

# Jubilate Deo

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## 219 Diocesan Convention

March 4-5, 2010

St. Paul's, Summerville

St. Paul's in Summerville will host the 219th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina. The opening Eucharist will begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 4. This will be followed with a BBQ and bluegrass celebration.

Registration will begin at 7 a.m. on Friday, March 5. The Call to Convention will be at 9 a.m.

A letter soliciting suggestions for nominations was sent to clergy and wardens in November. The deadline for submissions was December 31, 2009. The offices to be filled at this convention include: Diocesan Council (3-year term) Clergy (2), Lay (2); Standing Committee (3-year term) Clergy (2), Lay (2); Ecclesiastical Court (3-year term) Clergy(3), Lay (2); Advancement Society (3-year term) Clergy (1), Lay (1); University of the South (3-year term) Lay (1); Trustees of the Diocese (6-year term) Lay (2); Cathedral Chapter (3-years) Clergy (1), Lay (3).

For additional information about the convention, contact Beth Snyder at [bsnyder@dioceseofsc.org](mailto:bsnyder@dioceseofsc.org) or (843) 722-4075.



## Mere Anglicanism Conference

January 21-23, 2010

**M**ere Anglicanism believes that educated, authentically disciplined, and active Anglicans — both lay and clergy — are central to the efforts to reform and renew Anglicanism in North America. It is an event-oriented organization that provides the tools and resources to disciple, train, and educate lay and clergy leaders. To that end, Mere Anglicanism will host the 2010 Conference January 21-23 at St. Philip's Church in Charleston. The theme for this year's event is Gender, Sexuality, and Marriage in the Church: Speculation or Revelation? See page nine for a listing of guest speakers, panelists and topics.

## 2010 Resources Now Online

Bishop Lawrence's 2010 Visitation Schedule is now online as is the 2010 Prayer Calendar. Access both at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org).

## St. Paul's Float Takes 2nd Place in Christmas Parade

St. Paul's, Orangeburg, won the 2nd place prize for the Best Float in the Orangeburg Christmas Parade. The Rev. Jimmy Gallant, vicar, rode with 15 children from the mentoring program he began. "Next year we're going to take first place," Gallant said to the children. There were over 70 floats in the parade. Theirs was considered the "most spirited."

## Are You Receiving Our Enews?

It's the best way to stay up-to-date with Diocesan news. It is emailed every other week and contains current events, clergy news, personal stories, and occasional letters from the Bishop. Visit [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org) to sign up. Read about communication changes on page seven.

## Seven Dioceses Meet; Begin Missional Relationships

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



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Dioceses participating in the gathering included Albany, Central Florida, Dallas, North Dakota, South Carolina, Springfield, and Western Louisiana. Above, from right to left, is the team from the Diocese of Albany, The Rt. Rev. William H. Love, The Rev. Robert Haskell, The Rev. William (Chip) Strickland, Ms. Elizabeth Strickland, (obscured) The Rev. Paul Hartt, and The Very Rev. David Collum.

**C**lergy and lay representatives from seven dioceses in The Episcopal Church, as well as six bishops with Episcopal jurisdiction, met in Charleston, SC on November 3-4, 2009, to consider

ways they might assist each other in more effectively reaching their communities and the world for Christ. More specifically, in keeping with General Convention resolution B030, which encouraged domestic

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## See It? Need It? Take It.

All Saints', Florence, Shares Blessings with Community

By The Rev. Mark Riggs, Rector, All Saints, Florence

**O**n Saturday, October 24, All Saints' in Florence opened its doors to over 200 persons in the community with a special event called Share the Blessings.

Tables filled with clothing, toys, electronics, books, appliances and larger items like furniture, exercise equipment, televisions and Christmas trees were all available for free to whomever needed or could use them. A hospitality center was set up to offer free refreshments to those who attended. Guests were invited to sit at tables decorated with fall flowers and enjoy baked goods and snacks, a cup of coffee or a cold drink.

Guests were welcome to listen to the Palmetto State Boys Choir as they rehearsed in the nave. A staffed prayer room was also available to minister to those who had prayer needs. Area ministries for those in need - from shelters to food ministries - were also on site to offer needed resources. Many commented they had never attended an event like this, and were amazed, not only at the turnout, but at the concept of "just giving everything away, no strings attached."

Inspired by a parishioner who knew of a church that offered a similar give-away in

Texas, the goal was to live out the admonitions of scripture to reach out to and provide for those in need. Parishioners were challenged to be the church, not just "go to church." There were blessings all around, as those who served were as blessed, if not more blessed, than those whose needs were met either materially, physically, or spiritually.

After the event, a parishioner drove to the convenience store down the street and the cashier, upon seeing his All Saints' shirt, asked, "Is that the church that was giving everything away?" Share the Blessings.



## "I'm willing to risk my ministry for it." Arthur Jenkins

Rector Endorses January "Faith at Home" Seminars

By the Rev. Arthur Jenkins, Rector, St. James Church, James Island

**R**ecently I was asked how, as a Senior Pastor, I could spend my time with Directors of Christian Education learning of and promoting the faith at home methodology of Christian faith transformation. Didn't I have more pressing priorities with which to concern myself? They thought that this issue of discipleship was more to be in the hands of the directors of Christian education. My response was that there is not a more important issue than this. That my job, my call, my passion from the Lord is lives that are being healed, redeemed, set free and transformed by a growing and intimate relationship with Jesus Christ. I don't do church to grow the club. I shepherd people that they might experience the life that Jesus Christ purchased for them with His own blood.

The faith at home methodology of Christian life transformation is Biblically based.



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It is God's created order in Genesis 1:28, Deuteronomy, chapter 6, celebrated in Psalm 78 and used by Jesus with His disciples. The difficulty is that it is a reversal of the paradigm of Christian education under which we were all nurtured. We have all been reared in "age segregated" education. We have been trained to design our buildings, our programs, and our pastors to encourage "church centered" discipleship and now we're saying, "wait, stop, reverse it all." You've got to be kidding? It feels like an upheaval in our church lives, because it is. It can't be a new program. It must be a

revival. I have been so touched by God's heart for this revival of discipleship that I am willing to risk my ministry and my life for it.

To every Senior Pastor in our diocese I encourage you to bring your team to the Faith At Home Church Seminar, to be held at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, January, 30. "Come and see." I will not tell you this is easy. I won't tell you it is fun. I will tell you that you will see fruit that when it grows, it

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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.**



Let Your Light Shine...in Each and Every Home

# January Faith at Home Events

By Peter Rothermel, Coordinator, Department of Christian Faith Formation

For the past few years, the Department of Christian Faith Formation has been stressing the importance of the church's role in partnering with parents and grandparents in the discipling of their children and grandchildren. We have heard statistics like "69% - 94% of evangelical children are leaving the church shortly after they graduate from high school" (FOF). Scriptures like Deut. 6:4-7 and Ps. 78 have come alive and convicted hearts. As a result, many churches and families have taken steps to respond. Little by little, churches and families have been making a shift and many life giving stories are bubbling up as families learn to bring their faith home. A movement of God is among us.

