, and across our globe in the years ahead. To paraphrase Rob Sturdy on the purpose of preaching: 'May this Institute fulfill its high calling by equipping leaders to more effectively allure people into friendship with God, through the promises of Jesus Christ.'

Ordinations



Horn Jordan Sosnowski Wiggins

Ordained to the Priesthood

The Rev. Martha Horn, who had been serving as an Assistant at St. Luke's, Hilton Head, was ordained to the priesthood on October 3, 2015, at St. Luke's by the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence. Martha died on December 28 due to complications from cardiac arrest after a battle with cancer. Please keep her husband, the Rev. Robert Horn, Priest in Charge of Holy Apostles, Barnwell, and his family in your prayers. See stories on page 5, 12 and 13.

The Rev. Hunter Jordan was ordained to the priesthood on December 9, 2015, at St. Matthew's Parish Church in Darlington, SC, by the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence. Hunter is now serving as the Rector of St. Matthew's. He and his wife, Walker, have three children, Tindall Claire (5), Emma Ruth (3) and Walter (2).

The Rev. John Sosnowski was ordained to the priesthood on

December 13, 2015 at Holy Comforter, Sumter by the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence. John currently serves as the Assistant to the Rector at Holy Comforter. In Sosnowski's words, "My wife, Patti, and I are experiencing God's blessings through his people here at Church of the Holy Comforter as they have been so very welcoming. Pastoral care, prayer, and small group ministries are my current focus. The support and collegiality of our deanery has also been so very helpful as we move forward in each new step."

Upcoming Ordination

Franklin Delano Wiggins is scheduled to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Sunday, January 24, at 4:00 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer, Pineville by the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence. There will be a reception following the service. Clergy are invited to vest and process and are asked to wear red stoles.

Bishop Skilton to Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood,

On Saturday, January 23, 2016, at 3 p.m. Old St. Andrew's Church, Charleston, will host a celebration in honor of the 50th Anniversary of the Rt. Rev. Bill Skilton's ordination to the priesthood. When Bishop Skilton was asked if he wanted to cancel the celebration following his wife's death

in December he said, "When Lynn and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in 2013, she wanted us to have a small celebration and then really celebrate all our blessings when we would give thanks for my 50 years as an ordained Priest of the Church in 2016. With Lynn's death on December 23rd, both daughters agreed that Lynn would not have wanted these plans to be changed so at 3 pm on January 23rd. At Old Saint Andrew's Church, Charleston, we will gather for this celebration of Thanksgiving." Bishop Skilton was ordained a Deacon in Florence, South Carolina and appointed Missionary to the Dominican Republic. He was ordained to the Priesthood



Death of Lynn Skilton

Lynnda "Lynn" Padgett Skilton, 72, wife of the Rt. Rev. William Skilton, died on Wednesday, December 23, 2015. A Celebration of her life was held Wednesday, December 30, 2015 in Old St. Andrews Parish Church, Charleston.

Lynn was a native of Walterboro, South Carolina, and was a graduate of Walterboro High School, then of Furman University, where she earned a B.S. Degree in English. She received her Masters in English from The Citadel. Lynn was a retired English teacher with the Berkeley County School System. She was the loving wife of William Jones Skilton for 52 years. During 15 of those years, Lynn and Bill were missionaries to the Dominican Republic. They also served at Holy Trinity, Grahamville; Church of the Cross, Bluffton; St. Alban's Chapel, The Citade; Holy Trinity Church, Charleston; and St. Thomas Episcopal Church, North Charleston. She was instrumental in the ministries at all of these plac-



es, as well as many others. An English teacher for over 45 years, Lynn was a challenging teacher and mentor to many. She taught at both Cainhoy and Hanahan High Schools. She served on the Charleston County Library Board. As wonderful an educator as Lynn was, she was an even better wife, sister, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was dearly loved and will be greatly missed. Lynn is survived by her husband, The Right Reverend William Skilton; daughters, Maria Crowley and Judith Horry and spouses; children of her heart, Ruthie Melo and Hilario Albert; and a host of grandchildren; as well as her brother, James D. Padgett. She was preceded in death by her parents, Brantley Padgett and Helen Crosby; her brother, Thomas Padgett; and foster son, Pablo Melo. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dominican Development Group, P.O. Box 272261, Tampa, Florida, 33688-2261.

January 1966 in All Saints' Church, La Romana, Dominican Republic. During his ministry he served 35 years in South Carolina and 15 in the Dominican Republic. There will be a Eucharist Service held at 3 p.m.

Old St. Andrew's Church and a festive reception will be held afterward. All are invited to join in this joyful celebration. Clergy are asked to wear white stoles.

People News



Sue Beson recently joined the staff of St. John's, Johns Island, as their new Parish Administrator. She was formerly the Director of St. Paul's Christian Learning Center in Summerville, and while her husband, the Rev. Gary Beson, attended Trinity School for Ministry Sue worked in their Development Office. Sue, who's been active in numerous ministries, has a heart for women's ministries. She and Gary, who is the Vicar of St. Timothy's in Cane Bay, have three adult children: one married and two still in college. Sue is taking over at St. John's for Melanie Poston who recently retired.

Brittany was introduced to St. Michael's by her mother, Alice Gordon, after moving here from Virginia. She has been an active member involved in Alpha, Life Groups, Young Adult Ministry and Mission.



Bishop Mark Lawrence installed Sue Harrison as the new Diocesan Lay Coordinator of SC Cursillo. Sue, a member of St. Paul's, Conway, has been active in the Cursillo

Movement in South Carolina for years having served most recently on the Secretariat as the International Palanca Coordinator.

Kathy House was elected as the new President of the Daughters of the King South Carolina Assembly for 2015-2018. See story on page 14.



Please remember the Rev. Jim Blanton in your prayers. Jim, who had been serving as the Rector of St. Paul's, Bennettsville, resigned following diagnosis and surgery for pancreatic cancer. The surgery was successful, and his prognosis is very good. He and his wife, Bonnie, have moved to Stone Mountain, GA, to be close to his physicians.



