

# Jubilate Deo

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## Bishop's Election August 4 No Petition Candidates Submitted

The deadline for the submission of petition candidates for the Bishop's Election of the Diocese of South Carolina has come and gone. No petitions were submitted.

The special Bishop's Election, as previously called by the Standing Committee on June 9, will be begin at 10:00 a.m. on August 4, at St. James Church, James Island. Registration of clergy and lay delegates will begin at 8:00 a.m. Im-

mediately following the celebration of Holy Communion the convention will convene to elect the XIV Bishop of South Carolina. We request that each mission and parish submit the names of their specially elected lay delegates to the Diocesan office as soon as possible.

The Rev. J. Haden McCormick  
*President, Standing Committee*



Photo: Bill Murton

## Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Serves During Devastating Fire and Its Aftermath

By the Rev. Rob Dewey, Senior Chaplain, Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

Have you ever been part of an event that you knew would forever change your life, the life of your community, and perhaps even the life of your country? Most of us reflect back to "9-11 experiences," such as President Kennedy's assassination, the Challenger explosion, the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, and Hurricane Katrina.

The date of June 18, 2007, will forever be embedded in the hearts and minds of many. It is on this date that nine firefighters died in Charleston while they fought a raging fire at a business on Savannah Highway. I was at my home when I was notified of the fire and that one firefighter was missing. As I came across the Ravenel Bridge from Mt. Pleasant, I saw the smoke from five miles away.

When I arrived on the scene, I saw chaos. I reported to the Command Post and was informed that it was feared nine firefighters were missing. As firefighters continued to fight the blaze, word and reality of the loss began to spread. It was felt that it was important to notify the families of the missing firefighters ASAP, thus a Chaplain and a police officer were dispatched to all the firefighters' homes. Some of the families, however, had received word that something was wrong and had already responded to the scene.

A Family Command Post was established at a nearby firehouse where we attempted to comfort and support each family. Several Chaplains were present to assist with this ministry, including the Rev. Jimmy Gallant of Christ Church in Mt. Pleasant. Most

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Photo: Sylvia Weeks

**Four retired Bishops** enjoy fellowship at the called Diocesan Convention at St. James Church, Charleston on June 9. From left: The Rt. Rev's Edward Haynsworth, Alden Hathaway, Alex Dickson and Fitzsimons Allison.

## Anthony Kowbeidu Named Vicar, St. Mary's, Goose Creek

The Rev. Anthony Kowbeidu has been named vicar of St. Mary's Church in Goose Creek. Anthony is known for his stirring sermons and friendly manner with friends and strangers. In accepting the call to St. Mary's, Anthony said that he is "looking forward to joining with the members of St. Mary's in providing a church home for all who are seeking to know the love of Jesus. I am inviting everyone, especially anyone who is searching for real meaning in life, is hurting, is abandoned or abused, or is willing to reach out to others."

Kowbeidu is a living testament to the love of Jesus. Born in a yellow mud hut in Yapo, Liberia, a village of 150, he was 10 when his family became

Christians, and brought him to know Jesus Christ. "I knew that my life was changed – there would be no turning back."

Anthony is a graduate of Voorhees College with a degree in sociology and received his divinity degree at University of the South (Sewanee).

St. Mary's offers services every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. (traditional service) and 10:45 a.m. (contemporary service). St. Mary's is located at 301 Redbank Road in Goose Creek.

Anthony will also currently serve an associate rector at St. Andrew's, Mt Pleasant, and oversee missions, community outreach and evangelism.



## ERD Funds Come to Charleston

By Harmon B. Person, Diocesan Representative for ERD



Shortly after the devastating June 18 fire in Charleston which cost the lives of nine firefighters, officials at Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) knew that they wanted to provide some kind of help to those affected by the fire. Much discussion followed, and by

the end of June, agreement had been reached on a plan. Essentially, ERD is helping fund the Coastal Crisis

Chaplaincy's efforts to provide chaplains who offer counseling and support to Charleston's first responders, families who lost loved ones, and the Charleston community.

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, headed by our own Rob Dewey, performed magnificently in the aftermath of the fire. They worked nearly around the clock to be of as-

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**Our Diocesan Purpose Statement:** *To respond to the Great Commission by so presenting Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit that all may come to know Him as Savior and follow Him as Lord in the fellowship of His Church.*

## Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

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of the families had their own clergy support, which was very helpful, as we all offered support during this difficult time.

At the scene of the fire, Chaplains remained available to rescue personnel until the last body was recovered and brought out of the destroyed building around 5:00 a.m. Early into this tragedy, Charleston Fire Chief Rusty Thomas requested that I stay with him, so I could pray over each body before it was taken through the two

service, as well. Some 20,000 people attended the memorial service. It was very emotional, but uplifting, as we honored our heroes – honored our saints.

As the national media descended upon Charleston, I was continually asked how we were doing as a community and how I was doing personally. I responded, “This tragic event feels similar to when I was in New York City after 9-11, and when I was in Mississippi for Hurricane Katrina.



Photo: Bill Murton

lines of honor. This experience is best described as a devastating privilege, so sad it had to be done, but an honor that Chief Rusty requested I be by his side to perform this sacrament.

To assist in making it through the following weeks, I deployed some 12 Chaplains from different parts of the country, as all of our Chaplains were exhausted. I would like to thank Episcopal Relief and Development for their \$10,000 grant to assist us with deployment, and other items associated with this disaster. One of the Chaplains who responded the day after the tragedy was the Rev. David Thurlow, rector of St. Matthias in Summerton. David is a Chaplain with his fire and rescue department and was of great help in our ministering effort.

The Memorial Service occurred on the Friday following the fire. All nine families agreed to have a combined service, and then each had an individual

My heart goes out to all who have lost loved ones and to those who have lost their co-workers. For me personally, it is very depressing, and it called on all the resources I had.” Thankfully, I had a week of vacation scheduled the first week of July.

All of us have to deal with 9-11 events at some time in our lives. Some of these events will devastate a family, some will impact a community, and some will effect a nation. In my 18 years of Crisis Response Ministry, I have seen how important it is to have a home church, for it is here where we find our greatest community. We do not always have the answers as to why events occur. We do, however, know that the Lord will be with us during these times, and through the Holy Spirit assist us to face all of the 9-11 events in our lives.

## UTO Grant Awarded to St. Andrew’s Episcopal, Charleston



### Vehicle Purchase Approved

By Nancy Pickering, Diocesan UTO Chair

Congratulations to Father James Yarsiah and his grant writing committee at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church, Charleston, SC.

UTO Grant #7590 - St. Andrew’s Community Youth Summer Initiative - Diocese of South Carolina was approved!

JoAnne Chapman, UTO Coordinator, NY, wrote, “On behalf of the United Thanks Offering, I am happy to write that a full award of \$15,000 is approved in response to your grant application: To purchase a vehicle to transport youth of low to moderate income families to the Community Youth Summer Initiative (Charleston, SC).”

Over \$2.5 million was granted by the UTO committee this year. Over 200 grants sent in from all around the USA and the world were received and reviewed by the 13-woman UTO committee. How wonderful that Father Yarsiah and St. Andrew’s made it through the process. If your church has a compelling human need and thinks UTO could



## Youth Raise Funds for Families of Fallen Firefighters

By Dorothy Porcher Holland, Youth Minister, Holy Trinity Church

On Wednesday, June 27, the youth group of Holy Trinity Church, Charleston, together with the youth group from St. George’s Church, Summerville, held a car wash to raise money for the Charleston Firefighter’s Fund. Due to the overwhelming participation and support of the community, we were able to raise over \$1,300 for the Fund as well as over \$400 in additional donations for the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. The event was made possible through the generosity of many companies and individuals, most notably the Harborview Car Wash, which was made available for our exclusive use at no cost by owner Emerson Read, a member of Holy Trinity. Zaxby’s Chicken, Papa John’s Pizza, Staples and Pizza Hut also made contributions that eliminated overhead, ensuring that all donations would go where they were intended, keeping the workers energized on a long, hot day.

Many adult volunteers including Emerson Read, Martin Scarbrough, Lisa Ruppert Carroll (all of Holy Trinity), Kate Kiel (Christ Church) and Sarah Craven (St. George’s) helped everything run smoothly and ensured the success of our project. Between 2:30 and 8:00 p.m. the young people washed approximately 100 cars and one boat. They worked hard, cleaning

diligently, and stayed an hour past our advertised ending time to make sure that every last car was washed and every last dollar collected.

Thanks to everyone who made this event possible. It was important to this



group of young people to be able to do something tangible to make a difference. They learned valuable lessons, especially how vital it is for churches and individuals to take an active role in the community.

Kudos to the youth group members and their friends who worked tirelessly and without complaint. Their dedication was an inspiration to every adult who participated.

We were especially blessed to have a surprise visit from Fire Chief Rusty Thomas who spent time talking with the young people and made a lasting impression upon them. These are kids who will never take firefighters for granted. His appearance, while he is in the midst of a very difficult time, meant a great deal to everyone involved.



Fire Chief Rusty Thomas, back row, made a surprise visit to the youth’s car wash. “These kids will never take firefighters for granted,” says Youth Leader Dorothy Porcher Holland.

### Music Director Sought

Prince George Episcopal Church, Georgetown, is seeking a gifted musician to lead worship on Sunday mornings and during other services. Applicants must be able to play pipe organ, piano (traditional and blended worship), and direct a choir. Currently a part-time position, but may become full-time with benefits. Call Paul Fuener, Rector, 546-4358, to apply or for more information.

help, my email is npicks2@charter.net.

2007 Grant information and applications will be available in October.

Keep those “little blue boxes” on the kitchen counter. Add a few coins, shake and feel those blessings adding up!

At left, The Rev. James Yarsiah rejoices with the Very Rev. Dr. Kenneth Swanson, at the baptism of Kenneth Yarsiah.

# Delivering Hope to a Hopeless World

St. Michael's, Charleston's Mission to the Ukraine

By Prioleau Alexander

If there is one characteristic that lifts mankind to its fullest and grandest place, surely it would have to be hope. Hope for a better tomorrow is what drives us to work, and marry, and have children. It is the characteristic that pushes us to achieve.

As Americans, hope is our national birthright. We live in a place so full of opportunity that virtually all who dare to hope, rise above their circumstances and succeed on some level or another.

Our Constitution specifically addresses "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness" as inalienable rights, bestowed on all by their maker. If that's not a cause for national hope, I don't know what is.