"The role of the Church isn't to make sure that, as you look down on this community, you can see the light shining bright from our facility. Rather, the role of the Church is to make sure the light shines in each and every home, lighting the community for the world to see!"

This quote from Mark Holmen's book, *Building Faith at Home--Why Faith At Home Must Be A Church's Top Priority*, got my attention. He put into words the great desire I have to see people alive in Christ.... homes where



Above, Christian Educator Irene Smith listens as Jeff Hoyle shares stories of his own family's experiences with family worship.

Christ is shining bright for the world to see. Our world is hungry to see people living out faith in Christ. Matthew 5:16 says, "In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." We have some great opportunities coming to Charleston in January to let our light shine and strengthen the discipling of God's people and our outreach and witness to our communities and Churches.

Mark Holmen will be joining Jeff Hoyle from Focus on the Family to offer two training events to develop Faith at Home. Mark Holmen emphasizes, "Faith at Home is not a program. Let me be very clear, Faith at Home it *not* a new family ministry approach or program. Faith at home is an integrated methodology for how you will 'do' church in a way that equips the people of your church to be 24/7 authentic followers of Christ at home. At the end of the day, we all know that what happens in the home is more influential than what happens at church when it comes to spiritual life and formation. Therefore, as pastors and church leaders, we must lead our ministries with a faith at home focus if we want our people to be fully devoted followers of Christ."

On Friday night, January 29, Mark Holmen and Jeff Hoyle will be at Saint James on James

Island offering training to motivate and equip parents to practice Faith at Home. This seminar will help parents learn how to pray together, bless their children, have family worship and develop a strategy to bring faith in Christ alive in the home.

On Saturday, January 30, there will be training for pastors and leaders at Christ Church in Mount Pleasant. The Faith @ Home Church Seminar will provide practical tools to help churches help families be intentional in living out faith at home and it will help raise up lay leaders to strengthen this ministry. ....so bring a team.

These are Regional Events offered through Focus on the Family. Please help spread the word through any networking connections you have. Just think what will happen when more families pray together at home and share the excitement of seeing and experiencing God moving in their family with their neighbors, community and Church.

Check out the Christian Faith Formation webpage at [http://www.dioceseofsc.org/mt/archives/cat\\_christian\\_faith\\_formation.html](http://www.dioceseofsc.org/mt/archives/cat_christian_faith_formation.html) for more details and downloadable flyers.

"Mark Holmen is able to help church leaders convert good intentions into good practices. This is not theory; it is a hands-on solution to the challenges pastors and church leaders face in these trying times, all consistent with biblical principles and tested in the real world."

**George Barna**  
CEO of the Barna Group

**Family Extreme Makeover for Parents, January 29**  
St. James, James Island, 7 to 9 p.m.

**Faith at Home, Church Seminar, January 30**  
Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For all pastors and lay leaders. \$325 per church, \$99 per individual. (If the Rector or Senior Pastor attends the price per church is reduced to \$225.) Call 800 232-6459 reference code WM10ASCFC to register.



Focus on the Family's Jeff Hoyle, above, will return to the Diocese January 29-30.

## South Carolina Imports Successful Program from the Diocese of Lexington

### St. Paul's, Summerville, Takes Steps Toward Reading Camp Ministry

Deacon Fred Berkaw has been trying to discern how a ministry of racial reconciliation could move from discussing the concerns of the community around the areas of race and class to actually doing something to bring people together to alleviate a need in the community. After much prayer and discussion with his spiritual director, the Rev. Becky Coerper, Associate Rector at St. Paul's, a word of clarity surfaced. She shared that God was telling her that the ministry needed to be with children in the schools. This was the answer to Fred's prayer and the next step in the progression of a ministry of racial reconciliation.

In the summer of 2009, the *Post and Courier* ran a week long series on the low literacy rates of students in South Carolina and specifically Charleston County (visit [http://www.postandcourier.com/news/special\\_reports/literacy](http://www.postandcourier.com/news/special_reports/literacy)). Although not as severe, the literacy rate in Dorchester County is far from what it should be. Mr. Ed Dyckman, Chair of the Diocesan Department of Social Ministries, recently highlighted an innovative program run by the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington (KY) on the Social Ministries website and in the *Jubilate Deo*. To address literacy, the Diocese of Lexington holds Reading Camps in the summer. This program was the brainchild of Bishop Stacy Sauls, who knew of the pressing needs of children in his diocese which is comprised of 17 eastern counties of Kentucky, many in Appalachia.

Reading Camp helps under-performing third and fourth grade students improve their reading skills while building their self-esteem and confidence. Each camp is held for one week in the summer. In the morning, children receive intensive literacy education. Small groups of students go through six learning centers where they experience: writing, pleasure reading, phonics, encoding and decoding, reading comprehension, and reading strategies. The teacher/student ratio is one teacher to two students. Reading Camp is a non-threatening, fun environment, a place where learning occurs in a non-classroom setting. Local authors of children's books make guest appearances at camps, inspiring and encouraging campers to read. Confidence-building activities like horseback riding, rappelling, swimming lessons and experiencing other local attractions fill the afternoons.

Reading Camp is also about the volunteers who are involved in this life-changing mission work that is rewarding and done in their home community. Volunteer positions include

mentors, readers and listeners, nurses, food preparers, recreation coordinators, as well as literacy teachers. Young people have an opportunity to be involved as camp counselors. During the current year, we will be finding people who have the skills and abilities to assist in a Reading Camp. Fundraising has begun because the leaders and teachers for our camp have to volunteer in two-week long reading camps in KY where they will receive training. Volunteers must pay for room, board, and transportation.

A chilling statistic is that many states use the literacy rates of third and fourth graders to forecast the need for prison cells. Think of it: investing in a child today will keep us from having to pay for the cost of failure in the future.



The Rev. Fred Berkaw



Above, a volunteer and participant read together at the Pine Mountain Settlement School Reading Camp in Harlan County, Kentucky.

Having trained our core team, we will work with our local school district to identify students for our camp. Fundraising will continue because there is no charge to attend a reading camp. A one-week day camp for 24 students costs approximately \$7,000. This outreach will be costly but the rewards will be priceless. Children made in the image of God, can fulfill God's wish to be all He created them to be. Our hope is that the Summerville Reading Camp will be the launching pad for reading camps across our diocese. For more information or to donate to this life-changing ministry. Contact Deacon Fred Berkaw at [fredb@stpaulssummerville.org](mailto:fredb@stpaulssummerville.org) or (843) 873-4554.

## Fling Wide the Doors - Again

### St. John's Holds First Sunday Services in Sixty Years

On Sunday, October 18, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., the doors of St. John's Chapel opened for Sunday worship for the first time in sixty years.

The photo, right shows those in attendance. The Rev. Dallas Wilson, Vicar, preached at the historic first service, "now is the time to arm yourselves, for the battle for souls has just begun."

Grateful to all who have come alongside them in this effort, Brother Dallas and Sister Janie sent this note, "All are welcome to join us for our Sunday morning 10:30 a.m. worship service. Please continue to pray for the success of our ministry

efforts to those who reside in the Eastside Community of Charleston, SC." St. John's is located at 18 Hanover Street in Charleston.



