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Moving Beyond Isolation

Embracing an Ecumenical Vision

2009 Bishops' Dialogue/LARCUM Spring Conference
April 23-24, 2009

This year the LARCUM (Lutheran, Anglican, Roman Catholic and United Methodist Church) spring conference will be held at our Diocesan facility, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

We are living in a period of sweeping cultural volatility, ambiguity and complexity. These forces tend to be divisive and isolating within churches, dioceses and synods, and even within parishes and congregations. Like many of the congregations to whom St. Paul originally addressed his letters, we can easily be preoccupied with our local issues and problems while overlooking some of the gifts we might receive from our common life in Christ.

Over the course of three sessions, the keynote speaker, Brother Jeffrey Gros, will lead participants to reflect on the gifts they have received from one another, the challenges that distract them from the quest for unity with other Christians, and the ways in which they might pray for one another at this present moment in our own church's journey. Participants will be challenged to consider specific steps they can take to deepen reconciliation, enrich understanding of the church and an ecumenical vision, and to enliven a common mission in South Carolina.

Brother Jeffrey Gros, FSC, served ten years as Director of Faith and Order for the National Council of

Churches, and then 14 years as Associate Director of the Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Brother Gros is currently Distinguished Professor of Ecumenical and Historical Theology at Memphis Theological Seminary. He also serves as Dean for the Catholic Institute for Ecumenical leadership, a program for diocesan ecumenical officers.

Brother Gros received a Bachelor of Arts degree and a Masters of Education (Biology Education) degree from St. Mary's University of Minnesota. He earned a Masters degree in Theology from Marquette University and a Ph.D. in Theology from Fordham University.

He has spoken to a wide range of religious groups including the American Academy of Religions, College Theological Society, Faith and Order Commission USA, and Councils of Churches in various states and many varied religious and educational groups throughout the world.

Join the bishops, priests, deacons and lay ministers of LARCUM who will gather to explore the hopes and challenges of a pilgrimage that moves beyond isolation, and embraces an ecumenical vision.

For more information contact the Rev. Dow Sanderson, Ecumenical Officer at (843) 722-2024.



JOY HUNTER

Diocesan Convention Held March 12-13

By Joy Hunter

Over 300 delegates, clergy and visitors attended the 218th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina held at Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant, March 12-13, 2009. The Very Rev. Dr. Justyn Terry, Dean and President of Trinity School for Ministry, preached on Isaiah 55 at the opening Eucharist on March 12, encouraging all to, "Come, listen and receive." The service was followed by a reception on the aircraft carrier the U.S.S. Yorktown.

On March 13 the convention began with Morning Prayer. Bishop Lawrence, in his address, asked, "What is God calling the Diocese of South Carolina to do?" In response, he cast a vision for "Making Biblical Anglican for a Global Age." In addition to encouraging growth (both numerical and spiritual) in our own parishes, he urged those present to plant new congregations, to strengthen our black congregations, to emphasize connecting with and sharing the gospel with young

adults and to take a proactive role in shaping the future of Anglicanism with "mutually enriching missional relationships with dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion." The full text of the Bishop's address, from his written notes, not from a transcription, may be found at www.dioceseofsc.org.

Rather than presenting separate reports, the diocesan ministry staff who serve in areas of congregational

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DEBBIE PATTERSON

Canterbury Cathedral Choir to Visit April 19

By the Very Rev. William N. McKeachie, Dean of South Carolina

With the enthusiastic blessing of our Bishop Mark Lawrence, the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul is to be the venue on April 19 of a concert of sacred choral music by Canterbury Cathedral's

Choir of Men and Boys. Canterbury Cathedral, in the southeast corner of England, is known and cherished throughout the world as the historic "Mother Church" of Anglican Christianity.

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Dickinson Called to Cathedral

On Sunday, March 22, after an eight-month review, strategic visioning, and search process to discern God's will for a successor to the Very Rev. William N. McKeachie as Dean and Rector, the Vestry of the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, together with the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence as Bishop of South Carolina, announced that the Rev. R. Peet Dickinson IV, had accepted the Cathedral's call. Currently Assistant Rector at St. Michael's Church, Charleston, Dickinson expects to assume his new position no later than June. He has been married to Jennifer for 10 years and they have a five year old daughter, Mae. A graduate of Wake Forest University and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford, Peet was ordained a priest in this Diocese by Bishop Salmon in 2004. Peet's letter of acceptance of the Cathedral's call was read at



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CHRIS HAVILAND

“It’s been quite a long road from being the little church on the periphery of Mt. Pleasant to being able to invite the Diocese to ‘Come on over to our house,’” says the Rev. Ted McNabb, Rector of Christ Church, shown above with Bishop Lawrence. “It’s been more than three hundred years in fact. It was an honor and a privilege in Christ to host our convention, Bishop Mark’s first as Diocesan. Everyone in the parish wanted you to sense that. Hope you did.”

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leadership, faith formation, youth and young adult ministries formed a panel in which they spoke with the Bishop about the challenges of the future, and the need to shift focus in mindset and methods, emphasis and direction. As Bishop Lawrence said, “God didn’t call the world to come to the church; but the church to go to the world.”

Dean McKeachie was recognized for his contributions at this last convention before his retirement. Sue Griffin, president of the Episcopal Church Women reported on the work of the ECW.

The elections were handled swiftly using hand-held electronic voting devices. Nancy Armstrong,

Diocesan Administrator, noted that this was the “fastest election we’ve ever had.” Election results are listed at right.

Three resolutions were passed at the convention: R1- which urged support of the Anglican Covenant; R2 – A Resolution on the Uniqueness of Christ, and R4 - A Resolution Requesting Withholding of Consent from the Episcopal Election in Northern Michigan. The full text of these appears on page six.

A slideshow of photographs may be viewed at www.dioceseofsc.org.

Special recognition goes to the Rev. Ted McNabb and the members of Christ Church for the outstanding job they did in hosting the event.

Convention Election Results

March 13, 2009

Diocesan Council – Clergy

The Rev. Joseph Gibbes
The Rev. Ken Weldon

Diocesan Council – Lay

Mr. Gerry Graves
Mr. Thomas Gary McMeekin

Standing Committee – Clergy

The Rev. Patrick Allen
The Rev. David Thurlow

Standing Committee – Lay

Mrs. Anne Dennis
Mrs. Frenchie Richards

Trustees – Clergy

The Very Rev. Craig Borrett

Trustees - Lay

Mr. Steve Brunson
One-year unexpired term
Mr. John Jordan
Six-year term

Ecclesiastical Court – Clergy

The Rev. Marshall Huey

Ecclesiastical Court - Lay

Mr. Ron Jones

University of the South

Mrs. Libby Lewis

Advancement Society – Clergy

The Rev. James Yarsiah

Advancement Society – Lay

Mr. Don Evans



CHRIS HAVILAND

View a convention photo album at www.dioceseofsc.org.



SYLVIA WEEKS



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LAURA DIXON



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Let the Little Children (of the Community) Come

New Clergy at St. Paul’s, Bennettsville, Steps into Support Role for Family Literacy

St. Paul’s Episcopal Parish in Bennettsville has welcomed its new Deacon in Charge, The Rev. James Barnhill, a recent graduate of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. A critical part of the outreach program in which Barnhill will invest much of his time is the Marlboro County Family Literacy Child Care Program. Housed in the Church buildings as an outreach ministry



of St. Paul’s, the Family Literacy Program is currently serving in excess of 10 children. As a requirement, all parents of any child enrolled in the program must either be in high school or attend the Adult Education Center from 8:00-11:30 a.m., where they work on their G.E.D. or high school degree to improve their lives. While the parents are studying, their children receive a nutritional breakfast and snack, participate in morning singing and learning activities, interact with the story of the day, play in the learning centers, and enjoy outdoor time on the playground.

Parents also participate in learning activities at St. Paul’s Child Care Center. Each day, all parents return to St. Paul’s for parenting classes, which are held at 11:30 a.m. Monday-Thursday. This past autumn, parenting classes centered on healthy eating and the importance of nutrition; making time for self and managing stress; raising smart and healthy children; understanding the stages of childhood growth and development; job preparation; and balancing life, finances, work, and whatever comes.

Family of the Month Initiative

The Family Literacy Center inaugurated its “Family of the Month” Program in the autumn of 2008. This initiative recognizes a family enrolled at the Center which has excelled in the four core components of the program: adult education; early childhood education for children; parenting education classes; and parent and child interaction. In February, this honor was bestowed on Kasey Locklear and her children. Kasey is the mother of two little girls, Jazmyn, who is three-years-old and Aliyah, who is two. Kasey takes pride in knowing that she and her daughters have never been on welfare, although it has not been easy. She said that no matter how tough it gets, she will keep going, knowing that she is making a better life for her daughters.

Through the Family Literacy program, Kasey was able to complete her G.E.D., Certified Nurse’s Assistance, CPR, and First Aid training. She has enrolled in Northeastern Technical College in Cheraw, SC. Kasey is the first in her family to pursue a college-level degree, and her dream is to become a registered nurse and, ultimately, a doctor.

Kasey believes that the sky is the limit for her children and is determined to see that they have whatever they need to succeed. “I want them to go to school, grow up and make something of themselves. I don’t want them to make the same mistakes that I made. I am correcting my mistakes, and I want to be able to say that I never received a welfare check. I will not wait on someone to help me with my precious little girls. They are my inspiration.” Kasey is also very proud of her Native American heritage.

A program of the Marlboro County School District, Family Literacy is guided by Marian David who directs an enthusiastic group of

staffers and volunteers. The Center is advised by a board of laity and clergy from a wide spectrum of denominations and professions, which meets at the Center every second Tuesday of the month. Members of the Parish of St. Paul’s are also a constant feature of the Center,

reading to the children, facilitating workshops, or assisting the parents and the staff members in their care.

The previous Rector of St. Paul’s, Terence Lee, who was installed last year as Canon for Pastoral Care in the Episcopal Diocese

of the Rio Grande, was instrumental in helping Ms. David establish the Center. Canon Lee saw the historic St. Paul’s Kindergarten Building – which has served past generations of the St. Paul’s congregation and the wider community of Bennettsville – as a natural home for the Literacy Center.

Barnhill is excited about his new role as a supporter for the Family Literacy Center at St. Paul’s and concludes, “I can’t think of a more beautiful way to obey Our Lord’s command of ‘Let the little children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God’” (Mk. 10:14).

For more information on the Family Literacy Center at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church in Bennettsville, contact Marian David by telephone at (843) 479-4846, or by email at: m david@marlboro.k12.sc.us.



Kasey Locklear, shown above with her children, Aliyah (left) and Jazmyn, believes the “sky’s the limit” for her little girls. “I want them to go to school, grow up and make something of themselves,” she says. The Locklears were named as the Family Literacy Center’s Family of the Month in February.

A Conversation with Reggie McNeal

Author and Keynote Speaker for the 2009 Diocesan Leadership Forum

Catching up with the very busy Reggie McNeal is not easy, but we did manage to spend a few moments discussing key aspects of the missional movement. The following recaps our conversation. – Joy Hunter, Editor

Hunter: Reggie, in the introduction to *The Present Future*, you state that the church in North America has forsaken its missional covenant with God for a more clubhouse approach where religious people hang out together. I nodded, “Yes, it’s true,” but thought, “How do you turn this monstrous ship around?”

McNeal: Well, it’s going to take a heart transplant for this to happen. I used to say that it takes leaders but I’m not even at all certain about that anymore because I see God capturing the hearts of all kinds of people to be engaged or reengaged in missional activity in the world. Sometimes it’s coming from the balcony and not the chancery. I’m happy with wherever it comes from, wherever people are being infected by the missional virus. The missional virus is the kingdom virus, the kingdom bug. They move away from a church-centric view of how we live out our faith into a community-engaged, world-centric view of how we live out our faith.

Hunter: You’ve said that we often, inaccurately, think we’re evangelizing when we invite people to church. It’s hard to talk about our faith. Why isn’t inviting someone to church enough?

McNeal: The reason that evangelism that is church-centric is increasingly difficult or ineffective is, first of all, there are increasing numbers of our population who don’t want anything to do with church. It doesn’t matter what we do in church. They are not going to come. We can put in a smoke machine, hire really sexy sax players. They are not coming, no matter what. This does not mean that they’re not spiritually intrigued; they just don’t think that they need to pursue that in a church context. That’s why inviting people to church is an ineffective form of evangelism.

Hunter: You’ve said that church involvement doesn’t result in growth. If growth doesn’t come from the Bible studies and the classes we offer, where will it come from?

McNeal: Most of our growth comes from serving other people, from engaging in relationships with others as opposed to stuffing our heads with more information which may or may not lead to behavioral change.

Hunter: When I read *The Present Future* I thought, “Yes, he’s

got it!” and I was energized, but the other part of me, the worn-out, exhausted side said, “I’m already beat! I can’t do any more.” What would you say to that?

McNeal: You’re exhausted?

Hunter: I am. And the church keeps asking me to do more!

McNeal: Yeah, yeah yeah...My response to that is that more than likely missional engagement will force us to reprioritize our lives, to take a lot of activities off the burner that don’t nurture our soul or that distract us from being missional followers of Jesus. As a matter of fact, in my later work *Missional Renaissance* I talk about the fact that if we only think of external focus and missional needs and don’t



How should attendees prepare for the upcoming 2009 Leadership Forum? McNeal answers, “I think they should cultivate, in their prayer life, that they’d see God’s mission in the world. They can practice that by sitting for 30 minutes in a Starbucks or a Walmart or the mall and have them sitting still, get a cup of coffee and pray, “Lord help me see.”

understand the second issue which is the move from running programs to developing people, all we do is layer on more activity on top of program engagement, which leads to quicker burnout.

Hunter: I like where you discuss vision and values because I agree we can plaster our vision statement to kingdom come and it not “take” if our church culture really values something else. How do you get your vision and values in line, or revise your values if you realize they’re “clubhouse” dictated?

McNeal: The issue is, “How do you keep vision and value aligned?”

Hunter: Well, I think often we say our values are one thing, when actually they’re something else. I think maybe our values need to change.

McNeal: When I work with clients on vision/value alignment, I spend most of my time on the values side of that equation. Our values are not what we say we believe; they are what we do. Any discussion of values always results in a behavior audit. And once we understand, really, the impact of our behavior, then we can turn to our vision and say, “Would our vision emerge from continuing the behavior that we’re currently engaged in?” If, as leaders, we realize that our values are out of line with a missional covenant, the smart move is to work on creating new behaviors for people. Just preaching at them or teaching them about new values won’t cut it. We actually have to create venues where people can act like the people of God. So if they act more and more like the people of God, their own vision will become clear; they’ll begin to experience the Kingdom of God in their own life. That’s why I spend a

lot of time working with clients on helping them create venues where values can be acted upon.