Hopelessness, on the other hand, is a condition so dark that most Americans are very uncomfortable around it. We don't know how to help a friend suffering from depression, because it's so strange. We avoid those who are

grieving, because their state of mind is so foreign. We tend to think a person consumed with hopelessness just needs a slap on the back, an offer to get a beer, and a few good jokes to help them snap out of it. As a nation full of hope, we have difficulty empathizing with the hopeless.

In the Third World countries that comprise most of the world, hopelessness is so real, and so acute, it is a norm.



Prioleau Alexander enjoys making four of the translators, Ira, Oksana, Svetta, and Leila, laugh.

"Is it obvious we're Americans?"  
"Yes... you dress very plain, and you have so many lines in your faces.... Lines from smiling."

I recently read in a book by John Stossel that researchers asked people in India and China how happy they were, and a "pretty high percentage" answered, "I've never thought about that before." Can you, as an American, even imagine reaching age 40 without considering the question, "Am I happy?"

So how did we get so lucky? A Christian like me would say, "For some reason, God allowed me to be born in the United States. Why, I

have no clue... I just need to remember to be thankful."

Of course, I rarely remember to be thankful. I breeze mindlessly through life, mostly taking note of the occasional times when things don't go my way, and complaining about the fact that the guy who invented the Pet Rock is rich.

There is, however, one time during the year when I am sublimely aware of how fortunate and blessed I am: it is when I go on an annual mission trip to the Ukraine. I'm here to tell you, friend, nothing will set your mind right like an immersion into a Third World Country: No walled resort, no all-inclusive bars and buffets, no 4-Star room to retreat to... you go there, and it drenches you to the soul like a rain of oppression pouring down from the smoky skies.

The mission trip I partake in is one of two Third World missions St. Michael's Church undertakes each year. One team goes to the Ukraine; the other team goes to the Dominican Republic. As a point of reference, I'll tell you that I used to think a short-term mission trip was sort of like a tax-

deductible vacation, but then I went on one. Now? I'd rather spend 10 days living at the Crisis Ministries Shelter than 10 days in the Ukraine. So why do we do it? Hope. The teams deliver hope to a world where hopelessness is the norm. And I believe we deliver hope on both a Christian and secular level. You see, we go for God, and to offer hope for eternal life by accepting His Son, Jesus Christ. But we interact with hundreds of people who currently have no interest in exploring that spiritual



One of the residents in the nursing home in Zhitomir.

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## ERD Comes to Charleston

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sistance. Rob was at the scene of the fire, and he prayed over each body as it was removed from the fire site. Rob also delivered the invocation at the Memorial Service on June 22. Rob expressed great appreciation for ERD's help which allowed them to do an even better job helping those in need.

ERD has the ability to support such needs because many Episcopalians throughout the country had previously made "undesignated" contributions to ERD. While we do suggest contributions for specific purposes from time to time, ERD needs to have adequate funds on hand to respond to situations similar to the Charleston fire. In recent weeks, this has included help after a tornado that hit the city of Dajalon in the Dominican Republic. It also funded support after a 6.4 magnitude earthquake that caused great damage in

the Yunnan Province of China. In the latter situation, ERD worked in partnership with the ecumenical group Action by Churches Together and the Amity Foundation. Your help with a contribution marked "undesignated" and mailed to ERD, PO Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116, will help ERD respond to future emergencies.



A mobile relief shelter, partly funded by ERD in New Orleans. There is still a need for water, food and household supplies.

## Meeting of Diocesan Coordinators for ERD

Once a year, ERD holds a meeting of Diocesan Coordinators. This year, it was held in late May in New Orleans. Coordinators from 67 dioceses and six seminaries attended. As you might imagine, the focal point was disaster relief, especially in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. We wanted to see just how the \$15 million ERD had sent to the area was being used.

We spent one half day each viewing sites in the Diocese of Louisiana (New Orleans) and in the Diocese of Mississippi (the Gulf Coast area). We saw churches that had been flooded and church sites that are now vacant. ERD funds have helped both of these dioceses accomplish much during the 22 months since Katrina. I cannot say enough about the valuable work done by numerous on-site volunteers. We saw evidence in each diocese of programs involving gutting homes,



A 1400 sq. ft. affordable home just built in Mississippi. It is elevated to meet new building requirements.

rebuilding homes, distribution of free food and other supplies, case management and counseling services, and mobile medical clinics. Yes, these programs are still on-going and will be for some time. ERD has helped people fill out applications for federal, state, and private disaster assistance. Then, all too often, ERD helps them file appeals. One very visible sign of progress is that both dioceses, helped by ERD funds, are now involved in building affordable housing. The first houses, out of hundreds to be built, are now occupied.

I concluded that ERD's \$15 million is being well spent. Do not think that

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# Made Thanksgiving Plans Yet?

Let someone else to cook! Join us at Camp Saint Christopher, November 21-25

The Annual Thanksgiving Retreat is an opportunity for families and individuals to come together and enjoy each other without the distractions of our busy every day lives. Time is set aside everyday for relaxation, spiritual growth, and Christian fellowship along with family activities such as guided nature hikes, a hayride through the maritime forest, and more. Our Thanksgiving Feast includes a fresh-from-the-oven turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

## Cabins (2007 Rates)

Each air conditioned/heated cabin, located directly on the beach front, has five bunk beds, each with a top and bottom bunk. There are full bathroom facilities in each cabin. (Linens and pillows are not provided.) At least one adult (21 years+) per five children is required for all cabin reservations. Per person (13 and up) \$180. Per Child (4 - 12): \$60. There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit per cabin required at reservation.

## Lodge Rooms (2007 Rates)

Each room has two double beds, private bath and full linen service. \$340: Single Occupancy \$250: Double Occupancy \$230: Triple Occupancy \$210: Quadruple Occupancy; \$75 per child ages 4-12 (with an adult) There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit per room required at reservation.

Children three years old and under are free. For more information visit [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org).



## Standing Committee Announced Final Plans for August Episcopal Election Process

*Editor's Note:* This article originally appeared on the diocesan website in early June. It is reprinted here for those who missed it.

The Standing Committee of the Diocese of South Carolina met on June 9, 2007, immediately following the Diocesan Convention held at St. James Episcopal Church on James Island, South Carolina. At its meeting, the Committee unanimously agreed:

1. To call for a Special Convention to elect a Bishop. The Convention is to be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 4, 2007, at St. James' Church, James Island, South Carolina.
2. The Standing Committee unanimously nominated The Very Reverend Mark J. Lawrence to be the next Bishop of South Carolina.
3. Because of the necessity for background checks, no nominations from the floor will be allowed at the Convention. In lieu thereof, the Committee has established a petition process with the following guidelines:
  - (a) All petitions to nominate a candidate for the office of bishop must be received by the Standing Committee no later than 12:00 p.m. on July 11, 2007, at the Diocesan House located at 126 Coming Street, Charleston, S.C. No petitions shall be received after that date and time.
  - (b) The petition shall be signed by the person being nominated and shall state the following:
    - (i) That he or she consents to being nominated, verily believes that he or she is duly qualified to be nominated for the office of bishop and knows of no impediment to his or her consecration.
    - (ii) That he or she consents to such background checks as the Standing Committee deems necessary in order to verify his or her qualifications.
    - (iii) That he or she consents to medical and/or psychiatric examinations in order to verify his or her qualifications to undertake the work for which he or she may be chosen.
    - (iv) That he or she agrees to expeditiously meet with the Standing Committee for examination if required.
  - (c) The petition shall state that the petitioners believe that the candidate being proposed is duly qualified, and shall be signed by five clergy (none from the same parish or mission) and five communicants in good standing in the Diocese of South Carolina (none from the same parish or mission). No petitioner may endorse more than one candidate.

The Standing Committee will review each petition and the results of required background checks and examinations, and will make the final decision of which names will be placed in nomination on the ballot for the Special Convention. All parishes and missions are reminded that they must hold congregational meetings to elect deputies for the Special Convention. The Canons and Constitution of the Diocese require that delegates for such a Special Convention must be elected after the call for the Convention has been issued.

## Saving Grace

Cookbook sales help restore historic Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston

The men and women of Grace Episcopal Church have a history of good cooking. The soup kitchen they opened on Wentworth Street in the 1980s grew into the city's interfaith outreach to the homeless, Crisis Ministries. A group called the Gracious Gourmets feeds a home-cooked meal to the congregation on Wednesday nights. And for 16 years, the church has offered a Tea Room during Spoleto Festival USA to raise money for charity. Now, the congregation's favorite recipes have been collected into a 254-page cookbook called *Amazing Grace*. Church members produced the book to put their cooking skills to another good use.

The historic structure urgently needs major repairs as well as money to pay for them. Hundreds of church members submitted their favorite recipes to a committee that screened and tested each recipe at home before selecting the best of the best. In all, 361 recipes from 144 church members are included: appetizers; soups and salads; breads, grains and pasta; seafood; meat and poultry; vegetables and vegetarian; condiments; and desserts. There's also a section on "Cooking for a Crowd" that includes large-quantity recipes for some renowned Tea Room dishes such as Shrimp Remoulade, Chicken Salad, Crab Soup and Okra Soup. The book also includes lovely color photos of the interior of the church and information about its history and ministries.

The hardcover cookbooks are available for \$24.95 per copy in the Grace Church Office at 115 Wentworth St. during business hours. Mail orders are also available via Grace's website, <http://grace-churchcharleston.org>.



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# Have You Seen God Today?

## The Diocese Shows Faith in Action

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, *Department of Social Ministries*

**M**y faithful wife reminded me that when we help the poor we come closer to God. How? Indeed, when we serve in the community soup kitchen and pass a lunch tray filled with wholesome food to a homeless neighbor—we see Christ in his eyes, and he sees Christ in our hands. Indeed, when we

glance into the face of a single mother as she holds the sheetrock, and we hammer in the nail to form part of the wall of her family's future Habitat for Humanity home—we see Christ in her eyes, and she sees Christ in our hands. Indeed, when we volunteer in the local clothes pantry and offer the correctly sized clean shirt, trousers, and shoes to an ex-convict about to go out on his first job interview since leaving prison—we see Christ in his eyes, and he sees Christ in our hands.

Through our being privileged to fund local outreach and domestic mission events, we in the Department of Social Ministries saw God this summer in Hendersonville, NC; Georgetown, SC; Whitehorse, SD; Mt. Pleasant, SC; and Charleston, SC. How?