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## I'm Willing to Risk

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lasts. I am tired of hearing parents with adult children say, "But I did everything right. My children were in Sunday School, served as acolytes, and even went to EYC and yet now, they don't darken the church door!" Yes, making the shift to the faith at home is hard, but it is not as hard as hearing that.

To every Mom and Dad, I encourage you to come to the Family Extreme Makeover, Friday night, January 29 at Saint James, James Island. This is a two to three hour intensive training of practical, easy-to-implement models and strategies that will make your home the center of faith transformation, not just for your children, but for all of you.



# Anglican Communion Development Committee Surveys Parishes; Begins New Initiatives

By The Rev. Robert S. Lawrence, Associate Rector, St. Michael's Church; Chair, Anglican Communion Development Committee

Early in 2009, Bishop Lawrence called for the creation of the Anglican Communion Development Committee to replace the World Mission Committee (WMC). The intention was to create a committee that would serve to reflect the changing environment of the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion in this global age and to reflect the vision that Bishop Lawrence believes we as the Diocese of South Carolina are called to fulfill - "To help shape the future of Anglicanism in the 21st Century through mutually enriching missional relationships with dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion (Romans 1:11-12; 2 Corinthians

of both clergy and lay representatives from each of the deaneries. The clergy representatives were appointed by Bishop Lawrence, and the lay representatives were selected from those nominated from within their deaneries by the clergy representatives and the Deans. The present membership with their deanery identified includes the following: The Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon (ACD Coordinator), The Rev. Robert Lawrence (Chair, Charleston), Mrs. Leslie Burton (Charleston), The Rev. Michael Clarkson (West Charleston), Mrs. Cindy Pennington (West Charleston), The Rev. Chris Royer (Beaufort), Ms. Sarah Tillman (Beaufort), The Rev. Paul Fuener (Georgetown),



Where in the World is the Diocese of South Carolina?

Though this reproduction is too small to read, the actual map lists churches, by deanery and shows where they serve or have on-going relationships.

View the map at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org).

9:1-15), and through modeling a responsible autonomy and inter-provincial accountability (Philippians 2:1-5; Ephesians 4:1-6) for the sake of Jesus Christ, his Kingdom and his Church."

The Rev. Dr. Kendall Harmon was appointed as the Anglican Communion Development Director, and a committee has been formed over the past six months comprised

Mrs. Sue Harrison (Georgetown), The Rev. Michael Hub (Orangeburg), Mr. DuValle Elliot (Orangeburg), The Rev. Charlie Walton (Florence), Mr. Sam Dargan (Florence), and The Very Reverend William McKeachie (Clergy at-large). The ACD Committee has now met several times since its initial formation and has begun to make recommendations for the kinds of strategic partnerships for mutually enriching relationships throughout the Anglican Communion and beyond.

One of the early tasks of the ACD Committee was to try to compile information from every parish in the diocese to provide a view of what the diocese as a whole is doing now. The committee specifically wanted to identify those parishes that (1) supported

a missionary; (2) sponsored a missionary sent from their parish; (3) sponsored parish participation in short-term missions; (4) and had existing missional relationships in other areas of the Anglican Communion. While this data collecting is not yet complete, the ACD Committee found that many parishes include some funds for support of a missionary. In most cases, these are folks that come from outside the diocese but are supported by many churches through their sending missionary agencies such as SAMS (South American Missionary Society), Global Teams, or Anglican Frontier Missions. Some parishes have actually raised up parishioners and sponsored them to enter full-time missionary ministry. Many parishes throughout the diocese have either sponsored short-term mission trips or supported their parishioners in participating in them. Missions in the Dominican Republic, Haiti and Honduras are the most common, but an increasing number of churches have responded to mission opportunities in African countries including, but certainly not limited to Liberia, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania and Kenya. Collecting and sharing this information will allow the ACD Committee to identify those existing missional relationships that can be nourished and strengthened by greater cooperation and participation from throughout the diocese. It also allows the committee to identify those areas of opportunity for strategic partnerships.

A recent visit to the diocese by The Most Rev. Dr. Mounier Anis, Bishop of Egypt, and Archbishop of the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East resulted in a partnership and new companion relationship between South Carolina and this province of the Anglican Communion. Additionally, because Archbishop Anis' province is already in partnership with the Province of South East Asia, by extension, the door has opened wide for further exploration and relationship -building there as well. While the ACD Committee will support and facilitate both existing missional relationships, and many of these

## Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Anniversary Banquet

February 11, 2010

The Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy is hosting its 19th Anniversary Banquet and Silent Auction, Thursday, February 11, at the Charleston Area Convention Center. Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr. will be the guest speaker, and we will also hear the testimony of an individual who was ministered to after suffering a tragedy in her family. With over 100 auction items, a delicious dinner, great speakers, and live music, the evening is sure to please. The Chaplaincy's Annual Banquet is the organization's main fundraiser, so please join them to support the ministry. To purchase tickets, call the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy office at (843) 724-1212. For more information about the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy or to make a donation, visit [www.coastalcrisischaplaincy.org](http://www.coastalcrisischaplaincy.org).



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Mayor Joseph P. Riley

exciting new initiatives, it will remain parish-based missions and relationships that yield the fruit of building up God's Kingdom.

While many often read about mission trips and missionary tales in the pages of the *Jubilate Deo*, early in 2010, the ACD Committee hopes to have information available through the diocesan website to share more fully share the news of what is planned regarding missions and missional relationship, as well as what has been accomplished throughout the Diocese in this regard. These are exciting times and all can find opportunities to be involved as we seek to follow Christ and help shape the future of Anglicanism in the 21st century.

# 60% - 90% of Christian Children Have a "Drug" Problem

Diocesan Team Attends Dallas Conference Aimed at Teaching Parents to Be Involved in Their Children's Spiritual Lives

By Jeanne Lyles, St. Michael's, Charleston

**A Note from Peter Rothermel:** For several years the Department of Christian Faith Formation has encouraged and equipped churches to help families make Christ the central part of their home life. In September, six of us headed to Dallas, TX, to the D6 Conference to join with thousands of others who share a similar vision. We heard from John Trent and George Barna, as well as others, who have developed successful models of how to be effective in getting faith back into the home. In the following article Jean Lyles, a volunteer from St. Michael's, Charleston, shares some of the things she took away from the D6 Conference.

One of the most startling things I learned at the D6 conference is that so many Christian children drop out of the faith permanently because of a drug problem. The culprit is not crack, pot, alcohol or cocaine. The problem is that the children only see a demonstration of faith by their families when they are drug to church. The majority of such children will leave the church because of what they call "hypocrisy." Ryan Rush, a presenter at D6, says the charge arises because these children see a gap between the Jesus at church and the one known (or perhaps unknown) at home.

To think that the majority of children in our churches are not likely to be Christians in five to ten years is upsetting and not just for parents. We each have vowed to God and every child baptized that we will help bring them up in their life in Christ. If statistics are any measure, our promise will fail in large part.