Hunter: Our diocese is focusing on intergenerational faithfulness, and we’re beginning to see parents starting to disciple their own children rather than shipping them off to Sunday School to get the job done. Does this movement fit into your “shift” ideas?

McNeal: It is absolutely dead center in the missional movement because of what happened with the rise of the program church in the second part of the 20th century. At that time we, as Americans, began to outsource to the service economy those things we didn’t want to do, or could afford not to do, things like lawn care, food prep, oil changes, you name it, laundry... As we began to pay other people to outsource these things we also began to outsource spiritual formation to the church, and you had the rise of the program church in direct parallel to the rise of the service economy. The missional movement refocuses spiritual formation as life-centric rather than program-driven or curriculum-centered.

Hunter: We’re expecting around 200 clergy and lay leaders at the upcoming Leadership Forum. How should they prepare for your presentation or what can they expect?

McNeal: I think they should expect to leave encouraged. I think they should cultivate, in their prayer life, that they’d see God’s mission in the world. They can practice that by sitting for 30 minutes in a Starbucks or a Walmart or the mall and have them sitting still, get a cup of coffee and pray, “Lord help me see.” That’d be great preparation.

Starting a Rebelution

Father and Son Praise Book for Teens

“Today we live in a culture that promotes comfort, not challenges. Everything is about finding ways to escape hardship, avoid pain, and dodge duty. In the past, young people were expected to make sig-

The quote, at left, comes from the forward of a book by Alex and Brett Harris, teen twins from



Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for youth ministries, and his 16-year-old son, Chad, recommend *Do Hard Things*.

nificant contributions to society. Today, our culture expects very little from teens – not much more than staying in school and doing a few chores. A sad consequence of such low expectations is that life-changing lessons go unlearned.”

Chuck Norris

- Gresham Oregon who invite their peers to explore radical questions such as:
- Is it possible that even though teens today have more freedom than any other generation in history, we’re actually missing out on some of the best years of our lives?
 - Is it possible that what our culture says about the purpose and potential of the teen years is a lie and that we are its victims?
 - Is it possible that our teen years give us a once in a lifetime opportunity for huge accomplishments – as individuals and as a generation?
 - What would our lives look like if we set out on a different path entirely – a path that required more effort but promised a lot more reward?

Alex and Brett describe that alternative path with three simple words: “do hard things.”

Their book *Do Hard Things* encourages teens around the world to live to a higher standard. It challenges them to defeat low expectations and live up to their real potential. Today’s culture has reduced its expectations of teens from what it

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all Cathedral services on March 22 by Johnny Wallace, Senior Warden. In his Vision Statement, Dickinson writes: “As a leader under Christ’s lordship, I pray I will love His people sacrificially, trust His Word unflinchingly, preach His cross unflinch-

ingly, and embrace the transforming power of His Spirit daily.”

Editor’s Note: *News of Dickinson’s call was received the day we went to press. Additional information will appear in the next Jubilate Deo.*

A Listening Ear, A Caring Presence

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Group Provides Survivor Follow Up

By Jean McDowell, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, Director of Development

A few years ago, Emily and Clayton Burrous, members of St. Philip's Church in Charleston, visited the home of a mother whose son was shot while riding his bicycle. The mother had several grandchildren living with her at the time, and while discussing the tragic loss of her son, mentioned that she still hadn't "gotten over the others yet." As it turned out, this was her third and last son to have died – all to violence. Two sons were murdered, and the other committed suicide. Fortunately, Emily and Clayton are members of the Survivor Follow Up group, an extension of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, and they were able to tell this mother about the Homicide Support Group in Charleston where she could meet with others who have tragically lost loved ones.

Eight years ago, in an effort to be more effective, the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy brought together a dedicated group of volunteer laypersons and formed the Survivor Follow Up group. This group meets with the Chaplains once a month to discuss ongoing cases and take on new ones. Each meeting also features a continuing education component.

About six to eight weeks after a tragedy, friends have often returned to their normal routines, but survivors are still grieving. This is when the Survivor Follow Up group begins to make contact, through letters, telephone calls, and visits. Survivor Follow Up volunteers do not provide professional counseling; they are simply there to listen and to make sure the survivors are receiving the help and support they need to make it through this difficult time.

After making contact, a member of the Survivor Follow Up group will report to the chaplains at the monthly meeting on how each survivor is progressing. The chaplains with the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy focus on the imme-

diated aftermath of a tragedy. They are on the scene with listening ears and helping hands to comfort and support the victims and their families as well as the emergency responders. The Survivor Follow Up Group is an extension of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy that enables the chaplains to make sure survivors are receiving the help and support they need in the months following the tragedy.

Grace Episcopal Church member Joan Halkyard is involved with the Survivor Follow-Up group and describes a meeting she and another member had with a survivor.

"We sat close by her and listened, a hand on her shoulder. We gave her tissues. We listened some more. After an hour or so, we established that she did, indeed, have a support system of sorts. We told her about various support options in the Charleston area, left her some reading material about them and also about what she might or might not feel as she grieved so deeply for her lost son. And we told her that the Chaplaincy is there for her whenever she felt inclined to reach out. Help is as close as her telephone, we assured her. She asked for a prayer. The three of us stood up, held hands, and we prayed for comfort, support, and for knowledge of the presence of God's love. After a warm hug, we said good bye."

If you are interested in volunteering with the Survivor Follow Up Group, please call the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy office at (843) 724-1212, or join us at a meeting to learn more. The group meets from 6:30 to 7:30 pm on the fourth Monday of each month at John Wesley United Methodist Church in West Ashley.



The sole survivor of a 2000 plane crash which killed her parents, Molly Haupt, (above, second row, fifth from right) spoke at the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy's 18th Banquet on January 27. Of her many rescuers, who surround her above, she said, "They were just so wonderful. I really came away with a faith in the inner kindness of people and the importance of community. That has helped me in the years after."

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was in past centuries. The twins share many testimonies and stories of the accomplishments of famous young people throughout history as well as modern teens who are making a difference in the world.

Alex and Brett Harris founded TheRebelution.com when they were 16-years-old to encourage others to do hard things. As college students now, they are presenting their message to thousands through this book, conferences, major television and radio appearances, and of course, their website. To

learn more, go to www.therebelution.com or pick up a copy of the book at any bookstore.

I read this book over the summer and could not put it down. It gives loads of examples of teenagers in historic and modern times who have done extraordinary things. Reading this book could transform your life and the world around you!"

Chad Wright, 16

Chuck Norris, in the forward to the book, adds, "Their book is far more than a typical how-to book. From an insightful historical overview of the teen years to personal plans for helping teens hurdle tough obstacles, the authors sound a battle cry to raise the cultural bar on teenage potential and to challenge young people to reach for their God given best."



JOY HUNTER

The Rev. Jim Lewis, shown above with his wife, Libby, and Bishop Lawrence, will begin serving as the Canon to the Ordinary this May.

The Rev. Jim Lewis to Serve as Canon to the Ordinary

The 218th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina approved in its budget the call of a Canon to the Ordinary. Bishop Lawrence has announced his selection of the Rev. Jim Lewis as his choice to fill the position. Responsibilities of the new Canon will include assisting with clergy deployment and overseeing clergy salaries as well as the ordination process in the Diocese.

In addition to being a liaison to clergy in administrative matters, Lewis will assist the Bishop in his work with the individual parishes of the Diocese and support the larger work of the Episcopal Office in fulfilling the Diocesan Vision.

Lewis provided the following summary biography by way of his introduction to the larger diocese:

"I was born in Petersburg, Virginia, and raised, for the most part, in West Tennessee in the little town of Humboldt. I received a BS in Natural Resource Management from the

University of the South at Sewanee in 1981 and an MS in Forest Biology from Virginia Tech in 1984. After a time working for the Dow Chemical Company and the Dept. of Natural Resources in Virginia, I attended Seabury-Western Seminary in Evanston, Illinois, graduating in 1994. For the next ten years I served as the Rector of St. Jude's Episcopal Church in Walterboro, South Carolina. The final four of those years I also had the pleasure of serving as Dean of the Beaufort Deanery. In 2004, I accepted the call to become the Associate Rector at the Church of the Resurrection in Surfside Beach. Since August of 2008, I have served as the Interim Rector here. I have been married to my wife, Libby, for 20 wonderful years and we have three children, Mary Elizabeth (14) and Will (11) and Anna Li (8) whom we adopted from China. As one who loves this Diocese, I look forward with eagerness to working with Bishop Lawrence and serving its people. It is a rare privilege and pleasure."

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By Ann Hester Willis, Director of Development

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Shift

Preparing Your Church for the Future, Part 3

By Elizabeth Pennewill, Consultant for Congregational Leadership

In the last two issues of the *Jubilate Deo* we've attempted to glimpse the future of the protestant evangelical church by examining the juxtaposition of recent trends in American evangelicalism with the diverse characteristics of generational cultures found in churches today. In the final part of this series, we contemplate the rise of a relatively new evangelical expression called the missional church. This is one way the church is responding to the challenges posed by the demise of (some would add 'and damage from') the church growth movement, combined with a slow but inevitable transition of leadership, and followership, from Baby-boomers to subsequent generations.

Missional vs. Attractional

The simplest way I've found to describe the missional movement is to contrast it with another popular approach of the modern church, sometimes called attractional.

"The average age of people who attend mainline churches is twenty years older than the general population."

— ChurchNext
Eddie Gibbs

Attractional churches (arising in the 1980's, alive and well today) rely on attracting new members with optimally-located buildings, dynamic leader/preachers, programs that address felt needs and excellent music.

The philosophy underlying an attractional church is often summarized with the phrase, "if you build it they will come." This approach succeeds in attracting people to the church in part because of the consumer culture of the era.

Some might ask what's wrong with the goal of attracting members to the church. Isn't that the point? Certainly the attractional church does bring in non-Christians and introduces them to a saving faith in Jesus, and, one hopes, makes disciples of them. And there's nothing wrong with fine facilities, timely programs and great preaching. But consider the cultural shifts discussed earlier in this series. Essentially, the era of the church-shopping boomers is rapidly coming to an end, and, most (not all) of their children are not in the Christian market. In his 1998 book entitled, *Virtual Faith*, Tom Beaudoin writes, "Many baby boomers kept institutional religion at arm's length until midlife. For their children, Gen-Xers, the step from religion-as-accessory to religion-as-unnecessary was a slight shuffle, not a long leap." The church in the future can no longer grow solely by attracting aging boomers returning to the fold, or upon (as has been the case with many parishes in our Diocese) members transferring from other churches.

Generational Differences

By contrast, churches with a more missional understanding of why they exist are focused on sending members into a fallen world much in need of the good news. Alan Hirsh, in his 2006 book, *The Forgotten Ways*, describes the missional church as "an outwardly bound movement from one community or individual to another. It is the outward thrust rooted in God's mission that compels the church to reach a lost world. Therefore, a genuine missional impulse is a sending rather than an attractional one." Many writers, pastors and teachers who are thinking about the future of the church contend that this is the most effective approach for reaching post-boomer generations who desire authenticity and who place a high value on their own community structures.

Most young people today are not "seekers" in the way we've understood seekers for the

Missional Congregations

For a very small number of congregations in our Diocese thinking missionally is slowly but surely becoming second nature. For others, being attractional is a matter of course. For many, neither approach resonates. For still others, survival is the only goal right now. Regardless, the point of congruence for us all is, and will be until his second coming, Jesus' command to make disciples – this is our mission – no matter how small or large we are, high church or low church, rural or urban, traditional or contemporary. The missional movement broadens the perspective of the body of Christ from doing church to being the church. Perhaps, reconnecting the church with her mission is something we can all agree upon.

According to author Reggie McNeal in his 2009 book *Missional Renaissance*, the missional movement is the "single biggest devel-

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past few decades. While the majority of Gen-Xers and Millennials are hungry for spiritual food, most simply aren't looking to mainline churches for nourishment. Therefore, no matter how wonderful our greeters may be, no matter how friendly our church family, we will not grow by waiting for young people to come to us without first sending ambassadors to meet them where they are.

Church leaders who have spent time and energy making sure that visitors are welcomed warmly do not despair. As we see in the first century church the mission-oriented church can be very attractive! "*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*" (Acts 2:42-47)

opment in Christianity since the Reformation". While confirming the "church's function of exercising doctrinal oversight" McNeal posits that three significant shifts must take place in order for the church to move toward a missional future, a future he describes as "the most viable". The shifts orient the church toward a more mission-focused understanding of our purpose. Let's take a brief look at each shift.

Missional Shift 1:

From an Internal to an External Ministry Focus

This shift goes far beyond ensuring that the church welcomes newcomers or encourages members to invite their friends. This shift literally takes ministry outside of the building, not because it's the newest trend, but because the church members believe that's why the church exists. "They look for ways to bless and to serve the communities where they are located."

Missional Shift 2:

From Program Development to People Development

We tend to measure success by the number of programs we offer and their level of participation. And yet, a recent research-based survey* of how spiritual maturity unfolds (analyzing input from over 157,000 congregants in more than 500 churches) concluded, in part, that there is precious little correlation between church activity and spiritual maturity. Shift number two challenges the sometimes limited ways we think about making disciples through programmatic offerings. "The only real guarantee is that the church will keep people busy." McNeal does not devalue the study of Scripture, but rather expands the understanding of discipleship to include familial, relational, physical, financial and spiritual health along with other personal development objectives.

"The primary task of the leader is to reconnect ecclesiology and missiology in order that the church be defined first and foremost by its God-given mission."

— ChurchNext
Eddie Gibbs

Missional Shift 3:

From Church-Based to Kingdom-Based Leadership

One of the primary responsibilities of church leaders is identifying, raising up, mentoring and coaching future leaders. Those who undertake this responsibility, however, have typically done so with the goal of ensuring leadership for church-based activities. Shift three describes "leadership geared toward stimulating and supporting a movement... bringing church into every domain of the culture". This shift seeks to expand the focus of leadership from institutional maintenance to family, ball field, neighborhood and workplace transformation.

Want to know more?

Our Diocese is fortunate to have Dr. Reggie McNeal as our keynote speaker for the 2009 Leadership Forum (see below). The Forum, designed for teams of clergy, staff members and lay leaders, will provide time for learning and reflection about the implications of the missional movement and much more that will help churches prepare for the future. Register on page nine.