### Healing Farms Ministries

Near Georgetown, Mary Tutterow and Mary Beth Thornhill of Healing Farm Ministries, Inc. (HFM), invited folks to

attend the HFM "June Jam." This was a picnic for adults with developmental disabilities who gathered at Thornhill Farm, a lovely 100-acre farm, near Georgetown, to enjoy food, music, favors, games, fishing, and hayrides. HFM's mission is to establish communities in which persons with developmental disabilities and the people who care for them grow together physically and spiritually.

### HIV/AIDS Retreat at Kanuga

In Hendersonville, the Episcopal Church held a retreat for HIV/AIDS victims and their caregivers at the Kanuga Conference Center in June. The retreat welcomed people suffering from HIV/AIDS as if they were welcoming Christ. This terrible disease often isolates its victims from faith communities and society, and a significant number of the attendees were near

AIDS Committee, helped organize and transport attendees to Kanuga. Here is what Doug had to say about the experience:



*Allen Shelley helps his son Bryant learn how to paint at a recent workday on Thornhill farm.*

"The most wonderful thing this year was to observe the spiritual unification of my group as we traveled home together in our van. To hear the excitement in their conversation and brainstorming as to how we can keep the Kanuga spirit alive within the local Charleston area was a joy. On a more personal level, within the ministry of the camp we were divided into small groups of 5 to 7 people, so as to share our stories. Within my group was a beautiful 12-year-old girl who had come with her grandmother. The girl had been born with HIV/AIDS and both her parents were positive. However, it was the love and strength displayed by the grandmother that was

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homelessness. For some, the retreat was not only a rare time for spiritual comfort and support, but a time away from daily anxiety about food and shelter. Doug McDaniel, a member of the Diocese of South Carolina's Department of Social Ministries HIV/



*A special friend experiences the joy of fellowship at a recent Healing Farm Ministries party at Thornhill Farm.*



### The Rev. John Zahl Ordained a Deacon

The Rev. John Zahl was ordained to the Diaconate on June 16 at the Sullivan's Island location of Holy Cross. John, who was graduated from Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry in May, was ordained by the Right Reverend Edward L. Salmon, Jr. The service was held at 11 a.m. and John's father, the Very Reverend Dr. theol. Paul F.M. Zahl, preached. John and the church are grateful to all who shared in this occasion including the Clergy of the Diocese of South Carolina.

Featuring The Rev. Dr. Michael Green and The Rev. Tom Herrick

# Beyond...

September 14 & 15, 2007  
The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, SC

**B***eyond* will include teachings on the biblical mandate for Christians to spread the Gospel, as well as many practical workshops like "Evangelistic Preaching," "Finding Your Evangelistic Style," "Introducing Jesus in Today's Spiritual Landscape" and "But I'm Not an Evangelist!" Individuals will be equipped to share their faith in a variety of settings in their everyday lives, and churches will be equipped to develop and sustain on-going ministries to reach their communities.

**When:** September 14 & 15, 2007

**Where:** The Church of the Cross  
Buckwalter Parkway Campus, Bluffton, SC

**Who:** Anyone interested in evangelism, community building, outreach, missions... Lay or Ordained.

**The Church of the Cross**

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# Wade Logan Elected Diocesan Chancellor

At the recent Diocesan Convention, Wade H. Logan, III was elected Diocesan Chancellor, to succeed E. N. (“Nick”) Zeigler, who has retired. The position is a voluntary one. Its duties include acting as legal advisor to the Ecclesiastical Authority and other diocesan offices and organizations in matters affecting their interests.

Mr. Logan, 63, is a lifelong member of St. Michael’s, Charleston. He has been assisting Bishop Salmon and the Standing Committee in an “acting” capacity since late last year. He is of counsel to the Charleston office of the law firm of Nelson, Mullins, Riley & Scarborough, LLP.

Logan and his wife, the former Eunice Smith, were married at Grace Church, Charleston in 1967. They live on Sullivan’s Island, and have two

grown children, Hampton and Mary. He has been a member of the South Carolina Bar since 1967. He graduated from The Choate School, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (where he was a Morehead Scholar) and the University of South Carolina School of Law. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves.

In the past, Mr. Logan has served as Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Charleston and as Charleston County Attorney. He is a past president of the South Carolina Bar, the Southern Conference of Bar Presidents and the South Carolina Defense Trial Attorneys Association. He is a Fellow of the American Bar Association and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is a member of the American Board of Trial Advocates and the International Society of Barristers.

In the field of community service, Logan has served as a board member and past president of several non-profit organizations, such as The Coastal Community Foundation of South Carolina. He has been a vestryman, Junior Warden and Senior Warden at St. Michael’s and a delegate to several Diocesan Conventions. He has served the Diocese as a Cursillo Rector and as a delegate to the last two General Conventions.

## New Addiction Recovery Brochures Available

One out of eight adults sitting in our pews suffer from some form of addiction.. The Addiction Recovery Commission seeks to offer support and encouragement to both those who suffer from addictions and those who love them. The mission includes all addictions: alcohol, pornography, drugs, gambling, sex... It is foremost a resource of the clergy and lay ministries of the Diocese who are most often the first contact for those in need. To order brochures or learn more, visit [www.episcopalrecovery.org](http://www.episcopalrecovery.org).



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such a hopeful testimony and touched my heart.

This year our rented van was filled to its capacity, and we may need a second van next year. Mr. Wesley Hartzog of Olar, SC, attended Kanuga for his first time this year. He has offered van transportation, through the Hope-Health HIV/AIDS Agency, to the Kanuga Retreat in 2008 for those willing to share the fuel cost. This year, Mr. Hartzog provided the transporta-

so long ago. Mr. Hartzog’s emptying of himself to embrace HIV/AIDS victims serves to reinforce what the priest at Kanuga meant when he said, ‘We are all connected.’”

### Youth Mission Trip to Whitehorse, South Dakota

In Whitehorse, South Dakota, Youth Director E’Lane Rutherford and



Members from St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Spartanburg, and Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island, paint the exterior of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Whitehorse, SD.

tion for the inspiring grandmother and her granddaughter. And many years ago, when I was sick, alone, and isolated, it was Mr. Hartzog who never failed to share words of hope with me whenever our paths crossed. I had not heard from him in eight years and it was great to reunite and thank him for the encouragement he offered me at that time. I believe there was much joy in his eyes as he witnessed in me the seeds of hope that he had planted

five youth (Taylor Miczek, Shelton Rutherford, Bridget Taylor, Kenny Taylor, Fred Taylor), plus Judith Taylor (Mom) from Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, Pawleys Island, SC, joined St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church, Spartanburg, SC on a mission trip in June. (See article page 10) The SC missionaries’ purpose was to proclaim the Gospel by building Christ-centered relationships with children and adults in White Horse, offering Vacation Bible School (VBS),

and working among and beside the Lakota people. While guests on the reservation, the missionaries shared the love of Jesus Christ; hosted the “Under Construction” VBS program; provided food for and prepared 11 meals for the community; played games with the children and youth; attended a local council Pow Wow; assisted with repairs, cleaning, and general labor needs of local community; shared stories, laughter, and even some tears with their new friends from St. Matthew’s and Emmanuel.

### The Charleston Port and Seafarers’ Society

At the Wando-Welch Terminal in Mt. Pleasant and the Columbus Pier in Charleston, the Charleston Port & Seafarers’ Society (ChaPSS), known historically as the Seamen’s Church, Charleston, exists for the purpose of welcoming and serving the needs of those men and women who make their livelihood in the port or at sea.

The heart of ChaPSS is its volunteer base, support from churches and businesses, and its Board of Directors. This maritime ministry has reached out to seafarers visiting Charleston since the early 1820s. Some 100,000 seafarers enter the Port of Charleston annually from around the world. Most of them are poor, exploited, and away from home for eight months to more than a year at a time. They are in the port for only a matter of hours and often there is no time for shore leave. ChaPSS’ volunteers make them feel welcome and give them an opportunity to receive the Good News. World mission is in our very midst and ChaPSS seeks to convey a message that people in America care—a message so important in light of 9/11.

What can you do to help? You can participate in their annual fundraiser from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2007, when ChaPSS

will bring a “Taste of the World” to Alhambra Hall in the Old Village, Mt. Pleasant, SC. The festive evening will provide an opportunity for guests to sample a variety of international foods from some of Charleston’s best restaurants. All are welcome to attend! Individual tickets are \$50 per person; tickets for a table of six are \$250. Booth sponsorship for a table of eight is \$500; Booth sponsorship for a table of 10 is \$1,000; and Corporate Benefactor Tables are \$1,000. Please contact Sue Hinkle at 843-971-3290, President, ChaPSS Board of Directors; or Rebecca Bentz at 843-224-1070 with questions or to make reservations. Make checks payable to: ChaPSS, and please mail them to ChaPSS, 420 Shipping Lane, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.

For more information about any of these ministries and how you can link up with them, please contact Ed Dyckman at 843-367-5647 or [edward.dyckman@att.net](mailto:edward.dyckman@att.net) or [ed@socialministries.com](mailto:ed@socialministries.com). Please visit the department’s website [www.socialministries.com](http://www.socialministries.com) and include it in your church newsletters.



# The Pied Piper

## Good to Great Youth Ministry (Part One)

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministries

All churches want youth ministries that are exciting, thriving, growing, and amazing in just about every way! What we often have are youth ministries that are good, but could be great. Church leaders often ask me what it takes to ramp up the youth ministry in their parish to really reach and impact the youth of the community. This series will examine what it takes to transition youth ministries from good to great. The concept comes from a bestselling

The pied piper attracts followers to him or herself. The youth minister leads others to Christ.

book in the business sector by Jim Collins titled *Good to Great*. In the book he examines companies and organizations that have made the transition from good to great with an eye on the patterns we can learn from. It has been my experience that youth ministries can and should move from good to great. My hope is that these articles will be read not only by youth leaders but by clergy and church leaders as well so that all fully understand the nature of youth ministry and the way forward in the 21st century.

### My Confession

One of my ironic confessions as a twenty plus year veteran of youth ministry is that I was almost fired from my first youth ministry position. The reason was that the clergy believed that youth ministry needed a pied piper in order to be effective. I was somewhat reserved in the presence of the clergy and did not display the sort of charisma they believed would attract the hundreds of youth they wanted to see involved in the church. The confession is ironic because I remained in that church for nearly ten years, during which we saw a 200% increase in youth group attendance, and I never became the pied piper they thought was necessary.