## Why Are We Failing the Next Generation?

The D6 conference claims outsourcing of spiritual formation is a main cause. In the past 100 years, a mindset has grown so that many Christians today believe the primary responsibility for teaching children the faith belongs to the church. As a result, we expect the ministers of the church to do the job. Sitting in a classroom or the pew may fill their young minds with fabulous sermons, programs, and music, but just taking a child to church is not likely to make him Christian. Faith in Jesus Christ is not a formal intellectual exercise. It is a relationship.

Faith cannot be taught—it must be caught! Formal teaching, corporate wor-

ship and fellowship are important, but it is the parents that are the most formidable influence on their own children. D6 presented some interesting statistics. The responses to one questionnaire found that parents are the greatest spiritual influence on the children questioned. Another statistic stated that per year the average child/teen spends only 1% of his time in church. This statistic demonstrates how illogical it is to expect the church alone to form our next generation of Christians.

The problem is not what's happening at church, but what's not happening in the home, according to speaker Kurt Bruner. The good news is that every family can take steps toward building a God-honoring family with a bit of inspiration and coaching. Weekly talks about faith around the dinner table, having time for family Bible reading or devotions, sharing daily blessings and prayers will engage the hearts of children for Christ.

The challenge for the church is to teach parents and equip them as they take on their biblical responsibility. Yet, experientially that is not what happens. Churches offer program after program, trying hard to impress the kids, pouring countless resources into 1% of the children's time and are happy when the parents help just a little. What's wrong with this? Even with all that effort, over half of them will walk away entirely. But the greatest thing wrong with this approach is it is NOT biblical.

D6 stands for Deuteronomy 6, an incredibly important command and

revelation of our God. Jesus said so. When asked what was the most important commandment of all God's laws, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." Matt. 22:35-38.

Deuteronomy 6 gives responsibility of teaching children about our God to the parents, and it tells them how. "Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." Deut. 6:5-9.

The churches involved in presenting the D6 conference have several approaches to help parents perform these biblical commands. One is to have unified teachings in Sunday school classes so that the subject matter concerns the same biblical text or context for all generations. Family faith conversations can take place intentionally and arise naturally. Encouraged at home are family worship and God Moments, those little teaching opportunities throughout the day that focus on the Lord and His truth. Just prior to a particular milestone in a child's faith development, the church offers parent seminars on teaching and using the faith skill a child will need at an appropriate phase of life instead or conjunction

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# St. Christopher: The Continual “Now”

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

An unsolicited appeal for support  
of the St. Christopher Annual Fund

As I walked off the beach at the end of a refreshing, quiet retreat in January at St. Christopher, I was reminded, again, of the towering presence of St. Christopher in my life. St. Christopher has been a continual “now” in my life for the past twenty-four years. From 1985 when I met the people who ran the Summer Camp program, my life has been intertwined with those 300 acres on Seabrook Island in a way that few can understand. In Greek the word *kairos* refers to a “moment in time,” in contrast to an expanse

of time (*chronos*). We do not have a word in English that expresses the same concept. *Kairos* describes what my St. Christopher experiences feel like to me, but there have been so many “moments in time” experienced at or as a result of my time at St. Christopher that its impact on my life has been more like “continual nows.” Those continual nows have shaped and molded me into who I am today. When I reflect on my life and the grace that the Lord Jesus Christ has poured out upon me, there is no one place which has affected me more than St. Christopher.

God has given me St. Christopher as a “continual now” in my life. I have been blessed abundantly by its ministry. The opportunities that we have through St. Christopher to do Kingdom work are far too valuable to the Diocese, the church, and the world to be lost because of the lack of financial support. The future of St. Christopher will only be secure if we are willing to actively engage by giving to support St. Christopher’s ongoing operations. I invite you to join me as I step forward in faith to give substantial financial support to the place I love. Please join me. It is vital that we do this together . . . and the time is now!



Above, in a 2003 photo, the Rev. Shay Gaillard introduces his daughter Mary Foster to Kayaking. Gaillard was serving as the Camp Chaplain that summer.



Gaillard, serving as Camp Chaplain in 2006, makes waves with daughters Mary Foster and Ann Claire.

## St. Christopher 2011 Calendar Open

The 2011 reservation calendar for St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is now open to Diocesan groups and churches only. This is to give our Diocesan family the first opportunity to book dates. However, on January 1 the 2011 calendar will open to all other organizations, non-diocesan churches and youth groups. So, if you are planning to retreat at St. Christopher in 2011, call soon. Weekends fill up very quickly. To check availability or for information on reservations, contact Elizabeth Bumpas at (843) 768-0429 or ebumpas@stchristopher.org

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Dioceses within The Episcopal Church to enter into missional relationship, this meeting encouraged the dioceses to consider what resources they can share with each other and work more closely to further the Gospel mission. Evangelizing and reaching the unchurched; catechizing and discipling the converted; assisting members in generational faithfulness; renewing, strengthening and growing existing parishes; and planting new congregations to reach their communities with the Gospel were the areas of greatest interest.

To this end, through the work of some of the Communion Partner bishops and rectors, along with others, these Dioceses in Missional Relationships will begin by hosting two initiatives for the purpose of encouraging and equipping missionally focused dioceses, congregations and individuals through:

1. Establishing a website for sharing resources and networking for ministry and mission. It is their intention to have this ministry-networking initiative functioning in an initial stage during Epiphany 2010; and,
2. Sponsoring a large venue three day event in Dallas, September 23–25, 2010. This event will be for the purpose of encouraging, empowering, emboldening and equipping missionally focused individuals, congregations and dioceses, as well as providing resources to assist each other to be more



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Pictured, from left to right: The Rt. Rev. James Stanton (Dallas), the Rt. Rev. John Howe (Central Florida), the Rt. Rev. Bruce MacPherson (Western Louisiana), the Rt. Rev. William Love (Albany), the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence (South Carolina), and the Rt. Rev. Peter Beckwith (Springfield).

effective in reaching their communities for Christ and his Church. Dioceses presently involved in this Gospel initiative are Albany (NY), Central Florida, Dallas, North Dakota, South Carolina, Springfield, and Western Louisiana.

## Ministry Money

The Department of Social Ministries offers seed money to churches and social ministries to pay for a portion of their costs of events to inspire people to donate time, talent and treasure to these ministries. For more information about Ministry Money please contact Ed Dyckman, Department Chair at (843) 367-5647 or edward.dyckman@att.net.

# St. Christopher is Making a Difference; Let’s Not Take It for Granted

By Ann Hester Willis

It is a New Year at St. Christopher—with even more ministry opportunities ahead! Now that the rush of the holidays is over, wouldn’t it be great to get away to a quiet place for time to experience rest and renewal? Even better, some time to be still and feel closer to God? That is exactly what St. Christopher offers to us. Whether one attends a formal retreat structured for intentional times of silence, solitude and prayer to connect more deeply with the presence of God (like the “Be Still and Know God” weekend retreat which is happening January 29-31, 2010), or one spends a few days at St. Christopher with one’s family, small group or Vestry, or whether one takes the opportunity for some unstructured time

alone--- St. Christopher is there for all of us! It offers a serene environment at the edge of the sea, comfortable rooms, good food and the peace of being immersed in the beautiful world that God our Creator made for us. Right now we have that special gift available to us. Let’s not take this gift for granted. St. Christopher is set apart from the world and its culture as a place for Christian ministry to the generations—young and old. But maintaining its buildings and infrastructure in our humid and warm climate is expensive. Operating an effective ministry is not cheap. We need you! Become our partner in ministry in this new year. We have set our sights high for 2010: to reach even more school children at a time when schools are receiving less funding; to attract the best Summer Camp staff we’ve ever

had; to provide adults with a place for time away to enjoy their families and friends as they seek the presence of God. You can help us continue our ministry and with God’s help make a difference in the lives of everyone who comes to St. Christopher.