*For more information about this ongoing research and how your church can participate in the survey visit www.revealnow.org

Reggie McNeal to speak at 2009 Leadership Forum May 31-June 2

Our keynote speaker for the 2009 Leadership Forum, Dr. Reggie McNeal, serves as the Missional Leadership Specialist for Leadership Network of Dallas, Texas. McNeal is the author of *A Work of Heart: Understanding How God Shapes Spiritual Leaders, Practicing Greatness: 7 Disciplines of Extraordinary Spiritual Leaders* and the best-selling *The Present Future: Six Tough Questions for the Church*.

Reggie's past experience involves over a decade as a denominational executive and leadership development coach. He also served in local congregational leadership for over twenty years, including being the founding pastor of a new church.

His latest book, *Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church* will

form the basis for his keynote address. During the Forum McNeal will share the three significant shifts that church members and leaders must embrace to chart a course toward becoming truly missional:

- ◆ From an internal to an external focus, ending the church as exclusive social club model
- ◆ From running programs and ministries to developing people as the church's core activity
- ◆ From church-based leadership to community-engaged leadership

Register for the Leadership Forum on page 9.



comes from people aged fifty-five and older) or when the remaining three-fourths of a generation who are institutional loyalists die off or both."

Reggie McNeal
The Present Future



predecessor. The missional church will just as dramatically distinguish itself from what we now call 'church.'"

Reggie McNeal
Missional Renaissance

Canterbury Choir
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From the time of St. Augustine, whose mission to England dates Canterbury Cathedral's founding in 597, through such great medieval Archbishops as St. Anselm and St. Thomas Beckett, to Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (the Reformation compiler of the Book of Common Prayer), and in the 20th century such renowned theologians as William Temple and Michael Ramsey, Canterbury has for almost fifteen hundred years been one of the world's great centers of Christian witness. In expressing and extending that witness, the continuity from generation to generation of Canterbury Cathedral's ministry of music has been at the heart of Anglican Christianity's world-wide mission.

The overnight stay in Charleston by Canterbury Cathedral's Choir, its only appearance in the Carolinas, has been made possible thanks to the hospitality of many parishioners of St. Philip's Church – the "Mother Church" of Anglicans in South Carolina – and other Charleston Episcopalians. As Anglicanism's most historically significant Cathedral faces the need to raise \$90 million to restore its ancient and deteriorating physical property, it seems only appropriate that it should seek the support of Anglicans, no matter how far-flung, by sending its celebrated Choir of Men and Boys on a mission to Save Canterbury Cathedral.

In support of this global mission, our Diocese is honored to "welcome Canterbury to Charleston" on Sunday, April 19. At 3:00 p.m. that afternoon Canterbury's Choir of Men and Boys will sing at our own Diocesan Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, 126 Coming Street. Proceeds will support Canterbury's urgent need to undertake a range of essential restoration work, repair of its Cathedral's walls, towers and roof, conservation of much of its

A Call to Prayer for General Convention

By Vicky Armes
Diocesan DOK President

Since Prayer is the first part of the vow daughters take as Daughters of the King, it is only fitting that the Diocesan Daughters would invite all members of the diocese, their families and their parishes to join in an intercessory Prayer Vigil for the upcoming General Convention and 2009 DOK Triennial. Both will be held in Anaheim, California in July. Sign up sheets have been placed in each chapter's church for those wishing to be a part of this Vigil. The original Prayer Vigil sheets will be bound together for presentation at the Opening Eucharist as part of the Prayers of the People. The book(s) will then be kept in the Prayer Chapel for the remainder of the Convention.

ancient stained glass, and enhancement of its organ.

Tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will be offered in three categories: \$75 per seat for premium seating (inclusive of an invitation to a special Reception for the Choir following the concert); \$25 per seat throughout the rest of the Cathedral's Nave; and \$10 per seat in either of the side balconies (restricted view).

Tickets will be available for purchase from designated representatives in the Deaneries or online at www.dioceseofsc.org. Our own Diocesan Cathedral Office (126 Coming Street, Charleston, SC 29403) is serving as the "clearing house" for all transactions, and any checks, whether for the purchase of tickets or donation purposes, should be made payable to "Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul" (memo: Canterbury Cathedral Choir).

Holy Cross Faith Memorial Clinic Receives \$5,000

This past January, the Smith Medical Clinic (a free clinic located on the campus of Holy Cross Faith Memorial HCFM) was awarded a check for \$5000 by South Carolina Attorney General Henry McMaster as part of a State settlement with CareMark Pharmaceuticals. The funds are part of a settlement reached by twenty-eight state attorneys general early this year with Caremark, one of the nation's largest pharmacy benefits management companies.

The funds from the settlement were to be directed, at the discretion of the attorneys general, to benefit low-income, disabled, or elderly consumers of prescription medications, to promote lower drug costs for state residents, or to educate consumers concerning the cost differences among medications.

About the Clinic

The Smith Medical Clinic was founded by Dr. Cathcart Smith, a retired internist from Conway, SC, who, with his wife Nancy, lived in Murrells Inlet after retirement. Smith wanted to offer medical care to those in the community of Georgetown County who could not afford it, so he approached then Bishop of SC, Fitzsimons Allison.

Dr. Smith and Bishop Allison agreed that the free clinic Dr. Smith had in mind, should go on the campus of HCFM, the home of Baskerville Ministries. The year was 1985, and the clinic opened using retired doctors

have no health insurance and are not receiving Medicare or Medicaid. In 2008, the clinic had over 6,000 visits. Susan Surratt, FNP (Family Nurse Practitioner) is the director of the clinic which is overseen by



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S.C. Attorney General Henry McMaster visited the Smith Medical Clinic on the campus of Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church in Pawleys Island to present volunteers with a \$5,000 check. From left, S.C. Rep. Carl Anderson (D-Georgetown), S.C. Rep. Vida Miller (D-Pawleys Island), Dr. Carl Fisher, Office Manager Judy Silver, Clinic Director Dr. Susan Surratt, Receptionist Rendi Guyton (in back), Katherine Rybolt, LPN, McMaster, the Rev. Tommy Tipton, rector, and visiting pastor, the Rev. Alex Barron.

and nurses in the area and with a budget of about \$10,000 a year. After 30+ years of operation, the Smith Medical Clinic has grown from a mobile home with one exam room to a "full blown" doctor's office in a building owned by the church that cares for 30 to 40 patients a day for free, and with an annual budget for 2009 in excess of \$300,000. Located in the clinic is a pharmacy that fills most of the prescriptions that are written for a nominal fee. The Smith Medical Clinic offers quality medical care to those who

a board of directors consisting of members of the HCFM Vestry and congregation of which the Rector, the Rev. Tommy Tipton, is the chair. The Clinic has a volunteer pool of nearly 100 (doctors, nurses and lay persons) from the entire community and area churches. It is truly a witness of ecumenical ministry at its best!

Information in this article first appeared in one by Eric Walters in the Georgetown Times. Information was also provided by the Rev. Tommy Tipton.

Resolutions Passed at the 218th Diocesan Convention

The following resolutions were passed at the 218th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina held on Friday, March 13, at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant.

Resolution 1:
Proposed Anglican Covenant

Be it resolved, that the 218th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina express its support for the development of an Anglican Covenant, as a means of encouraging dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion to practice a responsible autonomy and inter-provincial accountability, for the mutual enrichment of our common life in Jesus Christ through the abiding fellowship of the Holy Spirit and through the bonds of affection; and

Be it further resolved, that this, the Diocese of South Carolina, encourages The Episcopal Church (TEC) to embrace this Covenant process, even if the process necessitates restraint in the area of human sexuality, and urges that the various dioceses of TEC demonstrate responsible autonomy in their common life and practice towards the various dioceses and provinces of the Communion in this regard; and

Be it further resolved, that this convention respectfully requests the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primates, and the Anglican Consultative Council to allow dioceses lying within provinces which may choose not to abide by such a Covenant to sign their support of such a covenant, and be recognized as full members of the Communion; and

Be it further resolved, that as the Diocese of South Carolina did choose at its Diocesan Convention in 1785, to organize as a diocese, (one of the first seven dioceses in these United States to so organize in that year), and to send delegates to the first General Conventions to organize the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and thereby freely associate its clerical and lay members with the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society—presently known as TEC; so this same Diocese does also assert its authority to freely embrace such a Covenant in communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury, and to seek to remain a constituent member of the Anglican Communion, should the Instruments of Unity allow such diocesan association

Submitted by the Standing Committee and the Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina

Resolution R-2: A Resolution on the Uniqueness of Christ

That this Diocesan Convention, while valuing and affirming the importance of cultural and religious diversity, affirms that the good news of salvation in Jesus Christ is for all and must be shared with all including people from other faiths or of no faith and that to do anything else would be to fail to love them as our neighbor; and that to this end, this Convention:

(a) recommits itself to living out daily the Baptismal Covenant's call to "proclaim by word and example the Good news of God in Christ;" and

(b) urges all Christians to encourage sensitive and positive sharing of faith with people of all faiths and none whilst being willing to learn from and be enriched by people of other faiths.

Explanation:

In the beginning of the 21st century we live in a global village in which the world is indeed flat and there are many spiritual and religious ideas competing together for people's attention. It is more important than ever that we as Anglicans affirm, speaking the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15), the unique claim that Christ and his cross has on the whole world, a claim we have been given by the apostles and by those earlier Christians in history on whose shoulders we now stand.

In their most recent General Synod in February 2009, the Church of England passed a resolution which read:

"That this Synod warmly welcome Dr Martin Davie's background paper 'The witness of Scripture, the Fathers and the historic formularies to the uniqueness of Christ' attached to GS Misc 905B and request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none."

This resolution also allows us to support our sisters and brothers in the Church of England who rightly see the importance of "the uniqueness of Christ" in a multi faith world.

Submitted by the Very Rev. Craige Borrett, the Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon, Christ Saint Paul's, Yonges Island

Resolution R-4: A Resolution Requesting Withholding of Consent from the Episcopal Election in Northern Michigan

That this Diocesan Convention believes significant questions have been raised regarding the Rev. Kevin Thew Forester's faithfulness to the Doctrine of the Trinity as this Church has received it and as it is defined and articulated in the Nicene Creed; and

That on the basis of these questions Convention recommends that the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina withhold its consent to the consecration of the Reverend Kevin Thew Forrester to the office of Bishop in the Episcopal Church; and

That this Convention strongly encourage the Bishops and Standing Committees of all other Episcopal Dioceses carefully and thoroughly to study especially those writings, statements, and sermons of the Rev. Kevin Thew Forester pertaining to the Doctrine of the Trinity and the nature of God.

Explanation:

The Rev. Kevin Thew Forester has been nominated and elected to serve in the office of bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Michigan.

We are well to be reminded that a bishop in the Church of God is "to be a guardian of the Church's faith, to lead us in confessing that faith..." (BCP pp. 519 from "The Consecration of a Bishop").

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A Priest's Conversion: Broken by the Word

Rector of Good Shepherd, Charleston, Tells of His Conversion to Family Ministry

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

It is no coincidence that during the Reformation, many men and women were broken by the Word of God. Most notably we remember the German monk Martin Luther at his desk studying the book of Romans. "The righteous shall live by faith" started what we now know as the Reformation. Conversions like St. Augustine's are not uncommon when men and women hear God's Word afresh for the first time. I cannot claim that my conversion to family ministry was in any way as dramatic as these two saints', but I do believe that it is every bit as thorough. It is also no coincidence that when we look for an era where family ministry was widely practiced in the church, the Reformation era is the best example.

Nagging Doubt

In 2001 after 10 years of church-based youth ministry, I headed off to seminary. In those final years of leading the Diocese of South Carolina's renowned youth program, I (along with some of the other professional youth ministers) had begun to suspect that the long-term results of our earnest ministry were not what they should have been. The Search Institute had come out with the results of a comprehensive asset survey of American teens. The research showed what the Bible taught, but we were amazed by it: a parent's positive impact on the life of a child was the #1 contributor to long-term faith and productive discipleship. The role of another significant adult

(the youth minister) was a distant third behind mom and dad. It is important to note that the role of that other significant adult is not without great benefit, but it is not crucial.

This nagging doubt about the long-term success of youth ministry went with me to seminary. There I studied the Word of God and began to be more and more conformed to it in my own life. One of the things that I realized was that as a father of two young girls, I needed to begin to teach them about Jesus and how to live as Christians. I knew this was true, but I had no concept of how. We prayed before bed; we sang Christian songs in the car; we took our girls to church. But there had to be more.

After I returned from seminary and took my first post as a curate, I slipped into the very busy role of priest, husband, and father. Like any other vocation, the learning curve is steep and requires more hours at the outset. By the end of 2004, I was the father of three girls and doing not much more with the Christian leadership of my family than I had been doing when I started seminary.

Visionary Parenting

Sometime in 2005, Peter Rothermel introduced me to a youth min-

ister turned family minister named Rob Rienow, who had started a ministry to families called Visionary Parenting. Early in 2006, I received the call to become the Rector of Good Shepherd in Charleston. Peter suggested that I use the Visionary Parenting program with the young families at the church as a way of getting started. Little did I know that I would be broken by the Word of God in a significant way.

Those first couples who made up the Visionary Parenting group then, still form the nucleus of the

new thing that God is doing at Good Shepherd now. When we started watching the DVDs together, I had no idea how convicted I would be as the leader of the group. The first several were almost overwhelming were it not for the grace-filled approach of Rob Rienow. The heart of his presentation is the Biblical Theology of the role of parents in the lives of children. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is the foundation of his assertion that families are God's primary agents for evangelization and discipleship of the next generation. As I began to listen and study the passages, I realized God was remaking me as a father.

As Rob confessed on the video that he had been a youth worker taking care of everyone else's kids but his own, I began to see by the Spirit that this was spiritually true of me as Rector. My three young daughters were not getting any more Christian teaching from their father than they were getting in the hour a day they received at their school. Our young group of parents began to try and implement Bible reading and family worship with our own families. Each week, we were overwhelmed by what we were not doing. At the end of the first cycle of Visionary Parenting, we decided to do the same program in the spring and invite others. There was so much to learn that we needed to review.