The Rev. Jeffrey Miller, Rector of the Parish Church of St. Helena's, Beaufort, was one of two scholars recently selected by Trinity School for Ministry for the new merit

scholarship awarded to outstanding pastoral leaders who exemplify the values of Trinity School for Ministry in their contexts of ministry. This scholarship will allow Miller to pursue his professional doctorate. Named after the Rev. Dr. Peter Moore, one of Trinity's founders and the fourth Dean/President, this new merit scholarship is awarded to outstanding pastoral leaders



St. Michael's Church, Charleston, recently welcomed Brittany Gordon as their new Receptionist and Information Specialist.

who exemplify the values of Trinity School for Ministry in their contexts of ministry.

Please keep the Rt. Rev. William Skilton, Assistant Bishop of the Dominican Republic (Retired) and Suffragan Bishop of South Carolina (Retired), and his family in your prayers. Bishop Skilton's wife, Lynn, died on Wednesday, December 23, 2015. See story this page.

Please keep the family and friends of the Rev. J. Walter R. Thomas, in your prayers. Thomas who served as rector at St. Paul's, Bennettsville, and as Rector of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, died October 12 in Richmond, VA. Keep his family and loved ones in prayer.

Please keep the family of Charmian Webb in your prayers. Charmian, a member of the Parish Church of St. Helena's, Beaufort, who was a past President of the Diocese of South Carolina's ECW (from 1994-1996), died on December 14. The funeral was held December 17 at St. Helena's.

We only recently learned that another past President of the Diocese's ECW, Frankie Herring, died August 29, 2015. Frankie will be remembered for her steadfast commitment to her faith, family and friends. She was a member of Trinity Church in Myrtle Beach and served as president of The Episcopal Church Women of the Diocese of South Carolina (1984-1986), president of the women's group at Trinity Church, church secretary, choir member, lay reader, church altar guild, Sunday school teacher and as a Christian clown. Please keep all in your prayers.

Death of The Rev. Martha Horn

The Rev. Martha McGougan Horn, 63, of Ridgeland, South Carolina, wife of Reverend J. Robert Horn IV finished the days that God had given her and entered into his heavenly kingdom Monday, December 28, 2015. Her Funeral Service was held January 2, 2016, in Saint James Church.

Martha was born November 5, 1952, in Charleston, South Carolina, daughter of Lt. Col. Bruce A. McGougan, Jr. (USAF ret.) and Lillian Brockington McGougan. She received her Master's Degree from Trinity School of Ministry and was an Assistant Rector at St. Luke's Church in Hilton Head. Her lifelong passion was preaching and teaching in order to bring many to Christ. Prior to the priesthood, she excelled



with her organization, 100 Fold Life Ministry, leading missions nationally and internationally.

In addition to her husband and parents, she is survived by her daughter, Martha Legaré Horn of Bluffton, SC; granddaughter, Alexandra Legaré Horn; three brothers, Michael B. McGougan (Debbie) of Clarksburg, WV, Bruce A. McGougan, III (Tamara) of James Island, SC, and Markley Eugene McGougan (Tracey) of Johns Island, SC; and her aunt, Sandra Brockington of Saluda, NC.

She was preceded in death by her son, Joseph Robert Horn V. Memorials may be made to Victorious Ministry Through Christ, Attn: Rev. William Westlund, P.O. Box 1804, Winter Park, FL 32790.

A Woman Full of Passion for Jesus

The Rev. Greg Kronz Remembers The Rev. Martha Horn

Martha and I go back a number of years, before the ordination process. In her, I saw a woman full of passion and wisdom: a passion for Jesus and the gospel; a passion to know and love Him, to teach and preach His Word; a passion to study; a passion for others, especially her family. She was full of wisdom, Biblical wisdom, knowledge of the Lord and His Word, practically applied to our lives, which she did to her own life, and offered to others. Martha, in a short time of serving at St. Luke's, had already had an impact on the ministry among our people. Her bubbly, effervescent presence, her joy, her passion for preaching and teaching, her pastoral presence and love of people, and her

unmistakable joy-filled "cackle" of laughter that I would hear in staff meetings and in our sanctuary is a sound that I already miss. Through the struggles she had in the ordination process and through two recurrences of cancer I used to remind Martha that the Lord had her. She would be ordained and have the ministry that our Lord intended her to have. At times now, when I lament that she was just beginning her ministry here and that she is gone, and a void is left behind, and I along with many in my church are grieving and struggling with the loss and void, the Lord brings my own words to my mind, "the Lord has her."

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Some would say, “He took her,” or “Satan attacked her,” and many are asking, “Why?” None of those address the void, at least for me. But the words Martha and I shared frequently come back to me, over and over again, and I offer them to you: “The Lord has her”.

He had her in this life; and He has her for all eternity, still full of love and passion for Him, for her family, for all of us. I can see her smile, and I can hear her cackle of joy, full of life, full of joy, full of love.

I love you, Martha, and I miss you, but I will see you again!

*The Rev. Greg Kronz, Rector
St. Luke’s, Hilton Head*

Don’t Ask “Why?”
Find Your Place in Ministry

The Rev. Arthur Jenkins Reflects
on The Rev. Martha Horn’s Death

Don’t even try to make sense of the Rev. Martha Horn’s death. Don’t ever say, “she lost her battle with cancer.” Even Martha told me not to say that. Don’t try to make a case that God loved her and needed her and took her to be with Him. Just don’t do any of those things we try in order to make sense of death. We can’t make sense of this. As Bishop Lawrence said at her funeral, “We have no words – take our presence as speaking our love. Words fail us.” What we must do as faithful disciples is to look for redemption. We must trust that God will do with this as He has promised. That is to bring something good from evil.

What will that redemption be? I don’t know. I do know what I hope it will be. I hope and pray that Martha’s life, ministry, teaching and drive will encourage another woman to find her place in ministry and in the Church.