Jim Collins, in studying companies that transitioned from good to great looked at the top leaders for patterns that would reveal the reason for such growth and development. Most people expected these companies to be led by high charisma individuals whose strong personality commanded attention and got results. What Collins found instead was a pattern of humble leaders who were not the center of attention. They were visionary and driven but worked through others to accomplish the goals they had in mind. Often they were willing to risk their careers to make

changes that could have been disastrous, and they had little regard for their own glory or fame. In contrast, high charisma leaders of companies tended to lead well for a season, but when they retired or resigned, the company struggled.

My first youth minister (as a teen) was a pied piper whose charisma attracted hundreds of kids to youth groups. When he left the church, so did the masses of youth. We literally saw numbers immediately drop by 75%! The trouble with pied pipers in youth ministry is the typical aftermath when they leave. I wish I could report that my youth minister was an isolated example, but the truth is, I have seen the pattern time and again. Since no youth leaders carry on forever, we need leaders who will build ministries that will last. Relying on charisma is not only unwise, it is unbiblical. Our call in ministry is to draw students to Christ not to a youth leader. While youth ministers need to have strong interpersonal skills and be enjoyable to be around, they ought not be the main attraction. While it is desirable and even advantageous to have youth leaders who are winsome, the expectation that a good youth leader be a pied piper is dangerous.

So what sort of leadership can transition a good youth ministry into a great one? To answer that, one has to look

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beyond what makes for a good leader because the question assumes good ministry is already in place. This would include the leadership essentials of character, competency and calling, as well as many normal leadership traits. The answer also has to be broad enough to encompass the differences between youth ministries in a variety of settings. Personally, I believe the

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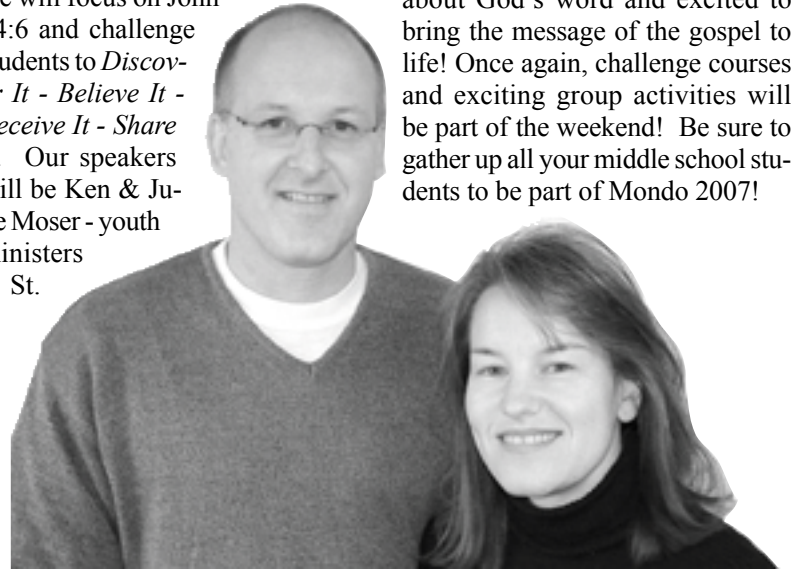
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## One Way, One Truth, One Life

Mondo will be held at the R.M. Cooper Leadership Center in Summerton, SC, October 5-7. This year we will focus on John 14:6 and challenge students to *Discover It - Believe It - Receive It - Share It*. Our speakers will be Ken & Julie Moser - youth ministers at St.

John's Anglican Church, Vancouver, BC. Ken and Julie are dynamic communicators who are passionate about God's word and excited to bring the message of the gospel to life! Once again, challenge courses and exciting group activities will be part of the weekend! Be sure to gather up all your middle school students to be part of Mondo 2007!



Ken and Julie Moser, Youth Ministers at St. John's Anglican Church in Vancouver, British Columbia, will be the Mondo Weekend Keynote Speakers.

## Through the lens: Transforming your worldview

Re:generate will be held at Hilton Oceanview Resort on Hilton Head Island, November 9-11. The Rev. Robert Sturdy, Dave Wright and Jonathan Bennett will be the speakers this year, challenging students to develop a Biblical worldview. Michael McIntyre will be leading worship music. Re:generate always features an exciting line up of seminars as well as fun activities at this beautiful resort location. Encourage all your high school students to be part of this amazing weekend experience!

Registration for our events can be done online at <http://www.scyouth.org> or by contacting Lisa Jones at 722-4075.



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leader who can transition a ministry from good to great has to have at least three unique qualities. These are not essentials for doing average or good ministry, but one cannot go beyond, without them. First would be the ability to clearly articulate a captivating vision. The vision must be adventurous or have an element of risk to it. In other words, it could fail big. Second, a relentless drive or determination to accomplish the vision must be present. The leader has to figure out how to lead people to that preferred future (vision) and overcome any and all obstacles. Finally, and this goes with the second, the leader must be a learner. I know plenty of good

youth ministers around the world who have a basic set of skills and employ them well. The leader who transitions a ministry from good to great is one who is constantly learning, challenging the status quo, asking tough questions and seeking to move forward.

Because we want strong youth ministries in our churches, we usually understand that the right leadership is essential. The leader has to be the one to take the ministry where we want it to go. However, we need to bust the myth of the pied piper and look for leaders who build ministries and develop other leaders. The pied piper attracts followers to him or herself. The task of a youth minister is to lead others to Christ and in doing so, will attract not only followers but draw in leaders as well. The good to great youth ministers are not pied pipers.





Christianity Explored Team Members, from left: Barry Cooper, Dave Wright, Sam Shammass, and Rico Tice.

It has been said that evangelism is simply one hungry person telling another hungry person where to find bread. However, most people shudder at the thought of evangelism because they have never thought of it this way. Church growth studies have shown that approximately one in four Americans would respond positively to being invited to a Christian gathering. First, we need a non-threatening environment for people to come and hear the claims of the gospel without having to make a public decision. That environment might be at church or in your home. Second, we need an excellent way to present the gospel without pressure and with plenty of opportunities for people to ask a lot of questions. Christianity Explored is precisely the sort of resource that can make this happen. It is a course that takes participants through the gospel of Mark, allowing the gospel itself to reveal who Jesus is.

## Equipped for Evangelism!

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

On May 12, the Christianity Explored Conference held at Christ Church, Mount Pleasant, engaged leaders from across our diocese and beyond with a model and materials for sharing the gospel in our churches and communities. The resources of Christianity Explored, Discipleship Explored, and CY (for youth) were explained in detail so that leaders can implement them in their churches this fall. Presented by Rico Tice, Barry Cooper, and Sam Shammass from All Souls Church in London, the day was filled with excellent teaching from scripture to equip us for the work of evangelism and discipleship.

The importance of drawing people into scripture to understand the gospel was emphasized throughout the conference. Because the way people start in the faith is the way they continue, it is essential that our evangelism and discipleship is not only based on God's word, but engages people in the study of it. Those who attended the conference

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## Together We Can Help Build a Community of Faith in Iraq

By Barbara Johnson

Many times people want to become involved and do not know how, and other times there are requests for help that go unfulfilled. Here is an opportunity for each of us to bless our troops in West Iraq and together we can do it. Lt. Roy Hershy Vaughn III, the Chaplain of a unit in West Iraq, has started a church not just for our service men and women but for the locals as well. He is seeing great spiritual hunger and thirst from those attending the services, but has very limited resources to provide for the mass groups that have been and will continue to attend.

### The following items have been requested:

500 Old Testament/New Testament/NIV Study Bibles with commentaries; 100 Bibles with English and Arabic commentaries 100 English/Delhi/India Bibles; 20 English/Bosnian Bibles; 100 English/Phillipine/Tagalog Bibles; 500 children's books; books for a Christian library (Billy Graham, Beth Moore, Max Lucado, Joyce Meyer, Kenneth and Gloria Copeland, etc); boxes of Christian tracts; 10 church banners; church décor (candles, candle holders, silk/artificial flowers, a 4X20 carpet red, blue or green), a church welcome

## Why Seminary?

By Craig Stephans

In August of 2007, Craig Stephans will begin Seminary at Trinity Episcopal Seminary in Ambridge, PA, as a Postulant of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina. Craig is keeping a blog at [craigstephans.wordpress.com](http://craigstephans.wordpress.com). Here we reprint his reflections on entering seminary.

On our recent trip to Trinity Seminary in Ambridge, PA, Dr. Paul Zahl, the Dean of the School, asked me what I hoped to get out of seminary. I quickly responded, "I hope to gain a greater intimacy with Jesus," then added, "and of course the education." Whether that was the right answer doesn't matter, since disappointingly to me, Dr. Zahl has left Trinity. But the answer, one that I have considered throughout the discernment process, reveals the truth from my heart.

Besides successfully graduating from seminary, I hope the time will result in a closer relationship with Him. Isn't that what the Episcopal Church and the Body of Christ really needs: clergy who walk intimately with Jesus and can daily share His love, wisdom, power, and truth? I feel fortunate that God has led me to the Diocese of South Carolina, a diocese rich in such clergy, including our Bishop and Bishop-elect.

In January, when the Rev. John Burwell told my wife and I that we were approved to begin the ordination process and go to seminary, I felt relief and calm for about 15 seconds. During that calm, I felt great thanks for the answer to months of prayer regarding the discernment process.

After the calm, I began to feel the rise of new prayers for the upcoming season of transition. These prayers have become summarized and congealed into one plea to God during this time: "HELP!"

In the last two months, my wife and I have left our jobs (careers), had a baby boy, bought a house in Ambridge, are trying to sell our house of nine years, bought a mini-van (Missy had a company car), our cat was killed,

and we're moving to where it snows a lot. The Episcopal Church staggers in crisis at the point of breaking. God only knows what form will exist at the end of three years. Perhaps the most treacherous event will be taking our 4-year



-old daughter and a newborn 12 hours away from their devoted "Bammy." "Why do all this as we approach mid-life?"

The answer is, "We want a greater intimacy with Jesus, each other and the church, and I want to be effective in ministry." He has led us in this direction. We have to trust him now. We can no longer trust our competency or income. As we begin to hang on by faith, we have a literal and figurative

newborn on our hands and need God's help.

Twenty years prior to the time I'll be entering seminary I entered The Citadel as a knob from Oklahoma. At the time, I was at the height of my conceit: a high school graduate on top of the

world. That world was toppled as soon as I entered 3rd Battalion. As a bald freshman, becoming a Citadel graduate seemed like a distant dream. That is somewhat how actually becoming a priest seems to me at this time... like a murky dream on the edge of chaos, the unknown, but at least this time no upperclassman is yelling me. (There's no hazing in seminary, right?) This time I know from experience that I'll

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"We want a greater intimacy with Jesus, each other and the church, and I want to be effective in ministry."