From Vision to Identity

As I said, mine was not a dramatic conversion, but it has been thorough. With the encouragement of Rob Rineow, Peter Rothermel and our Visionary Parenting group, God has changed the way I look at my role as a parent. More than anything else now that I am assuming the God-given role of spiritual leader of my family, I can see other areas of my life falling into alignment. I no longer wait for teaching moments or discipline times to instruct my children, we have (or attempt to have) daily family worship after breakfast. It is more challenging than ever now that daughter #4 is in the picture and still less than a year old. The way the Gaillards are parenting today looks much different than it did in 2001. I am convinced that it is because the thread of truth that travels right

from Deuteronomy 6 to Ephesians 6 is God's plan for parents.

Because of this conversion, the Church of the Good Shepherd looks vastly different than it would have. Our vision includes the goal of being "known for World-changing Children and Strong Families." Out of our Vision, we have adopted something I heard along the way that our ministry to children will be "parent-led and church-supported." We no longer have Sunday School because this model, like the old model of youth ministry, were made to take the responsibility off of parents to disciple their children. This statement is in no way meant to downplay the role of a strong Sunday School, but I do challenge each church leader to think about the resources expended for traditional Sunday School and the spiritual benefit that results. Ask your adults how many of their lives were forever changed by Sunday School?

Vision becomes identity when it begins to hurt. In terms of church leadership, I knew that we were at a point of no return when I told a new couple with young children (and we were desperate for new couples at the time) that we did not have a traditional Sunday school, and they went elsewhere. At that point, I knew I was broken by God's Word. We are looking for long-term discipleship not short-term success. Since then, Good Shepherd has hired a Family Minister who plays that role of "other significant adult" in the lives of our children (there is a place for youth group and youth ministry) but not at the expense of always pushing our parents into the primary role.

I believe that the families at Good Shepherd will, over time, see much fruit from this return to Biblical principle and practice. But the major success in this movement for me is the change that it has made in my own family. Singing, praying, and opening God's Word with my wife and four daughters is the heart of my ministry. I am thankful to be broken by the Word,



TARA GAILLARD

The Gaillard Family gathers every morning before breakfast for worship. Above, from left, Ann Claire (11), Cate (9 months), Eliza (4) with Dad, Shay, and Mary Foster (8). Mom, Tara, is taking the photograph.

Family: The Ultimate Small Group

Group of Families Meet to Support One Another

By Lorelei Campeau
St. Paul's, Summerville

"Mommy, are we going to see the girls after church?" asked my young sons. "You know, when we get our blessings?" This is the typical question I get as we pack up our belongings and head to the car after church each Sunday. It makes me smile that little children would seek the fellowship of other Christian families and a continuation of worship even though the service has just ended.

The "girls" are the children of the other St. Paul's families who attended the "Generations" Family Camp with us at St. Christopher last June. We, (the Campeaus), the Muellers, the Plymels and Cathy Jacobs had the unique opportunity to spend time together and hear the teachings of Rob Rienow. Our children range in age from preschoolers to preteens. After family camp, we began meeting as a group, once or twice a month. We attempt to learn about and instill Christian ideals and attributes within our children and ourselves. We really didn't know each other before this experience and have forged relationships which have become important. We learn



CHRIS CAMPEAU

"Mommy, will we see the girls today?" The Campeau children, above, look forward to continuing their Sunday worship time with other families. Above, Jordan (now 7), Lily (now 4) and Jackson (now 6).

from each other and support one another in our family initiatives.

Each time we meet, we eat! Our children gravitate to each other for play which gives the adults time to discuss whatever is on our minds. After a short period, we gather and read a devotional or discuss an issue. There are so many things we have discussed. One of the most important things we've realized is that our families are the ultimate "small group" where we must learn how to love and worship Christ. Another

important lesson is that the things which we choose to do may affect our children, our grandchildren and our great grandchildren! In closing, we say a blessing over all of our children. The most important thing that we have learned is that we are not perfect and the best thing that we can do is to love each other the best way that we can. "This is my command: Love each other. John 15: 17

New Wine USA

June 18-21

National Conference
Hosted by St. Andrew's Mt. Pleasant

Do you long for more of the Lord and more of the things of the Lord in your life? If so, join us at New Wine USA, June 18-21, 2009, as we dig deeper and press into what the Lord has in store for us. We'll



Above, Eoghan Heaslip leads worship at New Wine 2008.

seek Him together, inspired by the Holy Spirit, for our churches together, our individual churches, our leaders, and for each person.

The hope of the New Wine Summer Conference is that it will be a place where the whole church can gather together in a relaxed environment for a transforming weekend of worship, teaching and ministry. Our time together is all about being envisioned, equipped and empowered by the Holy Spirit so that we overcome our circumstances and engage in the sort of fulfilling and fruitful mission that will change our lives, our churches and our communities.

What is New Wine?

The vision of New Wine is to see our society changed through Christians and churches being filled with the Spirit, alive with the joy of knowing and worshiping Jesus Christ, living out his Word, and doing the works of the Kingdom of God. New Wine Summer Conferences are for church leaders and members alike, with facilities beyond the scope of individual churches. New Wine includes worship, teaching, and ministry which equip Christians for Spirit-filled life and ministry in their family, local church, community and workplace. The conference is also a modelling and teaching ministry to adults, youth and children that can be implemented in the local church.

Worship, Teaching and Ministry

From the perspective of a teaching/equipping weekend, we have invited Kenny Borthwick to be our guest speaker for morning and

evening teaching sessions. Kenny, who has been featured in *Charisma Magazine*, heads up the work of New Wine Scotland, and coordinates C.L.A.N. Gathering (Christians Linking Across a Nation). Additionally, we offer in-depth interactive seminars on both Friday and Saturday.

Robin Mark ("Days of Elijah") will be guest worship leader and, as usual, the St. Andrew's praise team will play a significant role in the leading of worship. And, New Wine wouldn't be New Wine if it weren't for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. To ensure that everyone desiring ministry, there will be plenty of ministry opportunities throughout the weekend.

What is the Program?

Adults – teaching from world-renowned speakers makes this a weekend you don't want to miss. Come and be fed and ministered to as we focus on this year's theme – "More." There will be morning and evening talks in the Ministry Center and a great variety of morning and afternoon seminar streams.

Older Youth – Grab a coffee and come on over to the youth venue for worship, talks and small groups. In the evening we turn up the volume for amazing worship celebrations with great speakers – but most importantly lots of space to meet God.

Younger Youth – An action-packed program of worship, talks, discussion groups, seminars, crazy games, and all the other usual New Wine madness!

Children - a fun-filled week that includes great teaching, crazy games, arty crafts, plus the chance to make new friends and catch up with old ones.

A Special Place for Clergy

Clergy of the diocese and their spouses are invited to attend at no cost. For more information about New Wine and to register, please visit NewWineUSA.org or contact Greg Shore at greg.shore@newwineusa.org or (843) 284-4323.

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source, and there's a spirit who enables that return. Everything comes from God. We give it back to God. And the spirit gives us the heart of gratitude. That is the Trinitarian nature of life. And you can be a Buddhist, you can be a Muslim, you can be a Jew, and that makes sense. And we all develop more elaborate theologies, but the truth is we live and have our being in a God who asks only one thing of us: to grow into people who give thanks that God is our center, God is our life, that we are one with God. And as we grow into realization, that we are one with this God who lives in us, and the only thing God asks us is to give back everything in thanksgiving, we live. It's what the Syrians said, "we will know what redemption truly is, we will come alive, we will be made to live," because we will know—not because someone told us—because we know that God gives us life. And all God asks of us is "give it back to Me in return."

There are simply too many theological questions raised here to be confident that this is someone who will preach and uphold the apostolic Trinitarian Faith.

Dominican Republic Mission

11th Diocesan Medical Mission Scheduled

By Cheryl Allen, Coordinator for Diocesan Missions

I must be getting older. I find I start many sentences with, "It seems like only yesterday." It seems like only yesterday that my youngest, Margaret, was starting middle school and I was preparing to go on my very first short-term mission trip to the Dominican Republic. But it wasn't yesterday. Margaret is in her second year in college, and we are preparing for our eleventh medical mission trip to the Dominican Republic in May.

Over the years this group has done an outstanding job of representing our diocese. We have had members from all areas of our diocese with different views and worship style preferences. One of the blessings, each year, has been watching as we put aside our differences and find common ground in Jesus Christ. Each group has been different yet has always bonded spiritually, thanks be to God and to the team chaplain for guiding our groups through the emotional upheavals and spiritual awakening that goes with being in a short-term mission group.

This year we leave on May 8 and will be gone one week instead of our customary two. Because of the economic downturn, our leadership felt that we could not take people away from their jobs for two weeks. Shortening the

trip forced us to make a decision about which site we felt called to visit. After much prayer and with a sad heart, we decided that we would go to the parish we felt was the neediest. So we are going straight to Cristo Salvador in Santiago. Of course, we are saddened that we will not see the children at the Alburque in San Francisco de Marcoris, but they have a couple of churches that help out and send teams throughout the year. Cristo Salvador had only one other team that would come, and last year that church ended their relationship as they felt called to work in another country. Also our team has been instrumental in helping set up a daycare and a limited health clinic at Cristo Salvador, and we feel a responsibility to see how things are progressing.

Poverty is everywhere—spiritual, physical, material, emotional. Our team is called to share our faith in Christ. We use medicine as our tools, we witness to our Dominican brothers and sisters, because Christ has taught us how. We come home, each and every time humbled because we were allowed to see Jesus work in the Dominican's lives, our teammates' lives and maybe the most amazing part, in our own lives.

Please keep the 2009 Medical Mission Team in your prayers.

All Saints, Hilton Head, Donates Supplies

for Dominican Republic Mission Trip

By Fred Gebler, All Saints, Hilton Head

When the parishioners of All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island learned that the members of their Diocesan Medical Mission Team needed a variety of supplies for an upcoming trip to the Dominican Republic, they heeded the call and responded generously. According to Dale Finn, a registered nurse who will represent All Saints on the May 8-16 medical trip, "Our church's collection of tooth brushes, wash cloths, and band aids has been an overwhelming success." She pointed out, "Our members donated over 1,120 tooth brushes, 900 wash cloths, and 100 boxes of Band-Aids and they also added an unsolicited 337 tubes of tooth paste for the collection." In addition, the church's Episcopal Church Women and others donated funds to purchase medications and supplies for the clinics.

Dale pointed out that these items donated by her fellow parishioners would be so treasured by the beautiful people the medical mission team is privileged to serve. She added, "I am blessed to be able to go, to be part of this team, and to see the joyful response to these gifts."

The team members, along with much help from the local Dominicans, will set up a clinic in the barrio of Cristo Salvador in an Episcopal church building. Once the building has been transformed into a medical clinic, the local people will have the opportunity to be seen by medical providers and a dentist with the assistance of nurses, pharmacists and various support people. For many of the Dominicans, it is the only medical treatment they will have access to all year.

According to Dale, the unique part of this mission team is the diversity of the members. They consist of members from various churches throughout

the Diocese of South Carolina. The team meets only briefly once or twice before the mission trip.

All Saints is contributing \$100,000 over five years (plus labor provided by their members) for the construction of a church and school. The church will be consecrated on April 3, 2009.

"Once in the Dominican Republic we work and worship side-by-side for over a week in less than ideal conditions," says Finn. "We gain strength from each other through this Christian ministry that each of us feels driven to participate."

Additional Support

Incidentally, the members of All Saints are also committed to contributing \$100,000, plus the labor of its mission teams, over five years for the construction of La Redención Church and School in Barahona, the Dominican Republic. The church will be dedicated on April 3 of this year, while work on the school is still under way.

Below, Dale Finn, a member of All Saints who will participate in the Diocesan Mission Trip cares for an infant during a previous visit to the Dominican Republic.



Convention Resolutions

However, in a recorded sermon delivered on Trinity Sunday posted on the St. Paul's Church, Marquette, MI, website, the Rev. Kevin Thew Forester preached the following:

...One of the amazing insights I have found in the interfaith dialogue is that, no matter what you name that source, from which all life comes—you can name that source God, Abba; you may name that source Yahweh; you may name that source Allah; you may name that source "the great emptiness;" you can name that source many things, but what all the faiths in their wisdom have acknowledged in the interfaith dialogue is that, you and I, we're not the source. We receive from the source, and what we are asked to do is give back to the source. In other words, what the interfaith dialogue has recognized is that there is a Trinitarian structure to life. That's what I'm driving at this morning. We make the Trinity much too complex. The Trinitarian structure of life is this: is that everything that is comes from the source. And you can name the source what you want to name the source. And our response to that is with hearts of gratitude and thanksgiving, to return everything back to that

Sharing Reading Camp Beyond Kentucky

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

In the February/March *Jubilate Deo* (page 15) we introduced a social ministry named Reading Camp. It is a program to increase literacy among third and fourth grade children and is available to our Diocese through the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington, KY. Reading Camp offers two students-to-one teacher staffing. Campers receive 15 hours of intensive, personalized reading education in a camp setting, which is equal to or more than what they receive in a full year of school.

In 2009, there are five Reading Camps in Kentucky: Mission House, Lexington: June 15-19; Cathedral Domain, Lee County: June 21-27; Trinity Church, Covington: July 13-17; Trinity Church, Danville:

July 20-24; Pine Mountain Settlement School: July 25-August 1; and Grace Church, Paducah: July 27-31. The Diocese of Lexington welcomes church members from our Diocese who are interested in starting a Reading Camp program here to attend a one week camp this summer in Kentucky. We can volunteer at a camp in 2009 and then serve as a director or co-director at that or another camp in 2010. We will learn the behind-the-scenes administrative needs so that, by 2011, we will be able to launch Reading Camp in our Diocese.

Applications for Reading Camp volunteers are available ONLINE through the Reading Camp website

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Short-Term Missions: A Step Along the Path of Discipleship

By the Rev. R. Peet Dickinson, IV, Assistant Rector, Saint Michael's Church, Charleston

Saint Michael's, Charleston, recently sent a team of 14 (Charlotte David, Peet Dickinson, David Fine, Paulette Gobel, Randy Gobel, Lynn Lawrence, Newman Lawrence, Georgia Lucas, Lilly Petrey, Matt Pridgen, Carolina Ravenel, Heidi Ravenel, David Soutter, Linda Soutter) on a short-term mission trip to the tiny nation of Burundi in the Great Lakes Region of East Africa.

We were going around the room each sharing our testimony and why we felt called to go on a two-week mission trip to the heart of Africa. All of the people knew that they were supposed to go, but no one felt ready to go. I certainly felt that way. My friend Simon Guilebaud first invited me to bring a team over to Burundi about four years ago. Every time the invitation came, I had a reason to say "not right now." I wasn't quite ready. He challenged me and asked if I was saying "no" out of fear. I assured him that I just didn't feel like God was calling me at that time. The truth was that it wasn't really fear, but rather TERROR that kept me from saying "yes" to my friend.