Who will be the next great Bible teacher in our Diocese? Who will take up the mantle to bring the power of God’s Word to the struggles and joys of everyday life? Who will train prayer ministers and healing and deliverance ministers? Who is willing to be perhaps a little flamboyant and yet able to offer deep, deep discernment and pastoral care?

Who will it be? Are you out there? God is calling. You and others with you are God’s redemption in the loss of the Rev. Martha Horn. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

And may you say, “Yes.”

*The Rev. Arthur Jenkins, Rector
Saint James, James Island*

Turning the Ship Around

An Interview with the Very Rev. John Burwell, Rector of Church of the Redeemer, Orangeburg

Joy Hunter: John, it looks like some exciting things are happening at Church of the Redeemer. It seems to have come alive! Tell me about that.



John Burwell: For decades - since the 1990’s - the membership and the Sunday attendance at Orangeburg’s Redeemer declined and then for the past few years it remained relatively flat. We are growing once again. Our Sunday attendance is now 43% higher than it was in

2014. We gained 14 new members in the past nine months, and that is the first new membership we’ve had in a long time. It looks like our 2016 pledges will be about 80% higher than they were in 2014.

We just installed a new state-of-the-art organ with a sound that rivals the great cathedrals. We’ve also completely refurbished our beautiful buildings inside and out and bought a wonderful rectory. This past year our outreach ministries gave away over \$60,000, including a full tithe to the diocese for the first time in our history. I believe God is blessing our efforts in a mighty way.

In addition to the quantifiable, I can tell you that I sense a new excitement when we come together for any event, and there is clearly a new joy in our worship. I have 13 members who pray for our church (and for me) every day. We are beginning to make a difference that will continue in the years ahead. I am convinced that we will one day be the most significant church in this area.

Joy Hunter: How did those changes come about?

John Burwell: With Bishop Lawrence’s blessings, Holy Cross came alongside the Redeemer in September, 2014, and provided Sunday clergy and leadership training for the staff and vestry, much like Holy Cross did with the Church of the Good Shepherd in 2005 and with All Saints, Florence in 2010. This past April I felt called by God to retire from Holy Cross and to devote all of my efforts to Orangeburg’s Redeemer.

But I need to mention that excellent leadership was already in place when Holy Cross arrived. Pinckney Thompson had been the Senior Warden for several years and together with Junior Warden Joe Bonnette and a fabulous vestry, they were the church’s ministers. In 2015 Joe became the Senior Warden, and we made a special staff position for Pinckney - and we never missed a beat. The depth of the Redeemer leadership is nothing short of amazing. The Redeemer was already poised for a great future.

Joy Hunter: Now, you went there after being at Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island, Daniel Island and I’on – a really big, successful church. What lessons did you take from there with you?



John Burwell: There was a time (I was there) when Holy Cross had 75 active members. God grew Holy Cross into what she is. Over the years, we developed seven basic premises that defined who we were. Those premises helped Holy Cross initiate a turn around at Good Shepherd and All Saints. I brought the premises with me to Orangeburg. The premises remind us that we exist for others, that it’s all about relationships, and above all, that we expect God to show up every day and in every way.

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Our Sunday attendance is now 43% higher than it was in 2014. We gained 14 new members in the past nine months, and that is the first new membership we’ve had in a long time. It looks like our 2016 pledges will be about 80% higher than they were in 2014.

Joy Hunter: You’re a pretty dynamic guy. How much of the growth has been dependant on you and your personality?

John Burwell: I don’t know that I’m all that dynamic. In the Bible, we read that God used common laborers, people with speech impediments and thorns in their sides, ladies of the evening... even donkeys and rocks. And I can’t hold a candle to any of them, donkeys included! It’s been my experience that Jesus will use anyone who’s willing to say “yes” to His call.

What has happened everywhere I’ve ministered is that the Lord inevitably surrounds me with people who are far more talented than I. He always seems to bring us the right people with the right ministry gifts at the exact time that they’re needed.

Joy Hunter: Sometimes people think – “Let’s do contemporary worship! That’ll draw people in!” Do you think that’s true?

John Burwell: A contemporary service can be a “draw”, but only if the church is willing to

financially invest in an excellent music leader and in several additional excellent musicians, and the vestry and the rector are solidly behind the decision, and the church adds, rather than replaces an existing service.

But there’s a lot more to “drawing people in” than simply changing the style of music. There’s outward focus instead of inward focus, for example. Great preaching is a must. The worship experience needs to be excellent, instead of simply settling for a “good” experience. There must be attention to details. The parishioners need to expect and welcome newcomers. I could go on and on!

At Orangeburg’s Redeemer, we’re putting our efforts into traditional worship for the immediate future, because we want to differentiate ourselves from all the other churches around us. We may expand into other worship flavors somewhere down the road, but right now our goal is to be the best in town at what we currently do. I am convinced that we soon will be.

Joy Hunter: If a church is faltering – or simply stagnant, not growing, -- what advice would you give to the Rector, to the vestry, to the congregation? Would you say something different to each?

John Burwell: Certainly there are local factors that inhibit vibrancy and growth, but in my experience there is no substitute for visionary lay leadership. Many churches simply maintain. Few actually innovate. Far too many expect the Rector or Vicar to do it all for them. My initial advice would be to stack the vestry or the mission council with forward-looking, Bible-reading, daily-praying leaders; pray for revival, expect God to answer your prayers, and then do what He tells you to do. With God, all things are possible.

Joy Hunter: If a rector or parish wanted to contact you to learn more, how would they do that?

John Burwell: Email me (John@RedeemerO-burg.org) or call me at (803) 534-3794. I love to drive, and I’ll be glad to come for a visit.

Tattooed

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surprised and encouraged at how simple and non-threatening it was to begin a conversation with a complete stranger when the starting point was a question about their body art.

Inevitably our team members would be asked, “Why are you doing this?” and it provided a natural opening to share about God’s love. When people let their guard down they’re not antagonistic. We had great conversations and shared the Gospel with everyone we met.