Join us in ministry today. It has eternal consequences.

St. Christopher’s ministry depends on your prayers and financial support. Please join us by completing the form, left, and sending it with your check to The Diocese of South Carolina, P. O. Box 20127, Charleston, SC 29413.

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Mail this form, with your gift to: St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, Diocese of SC, P.O. Box 20127, Charleston, SC 29413-0127, Attention: Ann Hester Willis, Development Director.



# San Juan: Reaching the Hispanic Community with God’s Love

By The Rev. Mercedes Julian, Vicar of San Juan

The ministry of San Juan among the Lowcountry’s Hispanic community is growing every day. Our outreach funds, however, are limited and can’t keep up with the needs. This is difficult when people call for emergencies and we do not have enough funds to help them.

Two weeks ago a man visited the free clinic but didn’t have the money to pay for the medicine the doctor prescribed. I went to Wal-Mart and paid the \$80 charge, but I used money that wasn’t set aside for that purpose. What can we do when people call or come to us asking for help in an emergency?

The most important mission San Juan has is to spread the love of God around us. As it says in Matthew 28:18-20, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth! Go to the people of all nations and make them my disciples. Baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to do everything I have told you. I will be with you always, even until the end of the world.”

San Juan’s Mission is to help people come to know Jesus and share his love. The most important thing we do is to share the love of God with all our heart, our soul, and mind.

The world is crying out for the love of God. We have to show them compassion and be there for them every time, everyday. We are learning from Christ to spread His love not just in words, but in actions, supporting those around us and taking care of them just like God takes care of us. We are in his hands and we have to extend our hands to all, to reach them for the kingdom of God.

We take comfort in knowing that we are doing something that matters because, as it says in scripture, “*When you serve one of those little ones, you are serving me.*” I am asking you to put San Juan on your prayer list. We need to pray for all the Hispanic immigrants in Charleston and for the families they have left behind. I know this may be difficult for some of you, but the love of God is in your hearts, and he can do everything that we ask for. Jesus died on the cross for all of us, for all nations and races, and we have the opportunity to be one of those who obey the new commandments: “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind and with all your strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.*”



By Jonathan Bennett, St. Christopher Director of Student Ministries

## Diocesan Summer Camp

For over seventy years, St. Christopher’s summer camp has provided both an incredibly important encounter with God and been the most fun week of the summer for generations of kids! The mixture of profound worship, great Bible teaching, amazing friendships, tons of fun and the chance to spend huge amounts of the week soaking wet has proved a winning combination. Activities include sailing, swimming, arts and crafts, archery, games, kayaking, the famous mud pit and much more. Couple this with great food, and a great location and you have an amazing summer camp experience!

## Who Runs the Camp?

Besides our Summer Camp Director, Jonathan Bennett, who has almost 15 years of experience in full-time Christian ministry, the Camp is staffed by a team of 30 godly, well trained, enthusiastic college-age leaders, who are also all required to be certified lifeguards, and are trained as boat handlers to oversee the waterfront. An experienced full-time nurse is on call 24 hours per day.

## Who Can Attend Camp?

Students who are entering grades three through 12 come for week-long sessions. We also have two overnight Buddy Camps for younger

## How Do I Sign Up for Summer Camp 2010?

Registration for Episcopalians from the Diocese of South Carolina will open on January 15, 2010, at 9

#	Dates	Grades Completed	Cost
1	Fri-Sat (June 4-5)	Buddy Camp (K-2) <sup>1</sup>	\$180
2	Mon-Thurs (June 7-10)	2-4	\$360 <sup>2</sup>
3	Fri-Sat (June 11-12)	Buddy Camp (K-2) <sup>1</sup>	\$180
4	Mon-Fri (June 14-18)	4-6	\$399
5	Mon-Sat (June 21-26)	6-8	\$480
6	Tues-Sat (July 6-10)	4-6	\$399
7	Mon-Sat (July 12-17)	Senior Session (9-12)	\$480
8	Mon-Fri (July 19-23)	Youth Group (6-8) <sup>2</sup>	\$399
9	Mon-Sat (July 26-31)	5-7	\$480
10	Mon-Fri (Aug 2-6)	3-5	\$399
11	Mon-Fri (Aug 9-13)	2-4	\$399

children to come with an adult buddy (e.g. a parent, grandparent, or family friend). Different age groups have different weeks throughout the summer, so check the schedule to find the right week for this summer.

a.m. Registration for all others will open on February 1, 2010, at 9 a.m. Online booking or downloadable registration forms will be available at [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org). We will operate strictly on a first-come, first-served basis. Please don’t hesitate in booking as sessions have filled up quickly in the past few years!

## 60-90% of Christian Children, Continued from page 3

with any children’s formation program. Our sacramental rites offer an opportunity for such milestones. Are we intentionally recognizing them as the tools that Jesus intended them to be?

Those who are not in families do NOT fall through the cracks. Rather, the church facilitates what naturally happens at home AND fills in the gaps for those members who may be more isolated or lack a spiritual head of the household.

This is not new stuff. It has been the primary form of discipleship since Abraham. The scriptures are clear that faith should be passed from one generation to the next by parents. Cursory research found countless commands directing

parents to turn their hearts toward teaching the children: Genesis 18:19; Exodus 10:2; Exodus 12:26; Deuteronomy 4: 11:19; 29:29; 31:12-13; and 32:46; Joshua 4:6; Psalm 78:4-7; Isaiah 38:19; Joel 1:3; Malachi 4:6; Ephesians 6:4.

You may be thinking, “Not one more program!” You are right. The conference leaders were very clear to say that churches should not add to what they are doing, but bring in a “heart and home” focus to all areas of ministry. In some cases, the clergy are convicted that the church should do less, streamlining so that families and life groups can spend time together at home.

If it is God’s way, then it should be ours.



# Be Still and Know God January 29-30, 2010 Contemplative Retreat Now Held on Weekends

By Elizabeth Bumpas

The single most important thing I learned during three years of seminary can be summed up in five words... “Ministry flows out of being.” Said another way...effective Kingdom work flows primarily out of who we are and secondarily out of what we do. This, however, is counter cultural. We’re a DO society. It’s taken me the better part of a decade to fully realize the truth and importance of this statement and Jesus’ teaching that apart from Him we can do absolutely nothing (John 15:1-17). Neglect of intentional time alone with Jesus ultimately leads to burn-out and fruitless ministry as we work out of our own strength instead of His power and presence.