As a young adult from the church sat in my office and asked me about this upcoming trip to Burundi, I found myself challenging her in the same way Simon challenged me. I asked her if fear was giving her pause about this trip, and she admitted that it was definitely fear and a sense that she wasn't quite ready. It was soon after that meeting that I knew that I needed to go to Burundi, and I was certain that she needed to go as well. Neither of us was ready, and that was just the point.

I think many of us think that mission is the culmination of discipleship, when in fact it is actually a step along the path of discipleship. No one is fully ready to go on a mission trip, and that is precisely why you need to go. I can say, based on my own experience and what I saw in the lives of my fellow teammates on this trip, short-term mission is a powerful means of discipleship. When we read in Luke 10 of Jesus sending out the seventy-two, the purpose of the trip clearly has more to do with the missionaries than the

mission field. Luke even records the missionaries' return from their trip and the exchange they have with the Lord Jesus. He is continuing to teach them based on their experience on the trip. The mission was undoubt-

The evangelist then asked the man if they could take a walk around his house. They disappeared around the back of the house and were gone for a good while, but when they emerged around the other side they



Above the women and children in the Pygmy village among the Twa people sing and dance. "I did my best to join in," says Dickinson, right.

edly a means of discipleship rather than the end of discipleship.

So, as our team has returned to South Carolina from Burundi, I am struck both by what we saw happening in that country and

"I was struck both by what we saw happening in that country and what we saw happening in our own hearts while we were there."

what we saw happening in our own hearts while we were there. It is amazing to witness the undeniable redemptive power of the Gospel, and we saw it everywhere in Burundi. This nation has endured the full devastation of war, genocide, AIDS, and corruption, yet has individual Christians who beam with the love and joy of Christ.

The number of such Christians is growing exponentially, and the darkness cannot overcome the light that shines through them. One of our team members went out as part of an evangelistic team into a village and she and her team came face-to-face with the darkness, as they met a man who had been paralyzed from the waist down due to an unknown disease. He couldn't work and as he sat propped up against his mud hut, the darkness of sin, despair, and brokenness was all over him. But this team introduced him to Jesus and told him about the grace and love of God seen on the cross. The young evangelist paired with our team member shared the Gospel and then he said to the man, "In the name of Jesus, get up." He reached out his hand to the man on the ground and sure enough, the man got up and began to walk. He and his whole family gave their lives to Christ, so not only could this man now walk and work, but he would now walk with the Lord for eternity.

came with seven other adults in tow. Those other adults from the village had seen this man healed and they gave their lives to Christ. There, in the course of about an hour, another ten or twelve lights were lit in Burundi.

This gives a western Christian hope and assurance that nothing is beyond the saving embrace of Jesus. Nothing can account for the joy the Burundian Christian exhibits other than the reality of the Gospel's power. They have no hope beyond the Gospel, but the truth is, neither does the "prosperous" business person in South Carolina. As our team witnessed former tribal enemies reconciled and healed, we were challenged to go home and ask the Lord to help us be reconciled in our broken relationships. As our team experienced genuine koinonia both with our brothers and sisters in Burundi but also amongst our team of 14 very different people, we knew that real peace can reign in our communities and families. As we made our way through the 13-day trip, we all realized that we were refined and shaped more and more into the likeness of our Lord and Savior.

There are so many more stories I could tell of our time in Burundi, but really our trip was only part of the Great Story of salvation that God is constantly telling. This trip was not a culmination, but rather another step along the path of discipleship for me and the rest of my team. So, are you ready to go on mission? Maybe not, but pray and consider how a trip like this could be used by the Lord to draw you closer to him and deepen your walk of discipleship.

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Transformation at the Red Light Team Brings Mission to Liberia

By Sam Clawson, International Missions Team Leader, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant

“They will stab you tonight before you leave- beat you up- leave now.”

This was the greeting voiced to the St. Andrew's mission team as they walked into the vacant lot called Sugar Hill off the back alleys of the Red Light in the Paynesville Township, outside Monrovia, Liberia. So began the three-day crusade led by Anthony Kowbeidu, Associate Rector of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, and Chris Warner, Rector of St. Christopher's, in one of the darkest, most crime ridden areas in all of Liberia.

The team left Charleston on January 26 for a two-week dental mission and evangelism crusade. The mission team from St. Andrew's and St. Mary's, Goose Creek included Janet Brasfield, Sam Clawson, Shawn DuPre, Ed Griffin, Dr. Bill Sasser, Susalee Sasser, and Nancy Swan, along with Anthony and Chris.

What is the Red Light?

The Red Light is not a “red light district.” Red Light is the area around one of the very few traffic lights in the area and to understand the Red Light. You have to understand the history of wars that have ravaged Liberia for over 15 years. The years brought varying degrees of intensity of conflict between numerous groups competing for power. Rebel factions would depose a government and install themselves. New rebel groups would arise to oppose the new government, and so on, with years of corruption and brutality on every side. When the war ended with the intervention of the United Nations in 2003, every group, government forces and rebel groups, laid down their arms.

The former combatants, especially the rebel groups, returned to an economy devastated by war. Infrastructure lay in ruins. There were no jobs. Combatants were shunned by the civilian population

the “headquarters” of the gangs on the vacant lot called Sugar Hill.

Why the Red Light?

In July, 2008, Anthony, along with Sam Clawson, met with Eddie Dunbar of the Great Commission Movement in Liberia. Months before this meeting, Anthony sensed the call to a crusade in Liberia. At first, he felt the call was to an event at the soccer stadium in Monrovia. While in Liberia last summer, Anthony and Sam consulted with various church leaders in the Diocese of Liberia and with other churches. Nothing seemed to resound, each seemed to be more about the event and less about Jesus.

Eddie Dunbar was the last person on the schedule. He said to let him pray about it. The next day, he suggested that the name of Jesus be lifted up at the Red Light outside Monrovia. There was no doubt that this was the location. Eddie did not hesitate. “When Jesus came to minister to the sick of this world, he did not go to the healthy, he went to the hospitals of this world.” If the Red Light is to be analogized to a hospital, this would be the intensive care unit.

Laying a Foundation

The Great Commission Movement had begun the ground work weeks in advance of the team, reaching out to gang members and showing the “Jesus” film. The theme of the crusade, Come and See, was taken from John 1:43-46.

A few days after we arrived, Anthony led a contingent of the team to Sugar Hill to see the site. After the team made its way through a rabbit's warren of alleys to the vacant lot, the group saw about 30 men, all gathered under some trees at one end of the lot. Brief greetings were exchanged with some of the men before they quickly returned to their

arguing with each other. Shoving erupted between them. With a strong “Amen,” the team moved back through the alley to the waiting van.

On Tuesday, Chris Warner led part of the team for another visit to Sugar Hill to pray over the ground and to anoint the ground with blessed wine. After walking into the vacant lot, some men from under the trees came up. “What are you doing?” they asked. The team

of repentance and acceptance. Representatives from local churches quickly divided the respondents into groups, and wrote down names for follow-up and prayed with the groups. Members of the team were also divided so a team member would pray with each group.

The team left in the darkness, but the light of our Lord had shown in the group and members glowed in the joy of new ground that had been claimed in His name.

to your Heavenly Father, Papa God, and let Him make you his child through Jesus Christ. For all who receive Him, to those who believe in His name, He gives the right to become children of God.”

Butt Naked

The last night of the crusade was Friday. By now, some of the men under the trees were rushing to greet team members as they



As part of the follow up celebration, those gathered were given photographs of themselves. “None of them had ever had a photograph of themselves,” said Warner. “We had three rolls of film - 20 pictures each, yet 73 went home with photos. It was another one of God's creative miracles.”

explained who they were and what they were doing- “You will see us today peacefully walking around the lot and quietly praying.” Walking in two around the lot, members prayed for our Lord to reign over the ground, the men under the trees and the team. They then gathered in a tight circle around Chris, as he poured the blessed wine upon the ground and offered up prayers of praise, petition, and protection.

The First Night of the Crusade: John 3:16

The crusade began Wednesday night. Anthony was taking his place on the stage when, unbeknownst to him, an adolescent boy approached the rest of team, shaking and crying, and told a team member that the men under the trees were going to attack the team that night. The team did not retreat, but moved forward in prayer and praise.

Anthony took the stage and delivered a message from John 3:16. “God so loved the world- that means that He so loved you and me in all our dirtiness and sin that He sent His Son Jesus to dwell amongst us sinners and die for us that we might live.” You could see some of the men under the trees listening intently, while others continued to laugh and blatantly smoke their drugs. Anthony pressed on, telling the men that Jesus is their only hope and called those who wanted to accept Him as their Savior to come forward. At first, no one moved, then came one, and then another, and another, and more, until 55 crowded around him. He led them in a prayer

The Second Night of the Crusade: John 1:13-14

Chris led the service Thursday night. The mood seemed to have shifted. Team members were talking and praying with some of the men and women from under the trees. There was hunger for the Word, but there were also plenty of questions. “Will I be accepted in a church where people know who I am... what I have done in the past... how dirty I am, in body and spirit?”

Chris' message from John 1:13-14 answered those questions and more. He offered his own story of how he came to Jesus after rejection by his father and other father figures. It was a very personal story, and the men stopped their undercurrent of chatter and laughter. They listened to Chris' testimony, transfixed because it was their story, different times, different places, and different acts, but the same pain of rejection that had led to years of rebellion and sin. “Jesus longs for you; He will never call you names or reject you. He wants you to be His son or daughter, and He will never leave you.”

He called anyone who wanted a new Father in Jesus to come forward. Men and women surrounded him in front of the stage. He knelt on the stage and asked everyone who wanted to accept Jesus to kneel on the ground. “Don't look down, look up, look into my eyes. Many of you have felt shame and rejection when others will not look at you. Look up. Let me look into your eyes and tell you that Jesus loves you. Come

arrived. Oscar, the leader of one gang, had answered the altar call on both the first and second nights. He brought some of his men that Friday morning to the dental clinic for care from Dr. Bill Sasser. Chris sat on the ground among Oscar and his men and began to disciple them. That night, Oscar was walking with a Bible in his hand that Shawn Dupre had given him, encouraging other men under the trees to step forward and see for themselves.

Anthony preached from John 1: 43-46 about Jesus' encounter with Phillip and Phillip's later conversation with Nathanael. “Jesus said, ‘I saw you when you were under the fig tree.’ Jesus knew who Phillip was before he came to follow Him. He has seen you under the trees here at Sugar Hill. He knows that others have looked at you and said, ‘What good can from Sugar Hill?’ He knows who you are. He knows the killing you have done, what you have stolen, the drugs you have taken. He knows it all. He still calls you to His arms. He will wash all of the dirtiness away and you will be clean. Come, come and see what He will do for you.” Many came.

Gen. Joshua “Butt Naked” Blahye then took the stage. He was the most notorious rebel leader of all. During the war, he lead a group of young men, including many child soldiers, in murderous rampages, fueled by satanic covenants, alcohol, and drugs. His nickname came from the fact that he and his men would strip naked as they moved into battle. He had turned his life over to Christ after the war. Many still distrusted him



“The men were so filled with shame,” says The Rev. Chris Warner, “that they wouldn't look up. I called those who wanted a new Father in Jesus to come forward. ‘Don't look down,’ I said. ‘Look up, look into my eyes. Let me look into your eyes and tell you that Jesus loves you.’ They went from death to life, right before my eyes.”

who had suffered so greatly at hands of those on both sides of the conflict. Many of these men gathered at the Red Light, which soon became the underbelly of a crime controlled economy. When new police officers were brought to this area, they became the crime lords rather than the crime fighters. Armed robbery, theft, drug dealing, prostitution, including child selling, and even murder were the course of the day and especially the night.

The crusade was to take place at

place under the trees.

The team gathered in a circle for group prayer. During the prayer, the men under the trees started advancing. Their voices were becoming louder and louder. The prayers became louder and louder. The team, was now praying the Lord's Prayer, in unison, said, “Deliver us from evil.” Suddenly the crowd stopped their advance just short of the team. Confusion seemed to reign down upon these men. They began



THE REV. JIM BEAVERS

Charles E. Jenkins, a Senior M.Div. student at Trinity School for Ministry from St. John's Parish, Johns Island, is pictured in the well-stocked Trinity bookstore in Ambridge, PA.

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By Tootie Adams
Diocesan ECW Church Periodical Club Chair

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Charles Jenkins

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Reading Camp

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Discipleship... with a Passion!

Beta Course Designed to Follow Alpha By E. Prioleau Alexander, St. Michael's, Charleston

St. Michael's Church has, for over a decade, been a church committed to evangelism, most specifically through the use of the Alpha Course. During the final weeks of Alpha, new believers are encouraged to join or form small groups, then utilize these small groups for Bible study, Christian formation, and encouragement. There was no lack of cheerleading to encourage these new folks onward to discipleship!

Out of the Comfort Zone: Equipping Disciples

Over the past two years, however, questions arose. Yes, we are encouraging these individuals towards discipleship, but are we equipping them to become disciples? How does one communicate the true meaning of discipleship, and what are the steps (and costs) involved in walking the walk? With those questions asked about new believers, another question arose—Have our veteran parishioners been trained in the area of discipleship? Yes, St. Michael's has small groups that have been meeting, praying, and studying together for decades... but have the specifics of discipleship been addressed?

Another area of consideration for the St. Michael's clergy was a desire to further mobilize the laity, and to encourage each and every parishioner to venture outside their Christian comfort zone. Priests and laity alike agreed that the Holy Spirit was moving in St. Michael's, and the Rector Al Zadig's team wanted that power harnessed for evangelical kingdom work. The fear was one of "spiritual obesity," and the formation of a "Christian Cocoon." The answer circled back to the same issue: Equip the laity for discipleship.

Thinking Big: Beta Course Developed

After much prayer, discussion, and research, Zadig developed a discipleship vision

and a plan of action: St. Michael's would follow the Alpha Course with the "Beta" Course, a church-wide teaching on the fundamentals of discipleship. Never one to think small, Zadig convinced The Rev. Dr. Peter Moore; former Dean of Trinity School for Ministry, to join the staff at St. Michael's and head up the program. A noted author of several books, including the award-winning *Disarming the Secular Gods*, Moore dove into the task and developed a nine-talk curriculum. Together, they agreed the course would be taught at 7:15 a.m., again at 12:15 p.m., and again at 6:15 p.m., in order

topics help explain why: Discipleship; The Bible; The Call and the Cost; Prayer; True Spirituality; The Spirit; The Fight; The Family; and finally, Hope.