Over the course of six months we connected with over 400 people. We took St. Timothy’s outside the building’s walls. Each week we encountered people who had not stepped foot in church in a long time or had never stepped foot in a church with the “Gospel centered” idea that God cares about them and their story matters.

Over and over people on the leadership team of St. Timothy’s and the people we met and photographed smiled, shared stories, laughed, ate and drank in an atmosphere of genuine trust and peace. Stereotypes were torn down and prejudices reversed – on both sides. As I was off to say during our outings, “We’re having church right here!”

You see all of us in the church have heard the expression “The church isn’t a building.” We’ve heard we should “be the church, not go to church.” This art exhibit became – for all who participated – proof that those phrases and expressions are true.

We are the church; we are God’s light and love bearers on the earth and carrying that message fearlessly into the world was what the project was all about.

The Tattoo Art exhibit held this past November was the culmination of six months of engaging culture on

its terms, in its environment with the truth that – whether you believe it or not, or whether you profess it or not – there is a God who loves more deeply and radically than most of us realize. He cares for each of us and longs for us to be connected to him through his son Jesus.

We celebrated that fact with over 200 people in the big Green Barn in Carnes Crossroads for two hours, as we ate catered food, looked at the photos, read the stories, listened to a live band and gave thanks for the chance to participate in “God’s eternal mission of rescue and reconciliation of His creation.” (St. Timothy’s mission statement)

The exhibit will move around the Lowcountry for the next several months. To learn more about this outreach or to discuss how your parish can reach out beyond your church’s walls, contact the Rev. Gary Beson at gary@st-timothys.org.



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“Whether you believe it or not or whether you profess it or not – there is a God who loves more deeply and radically than most of us realize,” said Beson. “We celebrated that fact with over 200 people in the big Green Barn in Carnes Crossroads for two hours as we ate catered food, looked at the photos, read the stories, listened to a live band and gave thanks for the chance to participate in ‘God’s eternal mission of rescue and reconciliation of His creation.’ (St. Timothy’s mission statement)”

Hope & Healing in Marriage

St. Philip’s Author Releases *True Stories of Renewed Love*

By Pringle Franklin, St. Philip’s Church, Charleston

Four years ago, I had a dream in which I was dead. In the dream, God invited me to return to Earth — if I would use my journalistic training for His Kingdom. I accepted His offer.

who had overcome serious obstacles and were willing to share their personal stories in order to help others. Just like in the Bible, such stories of faith vs. human nature can teach us about God’s standards and the

kiss. Lynn had been expecting this but, even so, his pace felt too frantic. They had chatted online obsessively for months, but they had barely spent any time together in person. Why had this tryst seemed like such a good



Prior to the dream, I had written hundreds of news and magazine stories from a secular perspective. My new calling directed me to use my writing skills to chronicle accounts of God’s presence in contemporary life. Eventually I launched a book project about couples who had survived various marital crises through God’s intervention.

This past November, *Hope & Healing in Marriage* was released on Amazon by Jesus Street Press. The book touches on topics such as adultery, loss of affection, verbal and physical abuse, alcoholism, chronic illness, childlessness, and the death of a child. The entire undertaking was fueled by prayers for guidance; for one thing, I had to find couples

results of our own choices.

The testimonies in the book are not meant to judge anyone who is struggling in a marriage or who has been divorced; the stories are meant to inspire people to see that, whoever they are or however they may have erred, God remains very close at hand. In fact, He is waiting for an invitation to act on their behalf. That principle is demonstrated in this excerpt from a chapter called

His & Hers Secrets:

Josh drove Lynn to the hotel where they had agreed to spend the weekend. As soon as they were alone in the room, Josh threw his arms around Lynn and rushed into a passionate

idea? Lynn was feeling guilty about betraying her husband, Paul.

Reluctantly, Lynn kissed Josh back, despite thinking, “This doesn’t feel right!” Suddenly, she heard an authoritative voice speak into her mind: “Lynn, what are you doing?”

For years Lynn had searched in vain for a higher being...now Lynn had no doubt: the One who had spoken into her soul was the God of the Bible. How strange that Lynn would encounter God during the primitive act of adultery. During her most vulgar and despicable moment, at the time when she was least worthy of His concern, God had cared enough to call her by name.

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Next Level Leaders Initiative

By the Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector, Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston

Early last summer, 18 newly ordained and/or new-to-the-Diocese clergy met at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center for the inaugural Next Level Leaders Initiative (NLLI). This Initiative is the culmination of Bishop Lawrence’s vision for ongoing training for new clergy and was a God-ordained outlet for the Rev. Shay Gaillard’s training as a Leadership Coach. Together, they put together a plan to gather Next Level Leaders at least twice a year for ongoing training that complements and expands on what is learned in seminary.

NLLI is not strictly a didactic retreat, but a time to build relationships and grow in ministry together. Bishop Lawrence set the pace for the teaching and other seasoned clergy joined -- in leading sessions on Liturgy, Pastoral Care and Preaching. Isolation is one of Satan’s greatest tactics against leaders, so at each NLLI retreat, they will seek to emphasize three areas of growth:

*Best Practices - providing lots of tried-and-true ways to do important tasks in ministry - allowing leaders to choose what fits them

*Peer-to-Peer Interaction – fostering relationships among those

in the same station of ministry/life - intentional relationship building

*Resources for the Journey – introducing clergy to leaders--not only to helpful books and online resources--but individuals in the Diocese who are available for mentoring or coaching. Participants were offered the opportunity to participate in some basic coaching sessions during their retreat.

In December, during the second NLLI, leaders heard five major presentations on the role of the pastor: on boundaries, as an Evangelist, in conflict, with the vestry, and as executive. Panel discussions with seasoned clergy allowed participants to ask questions and interact with the material. The Rev. Mike Lumpkin and Dean Peet Dickinson rounded out the team for this retreat. Gary Beson of St. Timothy’s commented, “You make each of us at NLLI want to be better men of God.” God is strengthening our Diocese through this effort.