## A Reflection on the Spiritual Gifts Workshop at Holy Comforter, Sumter

By Meg Shinall

I thought I knew what I was getting into when I registered for the workshop. I have been helping “behind the scenes” for both this one and the one last fall. I was very pleasantly surprised every step of the way! The class included people I knew and liked, and I was excited about pursuing this adventure with them. But the food! Many loving volunteers put on an elegant dinner, a scrumptious breakfast and a marvelous lunch for us. Our counselors and teachers were full of fun and surprises and the whole experience was bathed in prayer by unseen volunteers. I could feel the presence of the Spirit. We were very blessed by the worship music. The homework was well worth the effort, confirming what I knew to be true and opening up possibilities I had not considered. The short video at the beginning still resonates in my mind, and the exercises with our small groups were enlightening and fun. I want to share this experience with all my friends! Please plan to join the next one scheduled for the first weekend in November. You won’t regret a single second! In fact, you’ll be ready for more...

*What are my Gifts? Craftsmanship, administration, faith/teaching. My Personality Style is Steady Influencer.*

## ERD Comes to Charleston

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ERD just throws money at a situation and hopes it works out. Each recipient of our funds is held accountable for spending it appropriately. We monitor expenditures closely. Shortly after Hurricane Katrina, ERD designed a four-stage plan for helping people in the area. Phase 1 was “immediate response.” It lasted for three months. Phase 2 was “assessment and cleanup.” That also lasted three months. Phase 3 was “recovery.” That lasted for 12 months. We are now into Phase 4, “long-term development.” That is currently scheduled to last through August 2010.

I came home with several thoughts. Among them: (1) Both of these dioceses will be hurting for some time; (2) If it were not for religious groups and other non-profit organizations, far less progress would have been made. The Mennonites, though not particularly strong in that area, have been extremely active; (3) The Episcopal Church and Episcopal Relief and Development have conducted themselves extremely well (4) Bishop Charles Jenkins of Louisiana and Bishop Duncan Gray of Mississippi, both of whom were at the meeting, have had to deal with extremely difficult problems that most bishops will never have to face because of Hurricane Katrina. They have coped very well; (5) I hope and pray that area is not hit by another hurricane during this hurricane season.

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# Summer Movement

## A Great Time for Spiritual Growth



*Vacation Bible School; the perfect summer activity and a wonderful way to learn about Jesus. Pictured above are a few of the 62 who participated in the Vacation Bible School at Church of the Good Shepherd, Charleston.*

By Peter Rothermel, Diocesan Director of Christian Faith Formation

Once upon a time, summer was known as a time when things would slow down. Many churches stopped Sunday school because there were so many people coming and going with family vacation and summer activities. Summer for churches can be a time of rest and reflection as well as preparation for the new fall season.

### A Time for New Things

I believe summer is a great time to try new things. Many churches have mission trips, youth ministries offer summer services and mission trips, and churches offer Vacation Bible School.

Also many college students come home for the summer, making it a great time to offer events and opportunities for college students.

I also believe summer is a great time for families to read the Bible together and have devotions. It’s a great time for churches to offer resources for home Bible reading and devotions that compliment Vacation Bible School.

In churches where there are home groups, it’s a great time to stay connected and deepen relationships through cook-outs.

The pace changes during summer but spiritual growth and connection with God and other believers doesn’t have to.

I have been a part of two great events which help people stay connected to fellowship and spiritual growth opportunities this summer.

### New Wine – Camping Together

In June, I attended New Wine in Union Grove, NC. Over 500 people gathered together for several days of worship, teaching, fellowship and fun. Many camped out in tents and RV’s and some stayed in nearby hotels. There were programs and activities for all

ages. Over 27 churches were represented. Working together, this event provides refreshment and encouragement to families and individuals for a great price.

We have always been blown away by the help and hospitality of the camping community. They have helped us set up our tents and helped us feel welcome. This year’s theme was, “Cry Freedom,” with main sessions in the morning and evening and workshops in the afternoon. My family loves this time as we get great time together and have the opportunity to develop and deepen friendships with others through this powerful spiritual experience. One of our favorite times is the Christian concert, where we can worship and rock-out together.

I have attended this event for three years and plan to attend it again next June with my family. It just keeps getting better.

### Family Camp at Camp St. Christopher

A new event for me this year was Family Camp at Camp Saint Christopher, offered July 1-7. What a wonderful place to spend a week with your family. Great activities like sailing, biking, beach time, arts and crafts, Worship and Family Faith Lessons filled our time.

There were grandparents, single parents and all kinds of families under Christ. We found great

encouragement as we connected with families who wanted to use the week to grow as a family in their relationship with the Lord. Next year, Rob Rienow (of Visionary Parenting) and his family are scheduled as the Faith Lessons Leaders.

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## “I love that the entire family is included!”

**Reflections on New Wine 2007**

This June, families gathered from 27 different churches to experience New Wine USA ([www.NewWineUSA.org](http://www.NewWineUSA.org)) at Van Hoy Farms in Union Grove, North Carolina. Parents and children engaged in worship, teaching and ministry together and separately in age appropriate venues. Families worshiped together, enjoyed meals with old and new friends, built community, and lives were changed.

“Sign me up for next year! I love the way our entire family is included and involved in worship at night and on Sunday morning. My children are having as great a time as my husband and I, and we are all getting Spirit-filled. We can share our experiences with each other, and it all makes sense.” **Polly Hunter**

“We really enjoyed the evening events and family worship together.” **Jamie Ware**

“My children experienced camaraderie in small groups with other children.” **Janean Balach**

“I liked meeting new people, making new friends.” **Lizi Julian (age 16)**

“New Wine is a place where you can experience God anywhere and everywhere in the big events, teachings, small groups and community or just sitting by the campfire with your family at night.” **Andy Morgan**

Prairie Reflections

Holy Cross Faith Memorial's  
Mission to Whitehorse, South Dakota

By E'Lane Rutherford, Director of Youth Ministries, Holy Cross Faith Memorial Episcopal Church, Pawleys Island, SC

I'd never been on any sort of mission trip as a teenager or adult. WOW! Our first-ever mission trip to Whitehorse, SD, was an amazing adventure in so many ways. I learned a lot about my faith, my call to ministry and why each of us is called to share the good news beyond our own boundaries! We all (31 in total) experienced such hospitality! We were welcomed and greeted everywhere we went as if we were special guests at a banquet!

Our trip was long, 5,000 miles there and back. We followed Lewis and Clark's path as closely as we could, crossing the Missouri River too many times to count and stopped at historic points along the way. It wasn't just a journey to test or strengthen our faith – it was a history lesson, too.

We went through nine states: South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, South Dakota, and Wyoming. While in Whitehorse, we took short trips to Mobridge (so named because you have to cross the *Mo* river *bridge*), Timberlake and the tomb of Sitting Bull (Tatanka Iyotake) where visitors left offerings of tobacco, sage and other things neatly wrapped in small red prayer ties. Father Rob Brown (Rector, St. Matthew's, Spartanburg – who invited us on this trip) placed

a clamshell from the Pawleys Creek he found while fishing with Tommy Tipton (Rector, HCFM) the week before our trip as our group's offering. Near Sitting Bull's tomb, is an obelisk honoring Sacagawea (aid to Lewis and Clark). The plaque stated that she was the most significant Indian woman in American (white/European) history because of all she had done for Lewis and

Clark and the westward expansion. Her marker had no prayer ties or offerings of any kind. Instead, it bore evidence of vandalism, bullet marks, and general disdain. The juxtaposition of the two monuments was remarkable. Rob and I noted that perspective is everything – significance is in the eye of the beholder – and after all, winners write history.

Our Time on the  
Whitehorse Reservation

Whitehorse, the reservation, was remarkable. I felt very much at home. It's a very special, spirit-filled place... much like our own campus. The prairie was green, lush and beautiful thanks to loads of rain and hopefully the end of a seven-year drought! We arrived to the warmest welcome. Many of us didn't even have to set up our own tents. Men from the village were there to help with bags and tents; women had prepared our dinner. (We had planned

We talked about  
how deeply loved  
we are by  
our Lord and  
Saviour,  
Jesus Christ!



The team, members from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Spartanburg, and Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawleys Island, pose in front of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Whitehorse. The team helped paint the exterior of the church.

to feed them.) Others brought horses and ponies to ride. It was Christian hospitality at its finest!

Then to work. VBS started the next morning, and we didn't know how many kids to expect. There were 30+ every day! We sang, played games, and did crafts, crafts and more crafts! A very special craft was mosaic tiles that the children created – led by my sister (and artist) Scott Adams. The whole event was a sort of VBS on steroids - VERY FUN! Each morning teams left to go pick up the kids in the village (1 1/4 miles from the church) and they kept coming! We played with balloons, bubbles, and sun photographs – pictures without a camera – simple things and saw laughter, joy and wonder! We sang and prayed. We talked about caring, sharing, worshiping and celebrating! We shared how deeply loved we all are by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The highlight of our last full day of VBS was our Holy Eucharist service, celebrated by Mother Marion, missionary priest to nine Episcopal Missions on the 5,000 square mile Cheyenne River Reservation, where I had the incredible honor of presenting Virginia Traversie, Senior Warden, and Mother Marion a check for \$1,000 from HCFM's raffle of the quilt to support their mission and ministry. There were 104 in attendance, the largest service except for the all-too-common funeral. The church was alive – with friends, children and song. Darlene Traversie, Virginia's sister and Licensed Lay Reader, honored us by singing a hymn out of the Lakota (Episcopal) Hymnal. It was lovely.

Upon reflection, I later realized that for most of the VBS children, this

church service was possibly their first church service experience! It was also most likely that the just-ended VBS would be their only Christian Faith Formation program/experience until next summer when St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Charlotte, NC, has their turn at VBS in Whitehorse. Following the potluck supper, we exchanged gifts and addresses, hugs and tears. Darlene and Virginia presented St. Matthew's and Holy Cross Faith Memorial with a star quilt as thanks for coming. Later that evening, Father Rob presented the quilt to HCFM to commemorate our first mission trip! (This one can't be raffled!) We then packed up, cleaned up and headed out the next morning to the Black Hills. As each car (7 in all) pulled away, someone rang the big church bell. It was breathtaking!

So What Now?