Enthusiastic Responses

Response to the course has been amazing, as the vast arrays of attendees are "lit up" with excitement about the new and challenging teachings. As a result, the commitment has been made to have Moore teach it again in the fall. Beta is 100% kingdom work, and

the course is open to everyone in the Diocese. Individuals are welcome, as well as entire small groups wishing to experience it together. Needless to say, St. Michael's would be honored to have clergy attend as well—although an Episcopal



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to ensure this exciting new offering would be available to every schedule.

Now it was built—but would they come? Over 250 members of St. Michael's signed up!

As part of the process, new Life Groups were developed to ensure every attendee had a group to call their own. The total length of the course is 18 weeks, with an easy-to-follow schedule—One week, Moore (or Zadig) makes a presentation, and the following week, the Life Group meets to discuss the topic and the assigned reading. The response to the course has been phenomenal—and the discussion

priest or deacon may not learn anything new, Beta may well be a course you wish to model in your church!

For more information about the next Beta course in the fall, please contact St. Michael's Church at (843) 723-0603. We will acknowledge your query, and send information once the course is fully planned!

The Real Jesus

140 Gather for Powerful Retreat: Jesus Weekend

He is the subject of more books, movies, songs, and art than anyone else in history. Nobody has had a greater impact in people's lives and in shaping humanity than Jesus of Nazareth. Yet, how well do we know him? In a somewhat redefined Jesus Weekend retreat, students from across our diocese discovered the identity of Jesus, his mission, and his calling on our lives. The weekend was redefined by a focus on 8th and 9th grade

group reflects a change in the age that many of our churches are confirming students. While the weekend is not specifically a confirmation experience, many churches use it as part of their program.

140 participants experienced this year's Jesus Weekend and had the opportunity to examine their faith as they grew in understanding the person and work of Christ. Many



students, as well as a few changes in the usual schedule. Jesus Weekend has been one of the strongest offerings for youth in our diocese for many years. The shift in age from middle and high school to 8th and 9th grade as the target

young people commented afterwards that they had not fully come to grips with what Jesus has done for them and what it means to have a savior. For many it was the beginning of a relationship with God and for others a milestone in their journey.

Jesus Weekend is created and led by a team of our youth ministers and assisted on the weekend by our diocesan Youth Commission who lead small groups and various activities. We are grateful to them all for the hard work they put into creating a powerful retreat experience!

The Cathedral's Maine Event, May 2

The annual Maine Event lobster or steak dinner fund raiser will be held at the Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul on Saturday, May 2, in the Cathedral Close. Tickets are limited and will go on sale April 11. No tickets will be available after April 27. Tickets, which include dinner and two beverages, are \$25.00 each and may be purchased by calling Betty Schaffer at (843) 762-0127. Checks should be made out to ECW Cathedral and earmarked "Maine Event," and mailed to Betty Schaffer, 235 Country Club Lane, Charleston, SC 29412. Additional beverage tickets may be purchased at the dinner. The proceeds go toward missions and ministries at home and abroad including the Crisis Ministries, the Seafarer's Ministry, the Dominican Republic Mission trip, scholarships for youth events, and to support ECW projects and prayer partners among other projects and programs. This event is always sold out before the deadline, so all are encouraged to call early to reserve a place for a truly delicious dining experience.

Bishop Lawrence Keynote Speaker at Province IV Women’s Conference, June 1-3

By Jonathan Rich, Communications Project Manager, Kanuga

Women from all 20 Episcopal dioceses in the nine southeastern states are invited to attend the Province IV Women’s Conference June 1-3 at Kanuga Conferences in Hendersonville, N.C.

Co-sponsored by Kanuga and the Province IV Episcopal Church Women, the conference is open to all women, not just ECW members. The annual event will focus on the theme ‘The Lord’s Prayer: Praying Heaven to Earth and Earth to Heaven,’ with keynote talks by the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina.

“Life with God can sometimes be confusing,” Lawrence said. “The

wonder of the Lord’s Prayer is that it is truly a prayer for every season. During these sessions we shall walk more deeply into the heart of prayer and Jesus’ life with the father.”

The event begins with an optional Play Day May 31, followed by an evening ECW business meeting June 1. Various workshops, free time at Kanuga and worship services with traditional hymns and renewal music will be offered throughout the conference. The Rev. Callie Perkins, vicar of Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston, will serve as chaplain.

“The ECW Province IV Women’s Conference is a wonderful opportunity for prayer and praise, teaching

and learning, fellowship and networking with Christian sisters in a beautiful mountain retreat setting,” said Marcie Chéreau, Province IV representative to the national ECW Board. “I’m looking forward to our homecoming at Kanuga and hope each of you will plan on attending this June.”

Affiliated with the Episcopal Church since 1928, Kanuga is a 1,400-acre camp and conference center in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Hendersonville, N.C.

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59th Sewanee Church Music Conference, July 13-19

The 59th Annual Sewanee Church Music Conference will be held from July 13-19 at The University of the South and the DuBose Conference Center. The Sewanee Conference is the oldest

of materials useful to everyone serving as a parish musician. The 2009 conference is directed by Dr. Robert Delcamp, Professor of Music and Organist and Choirmaster of The University of the South,

The University of the South. In addition to classes and workshops, a choir comprised of those attending the conference will sing Choral Evensong on Friday, July 17 and the festival closing Eucharist on Sunday, July 19. The conference has also commissioned a new organ work from the American composer, James Biery. Janette Fishell will appear in concert on Tuesday, July 14 at 7:30 pm in All Saints’ Chapel. The conference also includes numerous social events as well as a banquet, receptions, a traditional BBQ, and the Frolic, a comedy show performed by those in attendance. Two full-tuition scholarships are available for first-time attendees. The application deadline is May 1 2009. For more information visit <http://sewaneeconf.com>



Sewanee Church Music Conference participants, 2008

and largest in the country and attracts organists, choir directors and clergy from throughout the United States. The 2009 Conference will include instruction on psalm singing, hymn playing, anthem accompaniment, liturgical planning as well as reading sessions and presentation

Sewanee, Tennessee. The principal faculty include Thomas Foster, Parish Musician of Epiphany Parish, Seattle, Washington; Janette Fishell, Chair of the Organ Department at Indiana University; and James Turrell, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at The School of Theology,

Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant to Present John Rutter’s Requiem, April 10

The Choir at Christ Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant will be performing John Rutter’s Requiem Mass on Friday, April 10 at 7:00 p.m. in their main church. This singing of the requiem will be combined with the reading of the Passion. The Christ Church Choir will be accompanied by a quintet of professional musicians. This concert is

free as a gift to the community. For information, visit www.christch.org or contact music director, Dr. Lorna Barker at (843) 884-9090.



Worship Leaders Gather for Inspiration

By Pam Dickson

On February 10, Worship Leaders gathered at Saint James Church on James Island for a forum on “Making Space for God in Wor-

ship.” Internationally known speaker, song-writer, and worship leader Andy Piercy led the event. The purpose of the forum was three-fold: to provide an opportunity for interaction among the church musical community, to encourage worship/music leaders and their teams, and to worship together.

Attending were over 60 people, representing Episcopal, Pres-

byterian, Methodist, Lutheran, Pentecostal and non-denominational churches. Contemporary as well as traditional musical styles were represented.

The evening began with an informal supper and fellowship. Afterward the group gathered for worship and teaching. Andy Piercy and Ward Moore led a time of worship, followed by Andy’s presentation on how to make space for God in worship—the abstract as well as the concrete ideas behind why and how to make that happen. We then broke up into small groups to analyze and discuss the practical aspects of why and how to make space for God in worship. The groups provided a



Leading Your Heart to Love

A Wedding Lasts a Day; a Marriage Lasts a Lifetime

Leading Your Heart to Love” is the theme for this year’s Diocesan Couples Conference which will be held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center July 24-26.

The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder and his wife, Beth, will be leading the conference.

“There’s a famous quote,” says Beth, “that says ‘a wedding is a day, a marriage is a lifetime.’ We spend so many months preparing for the wedding and then fail to pour that same preparation into the care and keeping of our marriage relationships. This weekend promises to refresh you as a married couple and give you tools to encourage you and strengthen you in the Lord and in your marriage. Won’t you join us?”

ordained at Trinity School for Ministry in 2002.

Beth serves the Diocese as the Ministry Assistant for the Departments of Youth Ministry, Faith Formation and College and Young Adult Ministry. She is also a member of the Daughters of the King and serves on the Prayer Team at St. Johns.

Married for 26 years, Greg and Beth have also served as team leaders for Episcopal Engaged Encounter for 10 years.



The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder and his wife Beth will be leading the Diocesan Couples Conference July 24-26. Above, the Snyders today, and on their wedding day.

About our Speakers

The Rev. Dr. Greg Snyder has been the Rector of St. Johns Parish (Johns Island) since 2005. He was

People News

John Foster, III a member of St. Bartholomew’s, Hartsville, and Associate Professor of English at Coker College, will present a lecture on the works of Flannery O’Connor on May 18 at St. Paul’s Church in Washington, DC. Foster will examine the concepts of grace and redemption in O’Connor’s works, focusing on how her faith influenced or informed her short stories and novels



Hunter Jordan is the new Youth Minister at Trinity Episcopal Church in Myrtle Beach. Hunter grew up in Florence, SC, and graduated from Clemson in 2008. He worked at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center for four years and, most recently, has been working as a Youth Apprentice at Old Saint Andrew’s in West Ashley. He is continuing his training in the Diocesan apprenticeship program while becoming the full time Youth Minister at Trinity. Hunter and his fiancé, Walker Simmons, will be married on July 11.



Sympathies are extended to **Mrs. Randy McPhail**. Randy’s mother, Mrs. Josephine Redington, who was a member of Grace Church, Charleston, died on January 27 following a long illness. Randy serves on the staff of the Diocesan Office as the Assistant to the Bishop.



Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

By The Rev. Steve Wood, Rector, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant

“Give us this day our daily bread.” When was the last time you prayed that with sincerity?

I don't mean when was the last time you prayed that portion of the Lord's Prayer and gave intellectual assent to the truth it communicates. I mean, how long has it been since you've actually had concern over the provision of your daily bread?



Quite honestly, it's been a very long time for me. When I graduated from seminary in 1991, at 27, the then Bishop of Ohio saw fit to appoint me Vicar of a mission parish in a semi-

rural area of Northeast Ohio. My salary for that first year of ministry was \$14,500. That was not a lot of money. The next five years were rewarding years for our family. Our third son was born, we loved the ministry, we loved the parish, we had a deep sense of satisfaction as we watched that church embrace the mission of the Gospel and “be” Jesus to the community. Nevertheless, as good as those years were, they were financially challenging. Because our income never quite matched our expenses we would accumulate debt that took us an additional five years to repay. Most humbling, was our need to apply for, and receive WIC: supplemental nutrition program aimed at Women, Infants and Children administered by the government.

I learned many, many lessons in that wonderful church those first five years of ministry. I am by nature a lone-ranger. My father had a high value for self-reliance and independence, “figure it out yourself, Stevie,” was a common refrain growing up in my home. And, while

I deeply appreciate the work ethic my father imparted to my brother and me, I discovered that sometimes you can't make it on your own, as difficult as that is to admit. I learned the value and necessity of community.

I learned to practice generosity as a pattern of life. It continually amazes me how those with the least tend to give the most. A few weeks ago, I was visiting a friend's parish in a very large metropolitan area. He spoke about a visit to a homeless shelter supported by his parish. While visiting the shelter, he met a young homeless man. In the course of their conversation, my friend discovered that two weeks prior, this homeless man had found almost one thousand dollars in a department store. Instead of keeping the money he turned it in to the store manager. One week later, no one having claimed the lost cash, it was now his. Think about it: One thousand dollars to a man who has nothing – what might one do with such fortune? My friend, tears welling-up, told me that this homeless man, who has nothing, gave half of his newly found funds to the shelter, a quarter to the soup kitchen which feeds him and the remaining quarter to the clinic which has treated him.

I was reminded of St. Paul's words about those first Christians who, though being very poor, gave to the point that Paul needed to restrain their generosity. For many of us, for my parish, St. Andrew's, we have given, generously, out of our abundance. We may now have the opportunity to give out of our own need. I'm fascinated to see what we will do.

Most significantly, I learned of the Lord's daily, practical, provision His faithfulness

to His Word and the beginnings of how we might live lives of gratitude in response. There were many logical reasons why my wife, Jacqui, and I should not have tithed and practiced sacrificial giving. But we did. In fact, we never dreamed, let alone discussed, doing otherwise. Why? Because we believe the story. We believe the over-riding message of the Christian story: that the eternal living God of the universe laid aside His glory, His power, His position, and through the person



of Jesus Christ entered into my reality – your reality – demonstrating His self identification, redeeming and restoring all of creation to Himself through His cross. Jacqui and I prayed with great sincerity for the practical provision to pay our bills, repair our cars and provide for our children. What we learned, together, was that our God, our Father in Heaven, who knew our needs before we asked, allowed the circumstances of financial need to drive us close to Himself.

Fast Forward

Fourteen years later and I am the Rector of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant. Those early years have in many ways shaped the manner in which I lead and have helped give rise to priorities that shape our common life.

I write this watching Citi Bank stock become, quite literally, a penny stock, indicative of the seemingly deepening economic mess (and I wonder if ANYONE in our government has any idea how to lead us out of this wasteland). Who could have imagined? The question that remains, though, is how are we, people redeemed by Christ, to live in the face of such global anxiety?

Pray. How cliché. Really? Truthfully, if you belong to Christ, you no longer belong to this present age. While we live in and suffer through the vicissitudes of this world, we are citizens of a different Kingdom. As members of that Kingdom we have resources of which this world neither has nor knows. Our most significant resource is prayer. When Jesus taught His disciples to pray it was because He knew prayer to be His lifeblood connection with His Father. Do you pray? Often? What do your prayers sound like? In the “Lord's Prayer” Jesus did

not simply provide us with a prayer to pray; He also taught us the pattern of prayer.

Penetrate. Every bit of common sense tells us that it is time to retract and regroup. Nonsense. It is the right time for the Church to consciously and aggressively engage our community. How? Be creative. As a means to lovingly engage our community, demonstrating the tangible compassion of our Lord, we, at St. Andrew's, launched an initiative called “Love Charleston.” We published a resource booklet describing various agencies and ministries in the Charleston area. We've created “Dare Cards” (kind of like a Monopoly “Chance” card) with over 1000 specific and practical “dares” to Love Charleston.