The Vision for NLLI is to continue to resource and train new clergy in the Diocese and also expand to offer other resources to more experienced clergy.

Anglican Leadership Institute

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- **The Rt. Rev. Joseph Mutungi**, Bishop of Machakos, Machakos, Kenya;
- **The Rev. Michael Yemba**, Senior Pastor: All Nations Bible Church, Garland, TX, Citizen of South Sudan;
- **The Rt. Rev. Jacob Wutokwe Kwashi**, Bishop of the Diocese of Zonkwa, Abuja Province, Kaduna State, Nigeria;
- **The Rt. Rev. Cyril Kobina Ben Smith**, Ph.D., Bishop of Asante Mampong Diocese, Ghana, West Africa;
- **The Very Rev. Canon Dr. Samy Shehata**, Dean, St Mark’s Pro-Cathedral, Priest-in-Charge, All Saints, Stanley Bay, Alexandria, Egypt;
- **The Rev. Canon Dr. Alfred Olwa**, Dean, Bishop Tucker

School of Divinity and Theology, Mukono, Uganda;

- **The Rt. Rev. Stanley Hotay Tsaxra**, Bishop of the Diocese of Mt. Kilimanjaro, Arusha, Tanzania;
- **The Rev. Dr. Rebecca Margaret Nyegenye**, Chaplain, Uganda Christian University, Mukono, Uganda;
- **The Rev. Dr. Paul Htinya**, Professor of New Testament Studies, and Dean of Studies, Holy Cross Theological College, Yangon, Myanmar;
- **The Rev. Deacon Sandipan Sinha**, Assistant, All Saints Church, West Bengal, India;
- **The Rev. David Booman**, Associate Rector, St. Michael’s Church, Charleston, SC, USA.

House Elected President of Daughters of the King South Carolina Assembly

Kathy House is the new president of the DOK SC Assembly for 2015-2018. She is a member of St. Agape Chapter, St. John’s, Florence, and has served on the vestry, in women’s leadership at St. John’s, as her chapter’s president, and as the second and first vice president of the SC DOK Assembly. Kathy grew up in Florence at St. John’s and All Saints’ and is a retired elementary school teacher. She and her husband, Mitch, have two married daughters, four grandsons, a Boykin Spaniel, and three adopted cats. Reading, traveling, and being with family and friends are some of her favorite activities.

Kathy believes a Daughter’s vows of prayer and service provide a foundation for individual and chapter growth in the future. As Daughters pray for and serve their parishes and clergy, their opportunities to share the love of Christ grow. Kathy feels her role, along with all others in leadership positions, is to do everything possible to strengthen, support, and grow parish chapters of Senior and Junior



Daughters. Better communication among the chapters continues to be encouraged with a DOK SC Assembly website, email updates, regional meetings, assemblies, retreats, and most of all, sharing an openness to journey together as Daughters with Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Upcoming DOK Events

- January 30, Regional Meeting, 10 am-2 pm, Epiphany, Eutawville
- February 13, Regional Meeting, 10 am - 2 pm, St. Helena’s, Beaufort
- February 27, Regional Meeting, 10 am - 2 pm, St. James, James Island
- May 6-8. Spring Retreat, St. Christopher, Jan Johnson, Speaker
- June 17 – 19, Province IV Summer Retreat at Kanuga with Junior Daughters
- During July, Friendship Trip to Dominican Republic ***
- September 10, DOK Fall Assembly, Trinity, Myrtle Beach

New Course Offering:

The Jewish Roots of Christianity

The Rev. Dr. Lee Hershon, a Deacon at Old St. Andrew’s, Charleston, and a Jewish convert to Christianity, is now available to teach a course on “The Jewish Roots of Christianity.”

“To explore the Hebrew Roots to many of the New Testament’s dominant themes is an invariably enriching exercise for the Christian,” says Bishop Mark Lawrence. “Deacon Hershon is remarkably—even providentially—prepared to be a guide for such an exploration. I commend him and his ministry for those who wish to take this enriching and faith-shaping journey.

The Rev. Marshall Huey, Rector of Old St. Andrew’s, Charleston, said after attending the course, “This is a great way to help understand how Jesus fulfilled the Scriptures. So often we, as Christians, think of the New Testament in a vacuum, and we need to understand that the reason Jesus is the Messiah is because of the fulfillment he accomplished. You can’t



understand that without understanding Jewish Scripture. To have that perspective from someone who converted from Judaism and lived in that culture with that faith – who came to faith -- is invaluable.”

Hershon will examine God’s movement through history in the Old Testament and New Testament guiding participants in better understanding the Jewish roots of their faith and improve interfaith understanding.

Hershon is available to present the program in several different formats. He has

presented it as an eight-week program of 45 minutes each, but his preferred method is as a four-week program of 50-minute sessions each. He is also willing to present an abbreviated version for a special program.

To learn more contact the Rev. Dr. Lee Hershon at leehershon@yahoo.com or at (843) 693-4496.



St. Andrew's Celebrates 170th Anniversary

St. Andrew's Mission, Charleston, celebrated their 170th Anniversary this past November. In celebration, their Rector, the Rev. Jimmy Gallant, invited Bishop Mark Lawrence to join them and teach their vestry Bible study.

Pre-Convention Workshops

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for Faith Formation will lead a workshop on "Engaging Every Generation". Passing the faith to the next generation is the most vital task facing the church today. This workshop will present a simple model that can: Serve the needs of every generation; Work in churches of any size or context; Develop without adding programs or budget; Equip people to grow in their faith; and Fulfill God's plan for the church.

Reaching Emerging Cultures

The Rev. Greg Smith, Chaplain for St. Alban's Chapel at the Citadel will lead a workshop aimed at helping churches reach young adults in "Emerging Cultures." "How do you reach a younger generation who believes sexuality is malleable, truth is relative and nothing matters anyway?" asks Smith. He'll cover this topic with lessons learned through more than 20 years in full-time ministry to young adults.