So what now? I have asked myself that a lot lately. What do I do with my energy, insights, fired up, rejuvenated faith? For now, the answer is simply to pray, remember and share. Pray for the church, the world, my new friends, friends not yet met, for our children and young people, and for one another. Remember my experience, my friends – young and old in Whitehorse and Spartanburg – and share them with and introduce them to everyone here at HCFM. And finally, share my faith, my love, my experience, my hopes, my disappointments and my joy with folks here and other places. There are more Prairie Reflections coming – this is merely a start – I am sure that as I pray, remember and share, more will surface!



Scott Adams, left, shows mission team member Kendall Johnn and children from the reservation how to make mosaic tiles.

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My 10 year old daughter said, "It was wonderful, I made new friends, rode my bike in the 4th of July parade, made a family banner during our family time lesson, swam at the beach, caught Hermit Crabs and was in a skit in the talent show. It was really fun. This was the best family camp I have ever been to!!"

Please keep praying for families this summer. Summer movement does not mean that we have to move away from the Lord, fellowship or from each other. If we are alert and intentional, we can grow and move closer to the

Lord and each other by His Grace. Here are some helpful resources for summer movement:

*Day By Day Kid's Bible* by Karyn Henley. Great for ages 7-10 and for family bible reading. Visit her website at: [www.karynhenley.com](http://www.karynhenley.com).

Visit [famtime.com](http://famtime.com) for family devotions that are fun and active.

Visit [visionaryparenting.com](http://visionaryparenting.com) for foundational teachings on the importance of knowing who we are as a family under God.

Visit [NewWineUSA.com](http://NewWineUSA.com) for info on this exciting family event.

# Scenes from a Convention

June 9, 2007



All photos by Sylvia Weeks

**Top Photo:** St. Luke's Delegation: Sandy and Fred Caswell, Aaron Crosby, Larry Setola and Tom Hendrickson. **Second photo:** Carolyn Powless and the Rev. Louise Weld. **Third Photo:** The Rev. Haden McCormick and the Rev. Jack Owens. **Fourth Photo:** The Rev's Jim Lewis, Arthur Jenkins, Tom Woodle. **Fifth Photo:** The Rev. Bruce Evenson, Randy McPhail and the Rev. Karl Burns.

# What Makes Bishop Gadsden Different?

## Great Amenities Combined with Life Care Benefit

By Tei McCurdy, Development Director

There are many great reasons for living at Bishop Gadsden. Among the most obvious are the beautiful surroundings, engaging activities, delicious dining opportunities, a diverse community of interesting individuals, and a commitment to quality through the continuum of care. After a new resident settles in, the comment heard most often is, "I only wish I had come sooner!"

There is another very important, less obvious reason, but one that makes Bishop Gadsden different from most other retirement communities in South Carolina. It is that we offer a "Life Care Benefit." In the retirement community world, there are two basic types of communities. One is a fee-for-service community and the other is a life care community. Bishop Gadsden is the latter.

In both types of communities, the resident typically pays an entrance fee. In the fee-for-service community, the resident then pays a monthly service fee that reflects the cost of the level of service or care. In this type of arrangement, for example, a highly independent resident living in an apartment or cottage pays a much lower monthly fee based on that level of service. As the resident's care needs increase, the monthly fee then also increases significantly to cover the expense of the additional care.

A major difference between Bishop Gadsden and a fee-for-service community is that we offer a life care benefit to those residents who qualify. The life care benefit protects our residents from the potential huge future costs of long-term care. If a resident moves through the continuum of care at Bishop Gadsden, he or she experiences very little increase in their monthly fees. You can imagine how this assists in planning for the future

and the marvelous peace of mind it gives both our residents and their families.

Remember two things previously stated: We most often hear our residents say, "I wish I had come sooner," and Bishop Gadsden "offers the life care benefit to those who qualify." Come early, qualify for the tremendous "Life Care Benefit," and enjoy the great life at Bishop Gadsden. To discuss your future at Bishop Gadsden, call Carole Moore or Laura Wilson at (843) 762-3300 today.



## Delivering Hope in the Ukraine

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concept. And what they see is Americans who cared enough about them to actually show up. They see Americans providing them food, and medicine, and money, and a smile, and a caring touch. They see Americans who have hope for their future... and hope can be infectious.

I'm not foolish enough to think everyone approves of Christian missionaries. There are plenty of missionaries who take a fire and brimstone approach, and announce, "Act on our words, and we can keep you from going to Hell!" And while I cannot speak for them, I can say that certainly isn't the approach our teams take. The team that visits the Dominican Republic puts on a Vacation Bible School for 200 fortunate children, and the kids enjoy a fun-filled break from their life of poverty. For a week, they sing and dance and do arts and crafts, and get to enjoy the fun of being a kid. The team that visits the Ukraine offers conferences for village clergy and laity on Healing Prayer, and hosts a dental clinic. And both the D.R. team and the Ukraine team hand-deliver food to the poorest of the poor, and offer to pray with

them about whatever they like.

A couple of years ago, I asked one of our Ukrainian interpreters if it was obvious to the locals that we were American.

"Oh, yes," she said.

"Why?" I asked.

"Well, you dress very plain, and you have so many lines in your face."

"Lines?"

"Yes, you know, lines. From smiling. Americans smile."

Imagine that, my fellow American. Living in a place where smiles and laugh lines are a national oddity. If that doesn't tug at your heart, you're tougher than I.

So here's the part where I ask you for money. As much as you can offer. If you give, the teams

going to both countries will put it to the very best use possible. Your gift will go into that Third World economy directly, either in the form of a rental, a purchase, food bags, medicine, or a direct gift to a priest or minister. For the cynical, let me assure you that the clergy carefully accounts for where they spend the gift money. In short, there is one degree of separation between you and the recipient.

If you would like to help those less fortunate than you, please make your tax-deductible gift to St. Michael's Church, and mail it to Mrs. Jean Corbett, St. Michael's Church, 71 Broad Street, Charleston, SC, 29401. If you like, you can specify where you'd like the gift to be used.



Group shot: Back row from left: Bill and Susalee Sasser, Ira (translator), Jean Corbett, an unidentified member of the Leschin Baptist Church, Pastor Peter, Christine Turner, Weezi Shaw. Front row: Heidi and Prioleau Alexander, Michele Bryan, Johnnie Corbett, and David Richardson.

# Skateboarding For Jesus

## Professional Skateboarder Wows Beaufort Teens

By Tim Balow

Skateboarding is definitely not one of the things you think of when you hear the phrase “bringing hope to others,” but for Tim Byrne, it certainly is the case. For Tim, it’s all about why he is doing what he is doing, and according to him, it’s all to spread the love of Jesus. While he has fun doing what he does on a skateboard, his intention is to give teenagers hope. He has performed in front of crowds that fill a baseball stadium.



On June 25, Tim entered the courtyard of the Parish Church of St. Helena to show his skills as the top freestyle skateboarder to the young and old of Beaufort. During his fifteen minute demonstration, Tim showed his style on the skateboard with creativity and endurance. Freestyle skateboarding is comparable to what some teens refer to as “break-dancing,” except with a skateboard. After the performance, Tim showed us what he really is about. “Sure, it’s great to be a great skateboarder,” Tim says, “but I am really all about Jesus and what He has done for me.” Tim spoke for 25 minutes after his performance on the person of Jesus, the work of Jesus, and the cost of following Him. During the next few days, the students were encouraged to dig into the book of Mark and discover the same things that Tim talked about. Even though skateboarding is fun for him, Tim isn’t about skate-



boarding. He is all about promoting the Gospel through skateboarding. As a matter of fact, Tim prays and asks God that “we would continue to burn with passion for the cause of spreading the love of our heavenly Father to the ends of the earth.” Amen, brother. We can do that with friendship, an encouraging word, and yes, even a skateboard.

# National Council on Readiness and Preparedness Selects Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

By Chaplain Rob Dewey

I wanted to let you all know that the National Council on Readiness and Preparedness has selected the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy as one of the ten best practices in the Charleston area. To see more about this group, and the CCC’s recognition, go to <http://ciprr.org>. They are connected with the Kennedy School of Government, Leadership for Networked World Program, and the greater Charleston area is one of the five areas they chose to “flesh out” their “Community Institute Preparedness, Response and Recovery.” I have been asked to attend and serve on the advisory board of their National Congress December 17-18 in Washington, D.C. I hope each of you are as excited about this as I am, for many of you have put much time and effort into this ministry. I do not know exactly what it means, but perhaps we will have the opportunity to share our story more widely on what God is doing here!

# Baby Boomers Face Their Medical Future

A recent study by the Commonwealth Fund sheds new light on the situation that baby boomers age 50 to 65 are facing with their current and future health care. In fact, 66% of older adults in working households indicated they were concerned about being able to afford medical care in the future. But the problem isn’t only in the future. It turns out this group has more uncertainty in their insurance coverage and more significant health needs than most other folks. As the study touts, “...one of five baby boomers age 50 to 65 in working families spent some time uninsured since their 50th birthday. This despite the fact that more than 60 percent of this age group is living with at least one chronic health condition.”

One in five baby boomers age 50 to 60 in working families spent some time uninsured since their 50th birthday.

## Expensive Plans

While health care costs are rising across the board, this group suffers more than most, and for those who end up buying coverage individually the price is particularly steep. More than half of older adults with individual coverage spend more than \$3,600 per year on premiums. And after paying these premiums (whether they get sick or not) they also have to pay the deductible, which for 48% of them is \$1,000 or higher.

This day-to-day reality is beginning to impact their plans for retirement, as well. As Commonwealth put it, “The combination of rising out-of-pocket health care costs and sluggish wage growth threatens workers’ ability to save for retirement. This is particularly true for older adults ages 50 to 65, or ‘baby boomers,’ whose per capita health care expenditures are more than twice those of younger adults.” Help is on the Way But there is an answer. Obviously, we need to help this booming age group get a handle on medical expenditures. Part of that will involve teaching some of the most influential people in our lives – parents and grandparents, for example – about how to be more savvy health care shoppers. Another piece of it is connecting them with financial tools that work for them instead of against them. Traditional policies have high premiums that you never see again. A climbing deductible and higher co-pays makes this a black hole as far as investments go. But a high deductible health plan—code for lower premiums—combined with an HSA, has many benefits that are particularly attractive to this age group.