Practice humility and admit your need. It is very difficult to acknowledge need and ask for help. And yet, one of the greatest lessons learned is that our Lord will often bless though community. The loss of position, power, prestige, possessions can be so bewildering and so embarrassing that the temptation is to withdraw from community. Big mistake! You need to run toward community. I cannot imagine where St. Andrew's would be today if our LifeGroup structure was not in place, providing spiritual/emotional shelter and practical encouragement. We worship a God who is in His very essence community. Being created in His image, why would it be otherwise for us?

Provide. One of the ways in which we have sought to provide for our community, both our community of faith and our residential community, was the establishment of our “mercy ministries.” By the providence of God we have created a structure of pastoral care in which members of our community can petition the mercy ministries of St. Andrew's, comprised and led by the laity of the parish, for assistance with day-to-day needs. Thousands of people have received medical treatment, food and other assistance through our ministries of mercy. The question is not “how can we do what St. Andrew's does?” The question is “what can we do?” Can you open a food pantry? Can you collect and distribute gently used clothing? Can you lend a hand in home repair? Can you babysit while a single parent works? The possibilities are endless.

We are people of the Word: the Living Word, Jesus, and the written Word. Both give testimony to the unfailing love of the Father – a Father, whom we are told “knows our need.” Our current economic crisis is an amazing opportunity to proclaim real hope and demonstrate practically the life of community gathered around the Living Word.

Michel Debaets, All Saints, Hilton Head, Honored

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

In December 2008, Ms. Loni Saunders, Member, and the Rev. Rick Lindsey, Rector, All Saints Episcopal Church, Hilton Head, nominated Mr. Michel Debaets of All Saints for the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award for his extraordinary outreach efforts in Hilton Head Island and Bluffton, SC. The Virginia Theological Seminary annually invites nominations for this award from Region IV of The Episcopal Church. Although Mr. Debaets' nomination didn't win (Dr. Harry Morse of the Upper Diocese of SC won), he was a strong contender.

Upon his retirement in 1984 as an engineering executive, Michel and his loving wife Lucy moved to Hilton Head where he has been consistently active in hunger, construction (including Habitat for Humanity), pastoral care, lay Eucharistic, and foreign mission ministries; and Cursillo. Loni wrote, “He (Michel) recruited my husband and me to help with Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets which are delivered to the poor on Hilton Head Island and Bluffton with names provided by a special organization entitled Deep Well. Mike researched the locations given by Deep Well and found out the names and family composition of the recipients. Usually about eighteen families were involved. He made detailed maps for those he recruited to deliver the meals (including groceries for approximately a week). He enlisted volunteers to sponsor a family and organized donations from grocery stores and contributions donated by parishioners. He did similar volunteer work for Bluffton Self Help.”

Lindsey wrote, “A person of constant prayer, Michel has found a measure of peace by placing his life in servant ministry. Gifted with woodworking skills, an easy manner that naturally reaches out to people, and a desire to serve others, Michel has helped to

restore an old wooden church (The “Praise House” of the First Union African Baptist Church originally built in 1881) on Daufuskie Island, and has applied his skills to creating a new altar for contemporary worship in our parish hall. Additionally, he has fashioned a beautiful processional cross and has created a historically accurate Advent and Christmas scene of Bethlehem, a stunning scene that changes as the church approaches the eve of Christmas.”

Another supporter of Mr. Debaets commented, “Mike lives the gospel! He is a wonderful example to young and old of a servant of Jesus Christ. He has honored that call in very self-sacrificing ways that places the needs of others, particularly the poor, foremost in

his mind.” The consensus at All Saints is that Michel is always looking to give of himself for the cause of Christ and for those truly in need.

If you would like to honor a lay leader in your church by nominating him/her for this award, please contact me at (843) 367-5647 or edward.dyckman@att.net for an application. To have your nomination considered for 2009, please mail it to: The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Awards Advisory Council, Virginia Theological Seminary, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304. Ensure that it arrives by December 15, 2009.

Building a Board and Better Future

By Ed Dyckman

The Department of Social Ministries is looking for volunteer to serve on the board of directors of a new social ministry that refurbishes the homes of the elderly and disabled who can't otherwise afford repairs. Mr. Carl Wray-Carnes, a member of St. Matthias Episcopal Church, Summerton, has envisioned a pilot program for Clarendon and Orangeburg counties. Working with local high school principals, the ministry will train high school students, at risk for dropping out, vocational skills in carpentry, masonry, plumbing, etc. Under the supervision of adult volunteers, the high school students will refurbish the homes. If you would like to learn more about this effort and/or would like to join our Board, please contact Mr. Carl Wray-Carnes at 803-485-2726 or email cwrap9@hotmail.com. In addition to Carl, other Board members currently include the Very Rev. John Scott, the Rev. David Thurlow, and me (Ed Dyckman).



Affordable Apartments Available for Seniors at Canterbury House

Canterbury House, the diocese’s “affordable” senior living community, located in the heart of historic Charleston, has a number of immediate apartment openings. Canterbury is available to anyone 62 years of age or older, who is able to live independently and who meets annual income guidelines set by HUD. A single, annual income of not more than \$32,700 or a family annual income of not more than \$37,350 is required.

Canterbury House is home to 250 residents offering below market rents with utilities (electricity, water/sewer) included. Three sizes of apartments are available: an efficiency for \$412/month, an alcove for \$485/month and a one-bedroom for \$555/month.

Canterbury House is comprised of a very diverse population offering the following services, amenities and programs: 24-hour security, smoke detectors and sprinklers in each apartment. Transportation is provided to grocery stores, shopping and special outings by the Canterbury House bus. A full activity program is provided by our Activity Coordinator and interdenominational worship services are held throughout the week. Additional supportive services include: a cafeteria, an on-site wellness program (staffed by an RN and Social Worker), a well-stocked library, beauty salon, computer lab and a thrift shop. On-site physical/occupational therapy and a prescription assistance program are, also available.

Canterbury House does not discriminate and promotes equal housing choice for all residents regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status or disability and adheres to Fair Housing regulations.

For more information, please contact Jim Surgeon, Property Manager or Peggy Pye, Executive Director at (843) 723-5553.

Christ Church, Florence Celebrates 150th Anniversary, June 7

Christ Church, Florence, whose sanctuary is listed in the National Register of Historic Places, will celebrate their 150th anniversary with a service of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 7. Bishop Lawrence will celebrate.

First organized as a chapel in 1843 by the Rev. N. P. Tellinghast of Trinity Church, Society Hill, South Carolina, this church was formally established as Christ Church, Mars Bluff, in 1856. The Rev. Augustus Moore, who took over the chapel in 1854, became the first rector of Christ Church and served until 1876. The sanctuary, on land donated by Dr. Edward Porcher, was consecrated in 1859. By the late 1890s, Christ Church had become a mission church, rather than a parish church, but monthly services continued until they were suspended in 1918. The church began an annual homecoming



BOB LIGER

One area where ERD continues to help desperate people is Sudan. On March 4, the International Criminal Court charged the president of Sudan with war crimes and crimes against humanity in Darfur – the first time a sitting head of state has ever been so charged. Approximately 300,000 people have died and 2.7 million have fled their homes in that region since 2003. Sudan’s initial response to this action was to dismiss the charges and to expel 10 humanitarian groups, thus worsening the situation. President Al-Bashir may never stand trial, but at least this indicated that the world is aware of the situation in Sudan.

ERD has supported relief efforts of the Episcopal Church in Sudan for several years. Since the Christian presence is strongest in the war-torn southern part of the country, that is where most of our help has gone. ERD is currently engaged in many communities there, helping to build schools and clinics and to implement food security programs where decades of civil war have ravished the country. In order to be efficient, we normally partner with our sister Anglican churches. To be helpful in the Darfur region where there are few Christians, however, we are working



By Harmon B. Person, Diocesan ERD Representative

with other ecumenical partners such as ACT (Action by Churches Together). This international group has people on the ground in the area to see that humanitarian assistance is delivered to those in need.

In Matthew 25, Jesus instructed us to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and clothe the naked. That is exactly what ERD does. We respond as fully as our supporters allow. Even though we are going through a severe recession, and perhaps feel that we are poor, most of the world can barely imagine how prosperous we are. Why not share some of that prosperity with the less fortunate by donating to Episcopal Relief and Development, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Most people give undesignated gifts so they can be used wherever the need is the greatest, but you can designate a specific project, such as “Sudan” if you prefer. If I can be of assistance to any church that would like to include ERD as a part of their outreach, please let me know.

In the last ERD article, I mentioned the churches in the diocese that had supported ERD during 2008. Inadvertently, I failed to acknowledge the gift from the Episcopal Church Women at St. David’s Church, Cheraw. My apologies to those ladies!

A Visitor’s Point of View St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, Hilton Head

By Sylvia Weeks

As I walked up the sidewalk of St. Luke’s, the first person I saw, smiled, welcomed me and invited me to sign the visitor’s book – a wonderful sign of a friendly congregation. She also invited me to stay for the coffee hour following the service.

The Rev. Greg Kronz is the Rector of St. Luke’s. The Rev. Tom Hendrickson is in charge of Pastoral Care. The Rev. Jean DeVaty oversees Children and Family Ministries, and Mrs. Kathie Phillips serves as Deacon. Sunday morning services are offered at 7:45 a.m. (Holy Communion, Rite I); 8:45 a.m. (Holy Communion, Rite II, with contemporary music); and 11:15 a.m. (Holy Communion, Rite II, with traditional music and choir). They also have a Wednesday evening family night.

I was invited to an adult education class while others attended Children’s Chapel, Sunday School and Youth offerings for middle and high school students.

The mission statement at St. Luke’s is, “To know Jesus Christ and make him known.”

The vision and focus at St. Luke’s is three-fold: “Upward: to worship and serve the Lord; Inward: in order to grow spiritually in the knowledge and love of Christ in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit; and Outward: sharing our faith, our hands and our hearts for the sake of the Gospel, our community, and the world.”

The Rector, Greg Kronz describes the



SYLVIA WEEKS

Greg Kronz became St. Luke’s Rector in 1992.

church as “a church committed to the Gospel of Jesus, to making disciples with wonderful and varied opportunities to grow as a disciple.”

Weekly attendance ranges from 450 to 600. The church was built in 1962 but was called The St. Luke’s Chapel of Ease earlier. The chalice, still in use, are over 200 years old. Hilton Head is described as a resort area. Many of the visitors are part-timers with homes on the Island and elsewhere.

St. Luke’s has the “usual” ministries connected to an Episcopal church, e.g., Altar Guild, acolytes, layreaders, Eucharistic Ministers, and other ministries that support the worship.

Some of the other ministries include small groups, men’s and women’s ministries, a counseling center, Stephen Ministry, Pastoral visitation, a variety of choirs, as well as a Praise Team, Jr. Daughters of the King (as well as an Adult DOK), the Church Mouse Thrift Shop, Walking the Mourners Path, loaning out medical equipment and mission trips, Outreach Ministries, and others.

A parishioner, Mrs. Marilyn Piarski described St. Luke’s saying, “All

preaching and teaching is scripture-based. The Holy Spirit is both acknowledged and talked about. The love of the Lord permeates the air.”

As I left St. Luke’s I thought, “I’d certainly like to return next week!”

The Rev. David Dubay Named Vicar of Holy Trinity, Charleston

The Rev. David Dubay has been named Vicar of Holy Trinity in Charleston. David is a graduate of the College of Charleston and the School of Theology, University of the South. He was a full-time youth minister from 1986 to 2005, including four years as the Diocesan Youth Ministries Coordinator under Bishop Salmon and almost six years as Director of Youth Ministries for Holy Trinity. David served, most recently, as the Assistant to the Rector of St. Philip’s, Charleston, from 2005 until 2008.

Before entering the ministry David was a nature guide on Kiawah Island and a vocalist at Robert’s of Charleston. Lisa Dubay is an educator who has taught in elementary and middle schools. She was director of the Parent’s Morning Out at the University of the South and, for the last three years, has been the director of the St. Philip’s Preschool at St. Philip’s Church, Charleston. They have three children: Joseph, a freshman at the Charleston County School of

the Arts, Sadie, a fourth grader at Springfield Elementary School, and Julia who attends the St. Philip’s Preschool. Lisa, David and the children are excited to be returning to their Holy Trinity family to serve the Lord in this new capacity. They ask and have been grateful for your prayers.



Vicar of Holy Trinity, David Dubay with his family, from left, Julia (3), Joseph (15), Sadie (9) and Lisa.

2009 Spring UTO Ingathering

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Is your ‘little blue box’ getting heavy?

Transformation at the Red Light
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and thought that his conversion was simply to save himself from criminal prosecution. (The following day at the dental clinic, Chris and Susalee Sasser prayed with Joshua for two hours that God might continue the healing work in him. They sensed his sincerity and humble spirit).

That night, Joshua reminded the men of the depravity of what he had done, "You saw me grab a three-year-old girl and cut her heart out of her chest." He said that Satan's best day was the day before he fell from heaven. Ever since he fell, his days have grown worse each day. He said that in the depths of his evil deeds during the war, he could not see that the devil was falling even faster than he. When he accepted Jesus, he knew that as the devil was falling, he was rising, Satan knew that his past was his best day, while Joshua knew that his own future was better. He said he could die right then and there, and his future was with Jesus. Men danced. Joshua danced with them, all in joy and to the glory of the Lord.

A Day of Celebration

The Great Commission Movement arranged for 72 men and women from the Red Light, including local pastors, to go to the beach for a day of swimming, food, and fellowship. Simple things that many in the USA take for granted, these men had not experienced in years. They began singing in praise as the vehicles pulled out. When the doors opened, they ran into to the water. Some did cart wheels down the beach into the water. One man came up later and said, "I have not had a bath in three months. Thank you."

Food was brought out: rice with fish. The men and women from under the trees ate and ate. For some, it was the first true meal that they had had in days.

They sat with team members, asking questions about their faith and their walk with Jesus. They sat close and listened. The stories that team members shared were universal: my life before my conversion, and my life since, stories of Jesus' ability to transform our lives into His image. These strange men under the trees now had names- Oscar, Steve, Alex, Roberto. Members of the team were now witnesses to lives transformed before their very eyes. As the day was ending, no one wanted to go back. All were asking, "What's next?"

What Is Next?