At St. Christopher we have created quarterly retreats called “Be Still and Know God.” They’re times to slow down and be with the Lord simply because of who He is; to enjoy Him and listen for His voice. Whether you are in full-time ministry or heavily involved in ministry at your church, these retreats are designed to help you keep your first love...your first love. To make the retreats more accessible we’ve moved

them to the weekends. The retreat runs Friday through Sunday and is designed to create an environment that enables silence, solitude and prayer in order to connect more deeply with the presence of God. If you are running on empty or experiencing burn out or seeking to prevent these from creeping into your ministry, please pray about joining us for our next retreat on January 29-31.

The retreat will include a teaching component on the disciplines of silence, solitude, contemplative prayer and Scripture meditation, what to expect, what the challenges are, and most importantly, how to practically apply these disciplines to everyday life. Much of the retreat, however, is spent in silence and solitude.

Join us for a weekend and let us help you to slow down, take a deep breath, come into the Lord’s presence and hear Him speak. Space is limited so register soon. Go to [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org) for rate information and to download a registration form. For further information, contact Elizabeth Bumpas at [ebumpas@stchristopher.org](mailto:ebumpas@stchristopher.org) or call 843-768-0429 ext. 3005.

## What If I Can’t Afford It?

We have a great scholarship program that anyone can apply to use and that is supported by our local churches. We believe money should never be a reason for having to say “no” to sending your child to summer camp.

## Will There Be a Youth Group Week Again?

Yes. Back by popular demand! Our Middle School Youth Group Week will happen from July 19 to July 23 and will once again feature Ken and Julie Moser as our Chaplains. Registration opens January 15, and if you book before April 1 you receive a 10% discount! To find out more about this week go to our website. (See below)

## Counselors Needed!

Want to help our staff run camp this summer? We need about 100 high school and college-age volunteer counselors to help lead our camp this summer. If you will be over 16 by the summer and you love Jesus and want to share your faith with our campers, apply online at [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org).



# Proceeds from Philip Simmons Portrait to Benefit Children

By The Rev, Dallas Wilson, Vicar, St. John's Chapel, Charleston

Mr. Philip Simmons, a Christian and an American icon is no longer with us. He died June 22, 2009, at age 97. During his lifetime, Mr. Philip, as I called him, became the oldest, and most famous American Blacksmith living in the United States. He was a South Carolina "symbol of pride" with more than 500 works in Charleston, South Carolina alone. His works are exhibited from New Mexico to Columbia, South Carolina to the Smithsonian, Washington DC. Some time ago Mr. Philip commissioned local artist and friend Rhett Thurmond to paint his portrait. He asked me to make sure that the proceeds would be used for children-related programming and scholarships. He made me promise that I would find a project worthy of his ideals to benefit the children



More of the artist, Rhett Thurmond's, work may be seen at The Sylvan Gallery at 171 King Street in Charleston or at [www.thesylvangallery.com](http://www.thesylvangallery.com)

who live within Charleston's Enterprise Renewal Community (ERC). The print, above, is a limited, numbered and signed print that the JDW Network (Brother Dallas and Sister Janie) is using to fulfill the promise made to Mr. Philip Simmons. The proceeds from the sale

# Rob Rienow to Lead Men's Conference

## The Visionary Man, February 26-28, 2010

An exciting momentum is building in the Diocese of South Carolina. God is at work in the hearts of men in a new way. Men are participating in men's hikes where they connect with each other and go deeper in their relationship with Christ. They're discovering new ways of leading family worship. They're becoming more involved in community service.

In February, the men of the diocese will have an opportunity to come together and learn from author and co-founder of Visionary Parenting, Rob Rienow. Rienow is known for his inspired teaching and has been used by God to sound a spiritual "wake-up" call urging men to look to scripture for guidance in what it means to be a Christian man. Rienow is a gifted, passionate and humorous teacher.

During the weekend at St. Christopher, Rienow will speak on the theme, "The Visionary Man," challenging attendees to trust the scriptures, lead their families, serve their churches and reach their communities.

Registration forms can be found on the diocesan website, [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org) under the heading Upcoming Events.

For additional information about the retreat, contact Jim Ewing [celevel@aol.com](mailto:celevel@aol.com). To learn more about Rienow's ministry, visit [www.visionaryparenting.com](http://www.visionaryparenting.com).



Rob Rienow

of this portrait will be used to fund the following: 15% for scholarship; 25% for "What Are Little Girls Made Of?" (The Pink Bus Ministry); 20% for "What Makes Little Boys Tick" (The Blue Bus Ministry); and 40% for administrative and debt relief (for restoration of the Philip Simmons Rose and Lecture Garden).

The Rose Garden will be used to train young people in the field of Horticulture.

These limited edition portraits will make wonderful Birthday or Anniversary gifts. The cost per portrait is \$499.00 with 45% being used for the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue's

boys' and girls' effort. We need your efforts to sustain our after-school program.

For further information, contact Sister Janie @ (843) 723-1323 or (843) 830-0993 or email @ [janiedw@bellsouth.net](mailto:janiedw@bellsouth.net).

# St. Matthew's, Darlington, Reaches Out with St. Andrew's Program

By Lauri McLeland, St. Matthew's Church, Darlington

I wanted to write to tell what happens when we share our program successes with each other. Our vestry, rector, parish secretary and I (the Director of Christian Faith Formation) attended

share in front of the congregation the results. On Sunday, November 1, I had three folks stand up to tell their tales.

I had one person at the 8:00 a.m. service tell of how he had to ask a waitress if he could pray for her. He prepared in great detail for the assignment.

When

take them to their friends next door but her teenage son said, "No," they needed to take them to the elderly neighbor that they all thought was grumpy. So off they went. They were invited inside and asked if they could help the couple with their yard. They said, "No," but what they really needed was someone they could call on for help in an emergency or could just run her to the bank sometimes.

# Dare to Share Your Heart

the Diocesan Leadership Forum last May. There, Todd Simonis, of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, told about a missional program his church had done. My favorite way to develop a new program at St. Matthew's is to take someone else's successful program and tweak it to fit our congregation. And so, a few months after our return to Darlington I set out to track down Todd and his Dare program. He cheerfully sent all of his materials and was kind enough to send a few words of wisdom, as well. I appreciated it all!

The goal of the program is to challenge congregation members to go out into the community and do great things – things they probably wouldn't have done without encouragement. I used Todd's lists and changed and added to them. I created Dare cards that were age-appropriate for children, youth, adults and families. Of course, they were all color-coded and appealing to the eye. Half the battle was over.

At Todd's suggestion, I asked a few people to do their Dare before everyone else and asked that they

he asked the waitress, at the Olive Garden, the lady fell to her knees, right there at the table, and was so touched by his request. He couldn't believe it and was so glad he had done it.

At our 11:00 a.m. service, I had a family who had to do something for an elderly neighbor. The mom told how she knew this neighbor needed some assistance but she hadn't done anything for them. Then I gave her the Dare card asking her to do yard work for an elderly neighbor for a month, and she still procrastinated. I finally had to give her a second card that could be done in a week because she had waited so long. Her second card said to bake cookies and take to a neighbor. She was going to

On Sunday morning before this family came to church to tell their story, they received a call from the neighbor needing help, the husband had fallen. They ended up helping to call for an ambulance to get the husband transported to the hospital.