## High Deductible Combined HSA Plan

1. **Lower premiums** – this means you have more cash to invest in the HSA, and eventually put toward your deductible.
2. **Portability** – in case your employment situation changes, you still keep your HSA and have the benefit of your past investments.
3. **Tax free savings with tax free interest** – in fact, HSA accounts offer more favorable terms than IRAs in terms of saving for retirement health needs.
4. **The Catch-up contribution** – ah! An extra fund that folks between the ages of 55 and 65 can stow away in their HSA. For 2007, this amounts to an extra \$800.

And even more promising is the fact that most of these older adults are willing to save if the right financial

mechanism comes along. As Commonwealth reports, “A substantial majority of older adults in working families (71%) said they would be interested in having one percent of their earnings deducted from their paychecks and placed into an account, which could later be used to pay for long-term care or other health services that Medicare does not cover.” Consumer-driven healthcare has a lot to offer baby boomers both now and in the future. Education will be key; it is a new kind of plan, after all. But these are the folks that lived through Elvis, The Beatles, a man on the moon, and the Vietnam War. They are better prepared for redefining the world as we know it than just about anybody. Especially if it means more in their pocket and more control over the expenditure. Power to the people, man. Can you dig it?



# Canterbury & MUSC - A Win, Win Situation!

## Canterbury House Reaps Benefits

By Peggy Pye

Over the past several years, Canterbury House has developed a strong affiliation with the MUSC School of Health Professions. Canterbury

serves as a community learning site for medical, physical/occupational therapy, physician assistant, nutrition and nursing students. Due to the close proximity of our campus to the Medical

University, we are a natural site for our future health professionals to learn about healthy aging. Before coming to Canterbury House, many young students have a negative mindset of getting older because their experience has been only with seniors who are hospitalized. At Canterbury, they see vibrant, active seniors - many who are still working and volunteering in the community. Their time at Canterbury provides a practical learning experience for them while, providing an opportunity for the residents to receive care.

Students are linked with seniors who



MUSC Nursing Student Bethany Smith assists Anna Rice.



Wilhelmena Conyers is assisted by MUSC Nursing Student Lauren Pederson.

serve as "senior mentors." In addition to their course work, students learn about issues of ageism, socio-economic and cultural differences while building communication and relationship skills. Our student nurses have an especially strong presence at Canterbury - learning how to take medical histories, providing blood pressure and diabetic screening clinics and health fairs. A legacy luncheon is given in honor of the retired nurses at Canterbury House

each semester.

Due to the success of the nursing project, *Canterbury House: A Service Learning Center* was published in the *Public Health Nursing Journal* and recently presented at the International Conference of Community Partnerships for Health in Toronto, Canada. Cam Spencer, RN, Wellness Coordinator at Canterbury House coordinates this program and all MUSC partnerships.

**The Junior Daughters of St. Paul's, Summerville:** The Rev. Becky Coerper, Associate Rector, is shown with Jr. Daughters of the King: Carissa Rhodes, Alexis Westley, Carolyn Westley, Anita Renee Rhodes, Kimberly Rhodes and Frances Davenport.



## Social Ministries Head Indicted

### A "Tongue in Cheek" Tale

On August 1, 2007, the Charity Constabulary of South Carolina indicted the Diocese's Department of Social Ministries Head, Ed Dyckman, for his failure to give away all funds for events to support local outreach and/or domestic mission. The indictment claimed that "of the Department's \$9,500 budget for 'Social Ministries Events,' Dyckman has given away only \$2,943 to churches and nonprofits to pay for a portion of their events' publicity, speakers, refreshments, music, and/or entertainment." In preparation for his defense, the Department is seeking any evidence that churches and nonprofits can still use the remaining \$6,557 for local outreach and/or domestic mission events in 2007.

alized of society. Events may include walkathons, races, bake sales, dinners, auctions, BBQs, art sales, picnics, car washes, golf tournaments, bazaars, sports tournaments, breakfasts, symposia, workshops, training, and much more! If you have evidence that your church or nonprofit can use a portion of the remaining \$6,557 in 2007, please immediately report that information along with the amount needed for the event, by calling 843-367-5647; mailing The Department of Social Ministries, 126 W. Shipyard Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464;

or emailing Ed at ed@socialministries.com. The Charity Constabulary pre-trial court hearing is set for October 1, 2007. Any evidence leading to Mr. Dyckman's exoneration will be met with a monetary donation from the Department to the specified local outreach or domestic mission event. Please act today!

## "A Shepherd of Sheep, A Fisher of Men," The Reverend Dewey J. Summers, Sr. Died July 1

The Reverend Dewey Johnson Summers, Sr., entered into eternal rest on July 1, 2007. The husband of Evangeline (Vangie) Paul Summer, Dewey was a retired accountant with Burris Chemical Company. He served as Deacon in charge of The Church of the Atonement Episcopal Church in Walterboro and Deacon at Trinity Episcopal Church, Charleston.

A Funeral service was held in the Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Charleston, on Tuesday, July 3.

The Reverend Wey Camp reflects on his relationship with Deacon Summers:

Deacon Dewey Summers was indeed a "sheep of his own fold, a lamb of his own flock." When Dewey and Vangie (Bishop's secretary for Bps. Temple, Allison and Salmon) retired to Edisto Island years ago, they made the mistake of visiting Trinity two Sundays in a row. On the second Sunday, the church treasurer walked up to Dewey, confirmed he had a background in accounting and then said, "Welcome to Trinity; you are our new treasurer!" Dewey not only served faithfully as our treasurer, he was elected to the vestry and was the Senior Warden when Trinity invited me to become their first full-time rector back in 1991. Dewey was the adult Sunday School teacher and also led a Monday morning Bible Study for years.

Dewey was the backbone for the new outreach ministry to the public schools on Edisto called "Trinity Tutoring." When Bishop Salmon announced the new vocational deaconate, our Lord called Dewey to be a member of the first class.

When Dewey and Vangie re-retired to the West Ashley area and Old St. Andrews some years ago, it was our loss and their gain. There are many on Edisto Island and elsewhere that love and miss this shepherd of the sheep and fisher of men, Dewey Summers.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two daughters, Jane Summers Spears and her husband Phillip of Summerville, SC, and Shannon Summers Rourk and her husband Freddie of Charleston, SC; son, Reverend Dewey Bud Johnson Summers, Jr., and his wife Terrie of Walterboro, SC; brother, William A. Summers of Atlanta, GA.; 8 grandchildren, Stacey Spears and Brady Spears, Mallory Rourk, Freddie Rourk and Angel Gant, Sara Summers, Justin Summers, and Joshua Summers; 2 great-grandchildren, Peyton Rourk and Kayla Gant.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Old St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Restoration Fund, 2604 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29414.

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ence heard clearly how these resources can be used to invite people to look more closely at the Christian faith by studying scripture in a relevant and engaging way. All were challenged to think about sharing their faith not only through such programs at church but in small groups and in our communities. Evangelism simply is one hungry person telling another where to find bread!

For more information about these resources visit <http://www.christianity-explored.com> or contact Dave Wright at Diocesan House.

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go through that chaos in God’s peace. God used my experience at The Citadel to draw me to Him, and I am positive He will do the same through seminary.

Missy and I know we can trust God, the one who does not disappoint. We also realize we can use the help of others during the course of the next three years. We welcome the support of friends and family. The members of St. James on James Island have been wonderfully supportive, and we will continue to covet your prayers and encouragement.

The movers are coming to pick up our stuff on July 24 and should be dropping it off in Ambridge on August 1. Classes start the first week in September. At this point, that is about what I know.

Fun For All!  
Family Camp at  
Camp St. Christopher’s

Families from different parts of the U.S. descended on St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center July 1 through 7 for Family Camp 2007. Peter Rothmel, our Diocesan Christian Faith Formation Director was the featured speaker. Peter shared his “Dynamic Faith Lessons - through family time” and had great participation. He stretched our perceptions about our families and God’s family. Our Rector, Chris Warner, celebrated Morning Prayer, Compline and Holy Eucharist throughout the week to help families connect and stay connected with the work

of the Holy Spirit. It was a busy week for all.

Our activities included walking on the beach, fishing, sailing, clowning, bingo, bluegrass music, arts and crafts, story-telling, 4th of July parade and picnic, talent night, skits, sweet grass basket demonstration and sale, an ice cream party and movie night. All this scheduled around fabulous, scrumptious, tasty meals.

Plan ahead to attend next years Family Camp where the teachings will focus on Visionary Parenting, June 29 - July 5. We hope to see you soon!



Go Where He Is Working and Join Him

By Tabitha Wang

I heard from someone once about what to do: “Find where God is working and join Him.” It’s a disciple’s confession. Mary and Judas, as recorded in John 12:1-8, represent two types of ministers: Mary offers what she has, her best, pure, costly possession; Judas, on the other hand, has his agenda and knows how to execute it. All he wants is the resource coming from another’s possession. “Sell this expensive perfume and give the money to the poor” was his idea of service. More telling than either of these two actions was Jesus’ comment, “You will have the poor with you, but you will not always have me.” What motivates action and what it takes for the action to occur varies through history. If one tries to count the ways, there’s no end to it. Is Jesus Himself at the heart of all ministries? Most likely the agenda and course of action are planned to their last detail and then the money is raised to execute it. What God wants and where God is working is usually assumed to be with the executable plan at best or not accounted for at all.

Jesus’ statement seemingly contradicts what he says later: “I will be with you always,” and “I will not leave you or-

phaned.” I think when he says, “You will not always have me,” Jesus is talking about ministry that does not always have Him at the heart of what motivates the minister.

**Problems with Foreigners**

Recently, two things happened that presented a problem, and both were related to foreigners in church-related works. The first one was in a training camp for ministers to the AIDS-affected communities. The training, training plan with text and materials being used had the approval from the provincial official. By the time the training became operational, the police from the regional office of the city came to stop the training process and then photographed and investigated all participants as if they were criminals. The trainer was harassed because she’s a citizen of a foreign country. All training materials were confiscated because they were published in Hong Kong. The regional government official issued a document telling the trainers to stop the training and dismiss the camp.

Because this training had been prayed over at every step of the way and the ground rented for the training was consecrated, cleansed and blessed for this training camp,

the training group decided to ignore the government’s issue and kept on with the training. The location is in a mountain village. So far, there’s no more interruption.

Another matter was related to a family of a late Anglican priest, his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Most of them had been estranged from the church since the Cultural Revolution. The present issue is to make amends both to the late father with whom his sons had drawn dividing boundaries to keep themselves safe and to God from whom they were totally separated for the last forty some years.

Is God working in these two cases? Is Jesus calling for reconciliation for the family? Why should I be involved and why not?