Local ministers are taking the lead. They are establishing a first stage refuge house. This will be a place where the most marginalized of the Red Light can come, take a bath, get something to eat, and hear the Word. Above all it will be a place where discipleship will begin.

St Andrew's and St. Mary's want to help make this house a reality. For more information about the work in Liberia, contact The Rev. Dr. Anthony Kowbeidu, Associate Pastor at St. Andrew's at Anthony@WeAreStAndrews.com or (843) 284-4327.

From Despair to Delight

One Family's Journey into Adoption

By Lori Hamilton, St. Paul's, Summerville

This is the second in a three part series.

Where do you go when something you want with all your heart is beyond your grasp? Where do you go when you've prayed, hoped and cried to no avail? Where do you go when "desperate" describes your being?

That's where Tim and I were just over a decade ago. We were a desperate couple trying desperately to get pregnant. After two years of extensive tests, procedures and a failed pregnancy, we were exactly where we had started; we were childless.

Through all of the heartbreaks came the advice of well meaning people. "Relax. You're

And thus began our journey. I vividly remember the night before we were to stand before a Russian prosecutor in a court of law and state our reasons for wanting to adopt Blake. At that point, all I wanted to do was to throw up. Nervous doesn't begin to describe my feelings. Tim had carried a very small Bible with him on our trip and he literally just opened it and hoped for words to comfort his heaving wife. We were humbled when he randomly opened the Bible to James 1:27 which says, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world."

Our journey would span 10 years, and nothing in our past had prepared us for it. It would take Tim, me, my mother and my father to Russia and Guatemala. A journey that would challenge us spiritually, emotionally, physically, and financially.

I can't tell you how we paid the exorbitant adoption fees. Fees that, cumulatively, amounted to over \$100,000.00. We can't tell you how we handled the transition from being childless to being first time

parents to a toddler who had never known family life. We can't tell you how we have come to be the blessed parents of four healthy, bright, beautiful children. Two of our kids are from Russia - Blake (11) and Zhanna (10) and two are from Guatemala - Brian (nearly 3) and Yasmin (nearly 2).

We can't tell you how this all came about because we didn't do it. God worked out a plan using us. His plan honored a desperate couple with four



unbelievable children and His plan honored four orphans with parents.

Tim and I can unequivocally tell you where to go when something you want with all your heart is beyond your grasp. You go to your Father "who art in Heaven." You pray, you hope you cry. Then you relax, you wait, and you keep the faith.

By the way, if you're wondering how that toddler made it through his transition to being a son to a couple who had no previous parental experience, let me just say this. When Blake was about four years old he looked up at me with a revelation in his eyes. He said, "Mommy, I know what it means to be born. It means a lady in another country has you and then your real mommy comes and finds you and brings you home."

Bingo, Blake...bingo.



just too tense." "Keep the faith." "Good things come to those who wait." "Take a vacation. Forget about it. It will happen."

Slowly but surely our desperation turned to despair and then to anger.

The question that kept cropping up was "Why?" Why, in an overpopulated world, where (from our point of view) anyone could have a baby, why couldn't we? My sister, friend and confidante said these words to me - words that held meaning - words that comforted. She said, "On earth all we have are questions that in heaven just won't matter."

Tim and I began to realize we were banging our heads against a stone wall. We realized we were begging God to fulfill our desire. The clincher is that we realized we had never really asked for His will - we just kept on asking Him for ours. Perhaps submission to God was necessary. Perhaps asking for His desire to be achieved through us would be the better approach. Perhaps we needed Him (instead of us) to be in charge.

I kid you not, once we submitted to Him, we had a child in six months. No, Blake was not born prematurely. He was born in Russia. Blake was adopted.



The Hamilton children, clockwise from top: above left: Blake (11), Zhanna (10), Yasmin (nearly 2), and Brian (nearly 3).

Clergy News Briefs

❖ Please keep the Rev. Canon John C. Ball, Jr., and his family in your prayers. The Canon's wife, Helen (Nell) Ball, died on the morning of March 7, 2009. Memorials may be made to Healing Farm Ministries, PO Box 12810, Charleston, SC 12810.

❖ Please keep the Rev. John Bowden, Vicar of Redeemer, Pin- eville, in your prayers. John fell recently and fractured his hip.

❖ The Rev. Peet Dickinson has been called to serve as the Dean and Rector of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul. See article, page 1.

❖ The Rev. David Dubay has been named Vicar of Holy Trinity in Charleston. See article, page 14.

❖ With Dean William McKeachie's pending retirement, the Pastoral

Staff at the Cathedral will step down March 31. The Rev.s Robert Horn and Mark Cooke are both prayer- fully and actively pursuing their next assignments. Robert may be reached at (843) 557-7968. Mark may be reached at (843) 452-4931.

❖ Bishop Lawrence has called the Rev. Jim Lewis to serve as Canon to the Ordinary. See article, page 4

❖ The Rev. Ron Greiser has ac- cepted the call as Rector of Resurrec- tion, Surfside Beach. He and his wife Sanna will be moving here from Chesapeake, VA. More information will appear in the next



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St. Philip's, Charleston, Tea Room, April 20-24



St. Philip's Episcopal Church is pleased to announce that their Tea Room in down- town Charleston will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Parish Hall, at the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. the week of April 20- 24. Their Tea Room, called "Lowcountry Lunch and De- licious Desserts," will offer a delivery service to downtown locations by calling (843) 722- 7921. Takeout lunches also are available by calling the same number.

Lowcountry luncheon fa- vorites will return, such as "Charleston Receipts" okra soup, classic chicken salad and shrimp salad. Desserts, made by parishioners, include Hummingbird Cake, Grand Marnier Cheesecake, Hugue- not Torte and a wide variety

of others. They are excited to announce several dining choices for guests. They are returning to the Tea Room's original 1952 outdoor format. Guests may dine outside in the beautiful courtyard or on the parish hall's lovely veranda. They will also have plenty of indoor seating in their recently renovated parish hall with live piano music for guests to enjoy each day. The gift shop will be open and filled with homemade items, baked goods and St. Philip's souvenirs. The sanctuary and grounds of the church will be open for tours. Proceeds from the Tea Room will benefit St. Philip's foreign and home missions, St. Philip's choirs, and junior and senior high youth ministries. For more information, log onto [www. stphilipchurchsc.org](http://www.stphilipchurchsc.org)

Clergy Family Picnic, May 25

All clergy (active and retired) as well as seminarians, diocesan staff and their families are invited to join in the Second Annual Clergy Family Memorial Day Picnic on May 25 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. at St. Christopher Camp and

Conference Center. This wonderful event drew a good crowd last year and promises fun, fellowship, worship, food and games for all. For more information, contact Randy McPhail in the Diocesan Office at (843) 722-4075.

At left, Andrew Odell enjoys last year's picnic fare.



Notes from the Diocesan Office

Diocesan Health Savings News

A Note from Linda Bunting, Diocesan Human Resource Manager

Diocesan Health Savings Funding has been approved, and we have started funding to eligible employees. Employees with family coverage who have contributed a minimum of \$20 for each month employed in 2008 and are still on the health plan will receive \$1000. Employees with single coverage who have contributed a minimum of \$20 for each month employed in 2008 and are still on the health plan will receive \$500. If your church is on the Diocesan Payroll Program, I have already funded the employees

that had payroll deductions for their HSA. I have also funded those of you who have sent me verification of your contributions. I will need to have verification from the other employees that contributions have been put into your health savings account. This can be verified with a statement from NBSC or your church bookkeeper/treasurer that deductions have been made and deposited. I will be writing a check once a week to NBSC. If you have any questions please contact me at (843) 722-4075.

Reimbursable Mileage Rate Reduced to \$0.55

The IRS mileage rate, effective January 1, 2009, is \$0.55 per mile. The diocese follows the IRS regulations for mileage reimbursement. This amount is lower than the previous amount, which was \$0.58.5. We

apologize for not communicating this information earlier, but our office was just made aware of the change. The new reimbursement form, reflecting this revised rate, is available at www.dioceseofsc.org.

Be Still and Know God

Feeling overwhelmed? Join us at St. Christopher for a two-night stay and let us help you slow down, take a deep breath, come into the Lord's presence and hear Him speak. The next retreat is sched-

uled for May 3 - 5. Visit to www.stchristopher.org to download a registration form. For further information, contact Elizabeth Bumpas at ebumpas@stchristopher.org or call (843) 768-0429 ext. 3005.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Gathers One Mission/One Purpose

By Rhett Roman, All Saints Parish, Pawleys Island

A contingency of 28 Brothers of St. Andrew and Aguests attended a meeting at All Saints Parish Episcopal Church in Pawleys Island on January 24, 2009 to hear an address from national President Ron Warfuel on the importance of the Brotherhood to the church and to individual men and boys.

The theme "One Mission/One Purpose" was emphasized upon the focus that the Brotherhood is not an organization, but a Gospel ministry in which brothers practice disciplines of daily prayer, regular study and committed service all for the greater glory of Jesus Christ.

President Warfuel then described different ways to honor Brotherhood chapters on the move. There are 10 chapters being specially recognized. The membership ranges of these chapters are from 30 to 75. Those chapters which most genuinely accept the calling to the Disciplines of Prayer, Study and Service are the chapters that are or will be most successful in the mission of the Brotherhood.

Warfuel led a session on "Spiritual Gifts" and the need for each brother to experience a spiritual gifts inventory test to learn his individual gifts of the Holy Spirit to the end that his individual service might be maximized.

The Calendar

Prince George, Winyah, Plantation Tours and Tea, April 3-4

The 62nd Annual Plantation Tours of plantations and town houses in and near Georgetown will be held April 3 - 4, 2009. The majority of the plantations and town houses are privately owned and graciously shared with the Episcopal Church Women of Prince George, Winyah, Parish once a year. A different group of homes is on tour each day. Visit www.pgwinyah.org to learn more.

St. Stephen's, St. Stephen to Celebrate 240th Anniversary, April 5

On Sunday, April 5, St. Stephen's, St. Stephen, established 1754, will celebrate the 240th anniversary of the "The Brick Church" by re-creating the first church services held there in 1769. The service will begin at 11:00 a.m., using the form for Holy Communion from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. All are invited to attend and join in the festivities. Clergy and church members will wear period costumes, and all guests, (children, too) are encouraged to dress accordingly. For additional information visit www.ststephenschurchsc.org. or call (843) 567-3419.

St. Paul's, Conway, Joyful Noise Concert, April 5

St. Paul's in Conway is sponsoring its fourth annual Joyful Noise Concert Series. The final concert in the series is on April 5 at 4 p.m. and will feature the Coastal Carolina University Performing Arts Ensembles. The concert is free with donations accepted for CAP, Churches Assisting People. One-hundred percent of the proceeds go to this community ministry. For more information, call (843) 248.4706.

Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, to Present John Rutter's Requiem, April 10, See page 12

Cursillo, April 16-19

The lay rector for this renewal weekend is Caro Guerri Pierce. The ultreya will be held on May 2 at Church of the Redeemer in Orangeburg. For additional information on upcoming Cursillo gatherings visit www.cursillosc.org

Spiritual Gifts Workshop, Holy Comforter, Sumter, April 17-18

Holy Comforter, Sumter, will be hosting a Spiritual Gifts Workshop on April 17-18. Don't wait a moment more to find out who God made you to be! The workshop begins on Friday evening with a supper. On Saturday there is a light breakfast, some small group work, counseling and teaching, and a delicious lunch. The workshop ends at 2 p.m.. Call Katherine Monroe at (803)-905-7790 to register, or call the church office at (803) 773-3823.

4th Annual 4th Day Picnic, April 18

The South Carolina Cursillo community will be holding their 4th annual Fourth Day Picnic at the Old Santee Canal Park on Saturday, April 18 from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. The entrance fee is \$2.00 per person; ages three and under are free. Lunch will be an additional \$6.00. Canoes are available at \$3.00 per half-hour.

Canterbury Cathedral Choir Concert, April 19, See page 1.

St. Philip's, Charleston, Tea Room, April 20-24, See page 15.

LARCUM Conference, St. Christopher's, April 23-24, See page 1.

125th Annual Diocesan ECW Meeting, April 25

On Saturday, April 25, the ECW of the Diocese of South Carolina will hold their 125th Annual Meeting at Trinity Episcopal Church in Myrtle Beach. Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr. will be the guest speaker. Dr. Sellers is the eighth president of Voorhees College, a predominately black college affiliated with the Episcopal Church. Registration forms and additional information about the meeting may be found at www.dioceseofsc.org

De De Owens Golf Tournament, April 27

Cross Schools, associated with Church of the Cross, Bluffton, will hold their 7th Annual Golf Tournament in memory of DeDe Owens, the Rev. Chuck Owens' sister on Saturday, April 27. The tournament, which is being held at the Callawassie Island Golf Club, raises funds for Cross Schools as well as the DeDe Owens Scholarship Fund.

The Cathedral's Maine Event, May 2, See page 11.

Day of Soaking Prayer, May 16

On Saturday, May 16 from 9:30 to 12:30, St Andrew's Church, Mt. Pleasant, will present an introduction to soaking prayer including soaking sessions. Soaking, a form of contemplative prayer, is the art of learning to be quiet before the Lord. Joanne Ellison, Bible teacher and author, will speak on Experiencing the Lord's Presence. Soaking prayer sessions will feature live music by St Andrew's worship team. You may want to bring a journal, pillow and blanket for the soaking time. St. Andrew's is located at 440 Whilden Street in the Old Village of Mt. Pleasant. For more information, visit www.wearestandrews.com or email soaking@wearestandrews.com.

The Church of the Epiphany, Eutawville, Celebrates Their 205th Anniversary

This year the members of the historic Church of the Epiphany in Eutawville are celebrating their 205th Anniversary. Every month of the year they are sponsoring a special event. The May celebration is a five-day Caribbean cruise out of Jacksonville, FL. In September, the church will sponsor a 10-Day, Messianic Rabbi-led, Teaching Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. If interested in either of these trips, call (803) 492-7644.

Clergy Family Memorial Day Picnic, May 25, See article top of page, left

Tea Room and Gift Shop, Grace Church, Charleston, May 25-June 5

Grace Church operates a Tea Room and a gift shop during the Spoleto Festival USA. Lunch is served Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

2009 Leadership Forum, May 31-June 2, See pages 3, 5 and 9

Christ Church, Florence, to celebrate 150th Anniversary, June 7, See page 14

New Wine, USA June 18-21, See Page 8

Annual Diocesan Couples Conference, July 24-26, See page 12.

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