All Welcome

"The public is invited to join us at these workshops aimed at reaching outside our

Diocesan Convention

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must be registered as visitors. (Registration includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday.) The cost is \$75.00/per person for clergy and lay delegation; \$35.00/per person for visitors. The deadline to register a delegation is February 12th, 2016. Visit the Diocesan website, www.dioceseofsc.org and click "Convention Information" in the left menu to register.

Further Information

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church walls," said the Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, Canon to the Ordinary. Register by clicking the "Convention" tab at www.dioceseofsc.org, under the "Convention" tab. Though there is a \$10 fee for the Grandparenting mini-conference, there is no fee for the workshops. Participants are urged to pre-register. Seating is limited.

Football. Faith. Fellowship.

By Tripp Lee, Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter

The way to a man's heart may be through his stomach, but sports are surely a close second.

Men from Holy Comforter use this two-prong approach in spending more time together and providing opportunities to build lasting friendships with their sons and other young men of the parish.

On October 24, a group of 15 men from Holy Comforter set out for Wofford College to take in a football game between the Terriers and the #5 ranked Chattanooga Catamounts. Organized by the Rev. Charlie Walton (Wofford Class of 1967) and led by his son-in-law, Tripp Lee (Wofford Class 1990), the Rev. Marcus Kaiser, Deacon Aspirant Phil Osborne, and Youth Minister David Marten were also joined by two other fathers in the parish.

Sons and grandsons rounded out the group with several other young men intentionally included. "Sometimes a father can't be there for his son all the time," Kaiser offered. "Some Dads work on the weekends. We've even got some fathers deployed in defense of this great country of ours. This is a great way for some of us to step in and bridge that 'Father Gap' for other men in our church family."

David Marten, Holy Comforter's Youth Minister explained, "The church needs events where fathers and sons have a good time together. Every mentor relationship needs a foundation, a common experience. What's a better experience than four hours in a bus with burgers and football?"

Mindful that you can't visit Spartanburg without experiencing the Beacon Drive-In, the August group rolled in at 11 a.m. for full helpings "a-plenty" before making their way to Gibbs Field for the game. Time spent in the stands afforded great conversation, excitement and fun for all. "It's really heartwarming to see men and young men have a good time and demonstrate their Christian faith," Fr. Walton said.

"We can't assume that a young man's father is readily available. How can we, the church, improve our ministry to these young men? Not every father is going to be a mentor and teach their son the faith, but

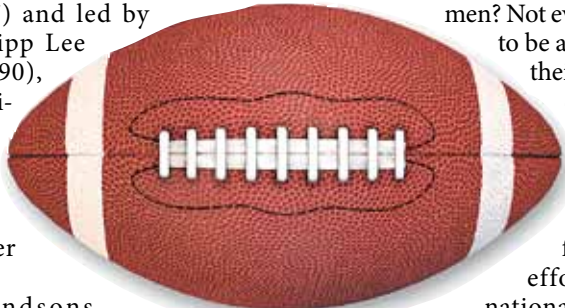
every son needs a mentor to teach him the faith," Marten added.

Wofford put forth a mighty effort and held the nationally-ranked Catamounts at bay only to succumb

to a walk-off, game-winning field goal by the 'Cats in the final seconds. The group made their way onto the field after the game for a group photo. Nick Sporinsky was celebrating his 40th birthday that day and had to have one taken with him straddling the 40-yard line!

Continuing the "foodie" theme, the Holy Comforter group made their way back to Sumter but "just had to stop" at the Smash-burger in Columbia for supper.

"I have never seen a group of men more willing to create a positive church experience for young men, both their sons and others," Marten concluded.



New Wineskins Missions Conference

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Bill Skilton and many others. This involvement has blessed us mightily through the years providing an opportunity to both establish and nourish relationships throughout the whole of the Anglican Communion.

In the week following the New Wineskins conference of 2013, many will remember that we were privileged to host numerous participating bishops here in the Diocese. Their presence among us was particularly providential and encouraging due to their unrivaled public support of Bishop Mark Lawrence and the Diocese of South Carolina for the positions taken in support of orthodox Christianity within an Anglican expression of Christian faith.

Those relationships have also continued to nourish mutual ministry throughout the Diocese.

Bishop Rob Martin of Marsabit, Kenya has an ongoing relationship with both Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant and St. Paul's, Summerville. Members of these parishes have visited Marsabit, Kenya and welcomed visitors from Kenya to share in a mutual ministry. Bishop Rob has recently requested our support in providing leadership enhancing opportunities for his soon-to-be-elected successor. These opportunities all stemmed from a New Wineskins connection.

Bishop Abraham Yel Nhial who first came to the attention of the Diocese through New Wineskins has returned on multiple occasions since 2013. He was welcomed by St. Michael's Church as a speaker at their annual Global Impact Celebra-

tion in 2014. He has ongoing relationships of support from numerous parishes throughout the diocese, including Trinity, Edisto, and St. Paul's, Conway, who remember him and the people of South Sudan regularly in their prayers. He recently welcomed the first visitors from South Carolina to South Sudan to share in his ministry there. He is also responsible for opening the doors for local Charleston Southern University student Kuaniyal (KC) Chol to join the staff of St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center and to prepare for an internship back in his home country of South Sudan. Again, these are mission relationships that were fostered through a New Wineskins connection.

What doors might your participation in New Wineskins open for you and your church? With an amazing lineup of keynote speakers including Archbishop Tito Zavala, Bishop Grant LeMarquand and his wife Dr. Wendy LeMarquand, and Bishop Ken Clarke, all of whom are already regular visitors and supporters of South Carolina, what indeed might God have in store? I know that it is an event I will not miss. With spirited worship, inspiring speakers, ample workshop choices, lively fellowship and the unfettered joy of Jesus among hundreds of mission minded Christians, it is an experience I welcome sharing with all. Plan to come as you will not regret it. Registration is open now at www.newwineskins.org. Don't delay. Sign up now!