My final 11:00 a.m. story was told by a tenth-grade girl who was supposed to sit with a lonely kid at lunch. She told how she sat with a boy she had known since 7th grade but didn't really talk to much. She said they talked for a little while and, as the conversation wrapped up, he told

her she was the first person to ever treat him well, like someone worth having as a friend. This young lady broke down crying in front of the whole congregation. She took a deep breath and finished by saying that the experience made her realize how lucky she was to be outgoing and not so shy. When I stood, to wrap things up and give the final details, there wasn't a dry eye in the church. Men and women equally were wiping their faces. This may have been the single best thing we have ever done on a Sunday morning.

At the end of the services, I couldn't hand the cards out fast enough. When I got to the parish hall where we have refreshments after the late service, everyone was showing their card to everyone else, talking about what they were going to do and how they would get it done. If these are our only successes

then our 'Share your heart....we DARE you!' program will have been a success, but we were three for three on my example people. I had one or two people who wanted to trade their cards in for something else. I encouraged them not to. I told them that God had placed his hands on the cards so far; I didn't think we should mess with that. Most everyone agreed. We are just two days into it, and I have heard back from two people telling me what they have already done and what they planned. One lady is planning a food drive at her Bible study that includes about 150 people. Another has already introduced herself to someone she didn't know. They had so much in common! She was so proud of taking a chance to speak when she normally wouldn't have done that.

All I can say is that God is at work in Darlington thanks to someone at the other end of the Diocese. I am grateful for Todd's willingness to share and God's willingness to show up in the hearts of so many. So often we feel that God is not speaking to us. I was in awe at how directed I had been in choosing the people that I did to be my early participants. But it was more than just asking them; it was the challenge that I gave them and the opportunities that they each were presented. Sunday, November 1, is a day I will not soon forget. We all saw God at work that day.



Lauri McLeland



# Meet Jay Crouse

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

How does an asset manager with an M.B.A., an art dealer, and husband and father of four grown boys become the leader of the only Episcopal Men's Ministry in the country? I interviewed Jay Crouse on his recent visit to Charleston. He was here to speak with about 15 priests and lay leaders from St. Michael's, St. Philips, and the Cathedral, and I asked him just that question.

As a young married man in Atlanta (Jay is originally from Ohio) he told me how he drifted into a church where a group of men surrounded him and "poured their lives into him." He had never experienced that Christian mentoring before; but it spoke to a deep need in his life. Later, when he and his wife, Laura, moved to Sarasota they found the Church of the Redeemer and began to look around at the many other men just like himself. Who would reach out to them? Could the Church do more for men than turn them into ushers and parish treasurers? An idea was born.

In 1999 with the strong vision and leadership of his then bishop John Lipscomb, Jay left the world of finance and art and became a full-time Episcopal lay leader devoted to starting men's ministries: first at Redeemer, where it took off, and then throughout the 78 parishes in the Diocese. Today 50 of those churches have men's ministries, and the movement has spilled over to other denominations. As director now of Episcopal Men's Ministries (based in the Diocese of S.W. Florida) Jay and his leadership team are busy coaching area churches in how to develop and sustain a ministry to men in their congregations through a comprehensive process called "A Journey in Disciple Making." Their

vision and goal is to equip Christian men to go out two by two into the mission field of S.W. Florida to disciple 100,000 new men of faith by 2019. "A big, holy, audacious goal," he admits. But "we are on our way."

I asked Jay what he thought the needs of men today were. "They need to meet someone who is consistent, transparent, creative, persevering, and who really follows his Lord." Not programs? I asked. "No, they need to see reality incarnated in other men who will equip them spiritually to make a difference."

Most men, Jay believes, do not think this faith journey is do-able or learnable. It's just for women, and men can't be themselves. "Who wants to become a Mr. Rogers?" Jay asks. "But that 'really nice guy' vision of manhood is what's so often projected in churches."

Having just returned from a nine-month sabbatical that took him to the Holy Land and to the four corners of the USA and Canada, Jay speaks of having had an "epiphany." "I'm totally convinced that Jesus Christ, during his 32 years of life and ministry on earth, really had fun. It was not all work, hell and brimstone." Jay exudes life and joy, and managed to ignite new vision amongst some key men from our three downtown churches to try to find a way for Charleston men to rediscover that to be a man "in Christ" is, in the end, to be a real man.

Jay is living proof that a layman, fired up with a deep desire to meet a crying need amongst a declining breed (men really involved in and committed to Christ, their families and their churches) can do amazing things.



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Above, Ivan Flores, a member of the Church of the Cross, scrapes a wall to prepare it for painting.

## Painting the Canon's Home; Cementing Relationships

The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, Sends Team to Belize

By Dick and Ann Tullie, Mission Team Leaders/Trainers, The Church of the Cross, Bluffton

In August, 2009, 17 people (10 adults and seven children) from The Church of the Cross (TCOTC), Bluffton, traveled to Belize to serve under the leadership of Canon Jerris Valentine. He serves three churches in the area of Dangriga (the center of the Garifuna culture). The seeds planted for this trip started in January of 2008 when four people from TCOTC joined Lynn Bouterse (director of short-term missions for the South American Missionary Society) and her husband and traveled with Bishop Wright of the Anglican Diocese of Belize to see his vision for growing the church in Belize. One of the places the group visited was Dangriga where they met Canon Valentine.

Canon Valentine has been serving in the Dangriga area for 10 years while living in what we would consider deplorable conditions. In his home the roof leaked, walls were cracked and falling down and there were rotten studs. Yet, the Bishop said Canon Valentine never complained. In August, the team from TCOTC was able to assist in restoring his home. Team members helped tear out damaged areas of the two-story home, scraped and painted the exterior and interior, and provided funds for local workers to replace the roof, walls and ceiling. Additionally, new windows

cluding our youth, worked along with their church members providing a program for about 80 children. The team brought unused materials from Bible camp at TCOTC. Without those craft items and sport equipment, they would have had none. The Gideons also sent the

the team would never know how far reaching the impact of this trip would be on the people of Dangriga and Belize.

Canon Valentine and his church members were incredible hosts, providing for our needs. The team began to learn about the remarkable



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team with 200 Bibles. The children were able to make crafts incorporating the themes of the Bible study. Additionally, a picture was taken of each child, put in crafted frames and hung in the church for the closing service. Older youth studied using their own new Bibles and freely gave their testimonies of how the Lord

Garifuna culture – their music and heritage. The last night, the team sang and danced with the Garifuna people. It was glorious!

The impact of the trip on team members was all about growing in their walk with the Lord. It was about entering a different culture without the physical comforts that

## Communication Changes

New Website Launch; *Jubilate Deo* Goes Quarterly

By Joy Hunter, Director of Communications

In response to both economic reality and changes in the way people communicate, the Diocese of South Carolina is modifying our ongoing communication efforts.

On January 11, 2010 we will launch a new, improved diocesan website. It will continue to use the domain name, [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org). The new site, designed by Interface Visuals, will carry an improved calendar of events, have increased areas for news stories, carry photographs of all diocesan clergy and offer map searches for churches.