In the first case, I have been involved since the winter of 2005. In a seemingly unrelated set of circumstances, I became involved with their drug- and HIV-related issues as their spiritual leader and liturgical minister at prayer meetings, morning prayer, prayer walk and Eucharist. I also have been asked to lead funeral services, reflections and teachings of the Bible.

In the second case, I have had a relationship with the priest’s family since 1993. His

late wife and I were prayer partners. His son and I work together in social services and pray together with a NGO group. Both of them were concerned for the rest of the family members and prayed for them fervently. This time the breakthrough came. The message I’ve got in my prayer time for them is Deuteronomy 28:6 and from the response of the family members, God means business to accomplish the impossible. Besides baptism for a few members, the others also would like to be confirmed. I trust that God will produce a bishop to preside over the confirmation when the time comes.

**A Thunderous Appeal**

A dentist I once visited in Boston told me that he and his family were baptized in a Baptist church in California a week before – all 17 of them together – and thunder pealed continuously overhead during their baptism. I have nine preparing for baptism and, so far, every time the family gets together, it has rained cats and dogs. Any idea why?

Despite the rain, every member of the five families showed up at the first meeting. I vested at the meeting and reminded them that God doesn’t forget his servant. At

the time their father died, it may have appeared to be a disgrace because he died in a prison without the presence of loved ones and without any marking for his remains. No one knows what happened to him and his body or ashes. Yet thirty years later, God rectifies his disgraceful imprisonment and eventual death by blessing his descendents with an Anglican priest from America -- someone from their father’s tradition and their grandmother’s country. The hurts and regrets were deeply buried. They all need your intercession, so please remember them and lift them up. I hope no one gets cold feet, but I trust God has His perfect plan and timing. Please continue to pray for this family. Very few Anglicans/Episcopalians live here, and this family and a family of a deacon who was ordained in 1948 are the only two I know.

When I visited Jerusalem in 1991, sitting across the Garden Tomb, He spoke from my gut, “I am not here. Where you are, I am.” That statement was a promise He has kept to this day and is all I need. I just hope that He is pleased and continues to be so.

# Find Help, Discover Hope, Experience Healing

## DivorceCare & DivorceCare For Kids Ministry

Separation and divorce are among life's most difficult experiences. It is both destructive and painful. Both adults and children who find themselves in this situation need the help and encouragement of others, as well as the help of the ultimate healer, Jesus Christ, to heal and restore balance to their lives. Both DivorceCare and DivorceCare for Kids groups are special places of encouragement, information and sharing.

*The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.  
Deuteronomy 33:27 NIV*

Those words were written by Moses and he speaks to us today, declaring that God is our only true security and our only true refuge. When we put our trust in money, or career, or even a lifelong dream such as the perfect marriage, inevitably we stumble and fall. Moses assures us that the eternal God always holds out His arms to catch us when we fall. In His arms, no storm can destroy us, not even the storm of separation and divorce.

DivorceCare and its companion for children, DivorceCare for Kids, are both Christ-centered, scripture-based healing ministries to address the emotional and spiritual damage caused by separation and divorce. This course is being offered by Christ Episcopal Church beginning Sunday, September 9 at 6:30 p.m. Christ Church is located at 2304 Hwy. 17 North (corner of 17 and Long Point Rd.- [www.christch.org](http://www.christch.org)). Please call the church office at 884-9090 to register.

Additional information about Divorce Care can be found at [www.divorcecare.com](http://www.divorcecare.com)



Scott Bradley, a member of Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, enjoys the great outdoors.

# A Walk in the Woods

## Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, Hosts Men's Hiking Ministry

By Trevor Spencer

More than 50 men representing eight churches completed a rain-soaked, spiritual journey through

Pisgah National Forest on May 6. The Men's Hike Ministry at Holy Cross has existed for several years and includes

hikes in the Spring and Fall of each year.

The caravan departed Charleston early on May 3. While it rained quite a lot on the hike, each evening the rain would stop for the setting up of camp, an evening meal, worship and teaching.

Regular hike member and leader Rob Boyles wrote, "For some, the hikes may be mere walks in the woods—four days of hiking and camping and enjoying beautiful scenery and good company. Others with experiences similar to mine will find their lives changed, their hearts restored, and their relationships with others—their wife, children, parents, and friends forever altered."

Several of the churches who participated in the Spring Hike will initiate hikes of their own. The first hike at St. John's on John's Island will take place in September. At Holy Cross, men will hike from October 18-21.

You can learn more about the Men's Hike Ministry at [www.holycross.net/hike](http://www.holycross.net/hike)



## Called to Ministry- A Family Affair

Pictured are the Rev. Robert Horn, his wife, Martha Horn, and Lillie McGougan, Martha's mother at Saint James Church, James Island. Lillie is virtually a life-long member of Saint James, and is a long-time active lay minister. Twenty-nine years ago Saint James sponsored Robert as a seminarian. He has been serving there as Associate Rector for the past three years. Martha, a postulant in the Diocese of South Carolina, is now on her way to Trinity Seminary, also sponsored by Saint James.

## Drawing Near to God Fall Offerings

### "The Kingdom is Near" Begins September 13

"The Kingdom is Near," an eight-week "mini" course on establishing principles for kingdom living, will be offered in the fall through Drawing Near to God, a community wide Bible study. Jesus declared the kingdom was near and he demonstrated the kingdom with signs and wonders. On this side of the cross, what does kingdom living look like? What must we do to "advance the kingdom?" What does it mean when we pray, "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven?" This course is designed to help answer these questions as we pursue our faith journey.

### In Favor with God and Man

"In Favor with God and Man" is a four-week course designed to aid our growth in relationship with God and others. It is based on the Scripture in Luke 2:52: Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God

and man. All of us are faced with living in relationship with others, and it is through our growing relationship with God that we are able to live out authentic relationships with one another. This course will also be offered following "The Kingdom is Near."

Drawing Near to God is a community-wide Bible study led by Joanne Ellison that includes a time of worship, small group discussion aided by a study guide and a teaching. Each session is held on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Mount Pleasant. The fall session will begin on Thursday September 13 and end on December 13.



# The Reverend Jimmy Gallant Receives Order of the Silver Crescent

The Reverend Jimmy Gallant, Associate to the Priest at Christ Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant, accepts



Photo by Bill Gangi

of Governor Mark Sanford. The Order of the Silver Crescent is the highest honor awarded by the State of South Carolina to civilians for volunteer service. "Father Jimmy," as he is affectionately known at Christ Church, was cited for his tireless service to the Lowcountry and beyond in a multitude of arenas, including The Midnight Basketball Association, Special Olympics, The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy, The Governor's Task Force on Violence, and his work with underprivileged kids each Saturday at the Charleston Police Department.

## The Calendar

### August

- 4 Convention to Elect a Diocesan Bishop, St. James, Chas.
- 15 - 19 Cursillo 148, Camp St. Christopher
- 23 - 24 Fall Infuser, Youth Ministers Retreat, Camp St. Christopher

### September

- 8 Ordination of Vocational Deacons
- 14 - 15 **Beyond** Conference, Church of the Cross, Bluffton
- 15 Annual DOK Fall Assembly, Epiphany Church, Eutawville

### October

- 5 - 7 Mondo Youth Weekend, R.M. Cooper Leadership Center
- 12 Dedication of New Facilities at York Place
- 17 - 21 Cursillo Weekend 149, Camp St. Christopher

### November

- 09 - 11 Re-Generate Youth Weekend, Hilton Head Island
- 21-25 Thanksgiving Week at Camp St. Christopher
- 29 Charleston Port and Seafarers Fundraiser



Fifty-five people, representing 24 churches attended the 3rd Annual Diocesan Church Business Conference held at beautiful Camp St. Christopher. A small number of the participants are gathered above. Next year's conference will be May 11-13, 2008.

## The 3rd Annual Diocesan Church Business Conference

The 3rd Annual Diocesan Church Business Conference was held at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center May 6-8. The Rev. Gerald Keucher, author of *Remember the Future*, *Financial Leadership and Asset Management for Congregations* was the plenary speaker. Father Keucher has been on the administrative staff as the controller of the Diocese of New York for more than

Storyteller Tim Lowry entertained the group, performing "The Book of Esther, a Joyful Reading!" Tuesday morning breakout workshops were held on facilities management, church labor laws, discretionary funds, and much more! The conference ended with a closing Eucharist; The Rev. Terence Lee serving as our Chaplain.



Laurie Snedeker, who serves as the Bookkeeper at Church of our Saviour, John's Island, speaks with guest speaker, The Rev. Gerald Keucher.

## Diocese Ending EfM Sponsorship

Effective January 1, 2008, the Diocese will discontinue its sponsorship of Education for Ministry, a lay education program of the School of Theology of the University of the South. Questions about this change may be directed to Peter Rothermel of the diocese's Department of Christian Faith Formation (843-722-4075) or to Suzanne Schwank, Chairwoman of the DCFE Executive Committee, at schwank2@aol.com.

## York Place to Celebrate and Dedicate Facilities

On Friday, October 12, York Place will celebrate and dedicate The Henry and Eleanor Richardson Treatment and Evaluation Center, The Sarah Tatum Smith Dining and Assembly Hall, and The Betsy Campbell Park on the York Place Campus, 234 Kings Mountain Street, York, South Carolina 29745.

## The Good Shepherd Day School in Charleston Accepting Applications

The Good Shepherd Day School in Charleston is now accepting applications for the two-and-three-year old classes for the 2007-2008 year. Interested families should contact the church office for an application packet. Jesus said... "Let the little children come to me." The Church of the Good Shepherd, 1393 Miles Drive Charleston, SC 29407. 843.571.2993. [www.goodshepherd.sc](http://www.goodshepherd.sc).

## Important Cursillo Dates

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| October 18-21, 2007 | Cursillo weekend 149, Camp St. Christopher      |
| November 3, 2007    | Diocesan Ultreya, Church of the Cross, Bluffton |
| January 4-5, 2008   | Cursillo Planning Retreat, Camp St. Christopher |
| January 17-20, 2008 | Cursillo weekend 150, Camp St. Christopher      |
| February 2, 2008    | Diocesan Ultreya, St. Jude's, Walterboro        |
| March 29, 2008      | Cursillo Diocesan Picnic, Old Santee State Park |
| April 3-6, 2008     | Cursillo weekend 151, Camp St. Christopher      |

For more Cursillo information, go to the website [cursillo.org](http://cursillo.org).

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