Hope & Healing in Marriage

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God reached out in mercy to Lynn, and her life was transformed. When the rendezvous had ended, Lynn was eager to confess her affair to Paul and put the ordeal behind her, but the Holy Spirit told her to wait. Six years passed before Lynn received the order to confess. God's timing seemed questionable, but after Lynn obeyed, she witnessed the staggering omniscience of her Heavenly Father and the perfection of his ways. Both she and Paul would be changed forever.

Throughout the stories in *Hope & Healing in Marriage*, God acts consistently within His perfect character, and yet His actions are enormously creative and unpredictable. We cannot always fathom His plans or the events of our lives, but we can rely on God to draw near to those who cry out to Him, as in this excerpt from *Her Tiny Casket*:

It happened on a Saturday afternoon; I had gone to Versailles, a town just outside Paris, to attend a drama course. Jean was in charge of the family for a few hours. He was used to having this duty. Everything felt normal when I left for my acting class. Within two hours, the emergency call would come into the drama school.

A secretary interrupted our class and told me: "Your daughter has had an accident." I was to leave immediately and head straight for

the children's hospital. I rushed out, hurried into my car, and drove back to Paris, gripping my steering wheel until my knuckles turned white. As a faithful Catholic, I found myself reciting: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us," over and over.

In less than fifteen minutes, I was in front of the children's hospital. My husband was waiting for me, in tears.

What you read about with horror in the newspapers actually happened to us: our daughter Axelle, not quite four years old, had leaned out the kitchen window, lost her balance, and fallen rapidly. She had landed on the pavement below. Was there any hope? Jean could not bring himself to tell me dreadful news, but by the anguish on his face, I understood.

Before long, Veronique would learn that her daughter's death was due to her husband's poor judgment. She did not know if she could forgive him, let alone carry on as a loving wife. Veronique did not wish to lose her marriage as well as her daughter, but she was overwhelmed by heartbreak, anger, and grief.

Veronique's situation is extreme, but the need to forgive a spouse applies to countless situations. After reading Veronique's story, one can't help but think: if she could forgive her husband for this tragedy, how can I hang onto my smaller grudge?

Believe me, I know that people build up walls of spite, adding new stones daily, until they become isolated from their spouse. Naturally my husband and I have experienced our own dramas in our 24 years of marriage. Also, my years as a

Bible study teacher for women at St. Philip's Church in Charleston have allowed me to have many deep and honest conversations with people about their personal struggles. Too often, exhausting emotional battles play out as in *The Daily War*:

After only four years of marriage, Melinda detested her husband. She practically despised every curly red hair on Rick's head. "I felt I would just like to grab him around the neck and strangle the life out of him," Melinda said.

"I just used to dread coming home to Melinda," Rick concedes. "It was like the least little thing would set her off. Nothing was ever easy."

As tensions increased, even the sound of Rick's breathing annoyed Melinda. Eventually she decided to leave her husband. But God convinced Melinda to stay, promising that He would supply the love that was missing. Melinda obeyed, although it was the toughest sacrifice of her life. Their story ends happily with a surprising twist as God saves far more than their marriage.

In *Hope & Healing*, you are invited to walk in the shoes of eight couples as they discover that renewal of love is possible. Healing begins with letting go of oneself and focusing on God. He speaks to those who will listen, to those who will obey his voice. Remember, intimacy means you and your spouse share a deep physical, emotional, and spiritual bond. Don't settle for less when God is offering more.

Hope & Healing in Marriage is available on amazon.com. If you are interested in reading more stories of faith, visit Pringle Franklin's blog, Living on Jesus Street.



Holy Trinity, Grahamville, Food Pantry Moves to Bigger Location

By The Rev. James A. Gibson III, Vicar, Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville

The Food Pantry at Church of the Holy Trinity, Grahamville recently moved to its new location in the old parish rectory. Bishop Mark Lawrence offered a prayer of consecration following morning worship during his annual visit October 18. Assisting the bishop



Above, Holy Trinity member and food pantry volunteer, Tom Blanchette shows off some of the Food Pantry’s inventory.

as he offered the prayer was four-year-old Jackson Horry, son of Sean and Lauren Horry of Ridgeland.

“The Food Pantry is an important outreach to our community,” said Holy Trinity’s vicar, the Rev. James Gibson. “The new location provides much needed additional space and a more welcoming environment for those we serve.”

In addition to goods regularly supplied by the Low Country Food Bank, parishioners and other residents of the community provide support through both financial contributions and food donations. The local Piggly Wiggly has begun a program to encourage its customers to make donations to the Food Pantry and several other community ministries.

The Food Pantry is open every Thursday and Friday from 10:00 am until 12:30 pm. It has provided food for the needy in Jasper County for many years. Currently, some 150-200 clients are served each week.

St. Alban’s Chapel, The Citadel, to Celebrate 75th Anniversary, April 15

On April 15, St. Alban’s Chapel at The Citadel will hold its 75th Anniversary celebration. St. Alban’s Chapel reaches Citadel cadets with the gospel and trains them to go out into the world as transformative disciples of Christ. It is a ministry of The Diocese, Church of The Holy Cross, Citadel alumni and friends. As we commemorate over 75 years of ministry, we will honor the past, celebrate the present and anticipate the future growth of ministry.

This Anniversary Celebration will feature a dinner with Bishop FitzSimons Allison as the Guest of Honor, with other Special Guests to include Gen. John Grinalds, former president of The Citadel. Bishop Allison will help us remember the past through a brief presentation on the remarkable life of Dr. William Porcher DuBose, Citadel Class of 1855. Dean DuBose had a transformative encounter with Christ at The Citadel that changed the trajectory of his life. Following graduation and the War Between the States he eventually became the Dean of the School of Theology at the University of the South at Sewanee. There he mentored two generations of clergy from all over the South. Most historians regard Dean DuBose as the most significant voice to emerge from the Episcopal Church, and he is believed to be the only Citadel graduate and South Carolinian who has a feast day (18 August) in the calendar of the Episcopal and Anglican Churches in America.

Most of the evening will celebrate the cur-

rent ministry of the St. Alban’s Chapel Society and Student Vestry. One current student recently shared:

The Saint Albans Vestry has also been a huge help to me. Even though we are supposed to be teachers to knobs, I have learned more about God in the past year than I have in my whole life. Saint Albans to me is the clearest picture of what I think Jesus wanted the Church to become. It is kind, it is loving and above all, it is faithful to its mission. I was initially a skeptic. Now every week I receive the undiluted word of God and only find myself wanting more. I read The Bible. I pray. I help others come to their own faith in the Lord. Where else can you find testimonies of this and other 18-22 college students who are coming to Christ and being disciplined in their faith? This is to be celebrated!

Looking forward in ministry will include the unveiling of new ministry opportunities at The Citadel and beyond. Exciting advances in technology, understanding of deeper discipleship methods, and outreach to campuses around the state will be shared and cast as a vision for the future.

This event is sponsored by the St. Alban’s Society Board and chaired by Myron and Ann Harrington of Charleston. It will be held at The Carolina Yacht Club, E Bay Street, Charleston. To register or host a table, contact Anna Smith, event coordinator, at anna@STACitadel.org. You can find out more and register on our website www.stacitadel.org

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Upcoming Events

Mission Banquet, Saint James,
February 12

Saint James Church, on James Island, is hosting its annual mission banquet Friday, February 12, 2016, in the Ministry Center. The evening begins with a wine and cheese reception and live music. The dinner is a full meal followed with a huge selection of delicious desserts. Information will be shared by speakers regarding several endeavors to support missions, both locally and internationally. Many lovely donated items will be available for purchase. Please call Virginia Bartels (843-557-0202) or e-mail Virginia at virginiabartels@aol.com to make reservations (\$25 per ticket).

OSA Lenten Quiet Day,
February 20

Old St. Andrew’s Daughters’ of the King, St. Elizabeth Chapter would like to extend an invitation to all to the Lenten Quiet Day being held on February 20 beginning at 9 am. A soup and sandwich lunch will be provided and speaker to be announced at a later date.

St. Paul’s Tea Room and Gift Shop
February 29-March 11

St. Paul’s, Summerville, will hold its 12th Annual Tea Room and Gift Shop from February 29 to March 11, 1:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Monday - Saturday. The annual event, known for its ambience in beautiful Doar Hall, has provided a way for parishioners to serve the Lord in the community while raising funds to be given away.

The Tea Room features two popular dishes -- the signature Tomato Pie and the She Crab Soup--as well as other delicious soups, salads, and desserts. The Gift Shop has an abundance of quality, handmade items created by a talented team and generous members. Come to Summerville to see the flowers and have a sweet outing with family or friends!

For information go to <http://www.stpaulssummerville.org>. For reservations for groups of eight or more, call (843)873-1991. St. Paul’s is located at 316 West Carolina Avenue.

Old St. Andrew’s Tea Room and
Gift Shop, April 11 to 23
Details TBA

Launching of the Peninsula Biblical Counseling Center

Conference on Biblical
Counseling, February 5-6

The Peninsula Biblical Counseling Center, a new resource to meet needs on Charleston’s Eastside, will offer a two-day Conference on Biblical Counseling February 5-6 at the International Longshoreman’s Hall in Charleston.

David Powlison, M.Div., Ph.D., who teaches at CCEF and edits *The Journal of Biblical Counseling* will be the keynote speaker. Powlison received a Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in the history of science and medicine, focusing on the history of psychiatry. He has a Master of Divinity degree from Westminster Theological Seminary, and has been doing biblical counseling for over 30 years. He has written numerous articles on counseling and on the relationship between faith and psychology. His books include *Speaking Truth in Love*, *Seeing with New Eyes*, *Power Encounters*, and *The Biblical Counseling Movement: History and Context*.

Janie Wilson, who is nearing the completion of her PhD in Biblical Counseling, will also teach during the conference and will oversee the counseling center.

Center Needs Diocesan Support

Wilson writes, “I pray that the parishes, missions and parishioners of the Diocese of South Carolina will see fit to undergird this effort by prayerfully and financially supporting this upcoming Conference. Remember that Biblical Reconciliation is paramount to this approach. Your including the Peninsula Biblical Counseling Center, a 501C3 in your future Home Mission’s plans, would be much appreciated.”

To learn more contact Janie Wilson at janiedw@bellsouth.net.



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Grace Parish Bids Farewell

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the Rev. Linda Manuel, and it was decided that Rev. Manuel would become their Vicar. Vicar Linda and her new congregation immediately started making plans to grow this new Anglican parish. With no start-up funding and no building, they began by meeting in private homes and then met for several months in the chapel at Lee Funeral Home, Little River. Eventually, they settled in at the J. Bryan Floyd Community Center on Possum Trot Road – where they continue to meet for Sunday services at 10 a.m. and Wednesday Bible studies at 3:30 p.m.

Through Vicar Linda’s wisdom and loving guidance, Grace Parish has steadily grown and is outwardly focused on serving the Lord and serving the community. Last year, they hosted their first annual Blessing of the Animals event at the NMB Sports Complex, and they celebrated Easter and Christmas by providing a holiday service and Holy Eucharist at the Summit Place Assisted Living facility in Little River.

Grace Parish is also an active partner with Helping Hands of the North Strand and with Maria’s Kids Foundation which provides assistance for special needs teens. In May 2015, Grace Parish instituted a chapter of “The Order of The Daughters of the King,” a worldwide women’s prayer group.

Vicar Linda and her husband, Robert, have been an integral part of this special parish, and their guidance and friendship will certainly be missed. However, they leave Grace Parish with the knowledge that the foundation they built is firm and Grace Parish will continue to thrive.

The Interim Vicar at Grace Parish is The Rev. Ramsey Gilchrist. His first service was held on September 13.

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