While the *Jubilate Deo* has served as the primary source for diocesan news for decades, its every-other-month schedule has limited the timeliness of both news stories and the promotion of diocesan events. For that reason, in June of 2009 we launched a bi-weekly electronic newsletter. This tool promotes events of interest around the diocese and regularly includes a message from the Bishop. While the subscriber list for the enews has grown steadily, at

just over 750, it falls far behind the subscriber list for the *Jubilate Deo*, 15,000. Everyone in the diocese is urged to keep up with news around the diocese by signing up for the enews at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org).

Because the diocesan budget has felt the impact of the current economic downturn, and because the cost of printing and mailing a newspaper far exceeds the cost of producing electronic communication, we have made the difficult decision to curtail the *Jubilate Deo* from six issues per year to four. Though this will decrease the opportunity to communicate via print, we hope to compensate with electronic venues through our website and enews.

In an effort to continue to meet the needs of those prefer print rather than electronic media, we will also begin offering a diocesan bulletin insert, which churches may download, print and include in their church bulletins. This will include much of the news that is carried in the current enews.



and safety bars were put in place. After the team left, additional funds were sent to complete the lower level of the home, where Christ the King church hopes to set up a soup kitchen.

While the team was in Dangriga, the church had their Vacation Bible School. Many team members, in-

comforted them in the mist of their fears.

Bishop Philip Wright visited the mission team and expressed two things. He mentioned that this trip was incredible not just because the team came to Belize but because the effort was made to go to Dangriga. Additionally, he made it clear that



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Americans take for granted. It was about working with folks who truly trust the Lord for their daily bread. It was all about surrendering and trusting the Lord to care for us. It was all a blessing, and no team member will ever be the same.



# Bishop Gadsden’s Generous Spirit Program Celebrates Its First Year

By Kimberly Farfone, Director of Development & Public Relations, Bishop Gadsden

Bishop Gadsden launched its Generous Spirit Program in 2009, as an opportunity for residents, families and staff to volunteer together on important and worthwhile projects for the greater Charleston community. Projects have included volunteering at a Charleston Miracle League Game; hosting a sing-a-long, happy hour at Island Oaks Senior Living; volunteering at Murray-LaSaine

Elementary School during the 2009 Day of Caring; hosting a luncheon for a group of airmen/airwomen from the Charleston Air Force Base, holding a Memory Walk to raise money for Alzheimer’s Research and sending “Treats for Troops” to military personnel serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Through the Generous Spirit Program, we have seen a wonderful synergy with staff, residents and resident families working together on worthwhile community projects.



At left, Bishop Gadsden’s “Power Team” participates in the 2009 Memory Walk for Alzheimer’s Research, residents, from left, Frank Saltarelli, Dr. Dan Mengedoh, Ab Middleton, Chet Waldron and The Rev. Canon John Ball, Jr.

Bishop Gadsden announces the availability of financial assistance to those looking to make Bishop Gadsden their home. Founded in 1850, Bishop Gadsden is the state’s only non-profit, church-sponsored life care retirement community, welcoming everyone, regardless of faith background. This financial assistance is made possible through the generosity of Bishop Gadsden’s many donors. Funds are currently available to assist with entrance and monthly fees. Those interested in this opportunity should contact Bill Trawick, President and CEO directly at 843.406.6340 to set-up a private consultation



Right, Bishop Gadsden Security Officer Luther Smith “runs the bases” during a May Charleston Miracle League Game.

## A Requiem for THE REV. MARK RODGER CHAPLIN

July 22, 1950 - December 6, 2009

The Rev. Mark Chaplin, a vocational deacon of the Church of the Holy Communion, died on December 6, 2009. The following are excerpts from the sermon preached by The Rev. Dow Sanderson at Mark’s funeral.

We were all so saddened last Sunday afternoon, as we began to hear the news that our friend and dear brother Mark had been taken from us. This morning, I think it is fitting to look at what Mark taught us, through his Faith and Life in Christ, and how we each could learn much from him. If I were to try to think of a verse of scripture that best described Mark, it would be the verse from the 18th chapter of Matthew’s Gospel, “Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” Isn’t that like Mark in so many ways! In the first place, he never lost that child-like wonder for even the simplest gifts and graces of this world. For most of us, the hard knocks of life tend to make us a little cynical. We become jaded, judgmental, jealous. But not Mark. He had, above all, that wonderful gift of humility, which is so very elusive for most of us. Deacon Mark truly was humble. Many people who did not know him quite so well were amazed when they read so many impressive things in the paper yesterday: Captain in the Army, Colonel in the National Guard, Physicist, Teacher.

Amazed, because Mark never talked about himself. He never puffed himself up. He never talked about his own accomplishments. He was prouder of those quieter, behind-the-scenes accomplishments: He loved being a Dad, and was so proud of Jonathan. He loved having the opportunity to encourage a child, whether as a public school teacher or a Sunday School teacher. He loved the nursing home ministry that he founded along with Fr. Francis Zanger, and he would often be the happiest when he had been able to take the Eucharist to someone who had been alone and neglected for great lengths of time. In the Episcopal Church, he found in the vocational diaconate a ministry that was most suited to his temperament and gifts: caring for the poor, the sick, the unloved, the needy, always with patience and always with humility. And everyone who knew Mark was touched by the sincerity and simplicity of his prayers. If someone had suffered a loss, Mark would often be the first to find them and pray earnestly for them. This humble soldier, this deacon, this servant has indeed heard the words of his Master, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant.” Mark, may angels greet you at your coming, and may your dwelling place this day be in the Paradise of God. Amen+++

# ChaPSS Opens New Ministry Center; Celebrates Success

By Joe Easley, Chaplain’s Assistant, Charleston Port and Seafarers’ Society

November 12, 2009, was a blessed day for the Charleston Port & Seafarers’ Society (ChaPSS). First, at noon, came the dedication and blessing of the Columbus St. ministry center which will provide telephone, internet, and transportation services to the crew members of the container ships that call there. This center has been a dream of the Rev. Len Williams since he became Chaplain and helped to open a similar ministry center at the Wando terminal six years ago. From the liturgy itself, the prayers and scripture readings by our clergy volunteers, to the inspirational words of Bishop Lawrence as he reminded us of our mission, straight from the lips of Jesus in Matthew 25, it was an unforgettable moment. That so many braved the wind and cold to be a part of this is a testimony to the dedication and devotion of our volunteers and supporters, and we all got a lump in our throat when the ChaPSS flag was raised over the new ministry center.

That afternoon, we held our annual Taste of the World fundraiser. It was a fitting celebration of the opening of the new ministry center. The food (from 12 restaurants in Charleston and Mt. Pleasant) was incredible, Alhambra hall looked beautiful, and participation from the maritime community was exceptional. Financial goals were exceeded in the silent

auction and sale of raffle tickets. The highlight of the evening came when volunteers were recognized and several shared personal



Bishop Lawrence spoke from Matthew 25 at the dedication of the Columbus Street Ministry Center. Above, from left: The Rev. Len Williams, ChaPSS Chaplain; Bob Clauhs, ChaPSS board president; Tony Sacco, International Transportation Federation, and Mark Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina.

experiences with seafarers. Gene McLaughlin’s story reminded us of just Who is directing our efforts. Two years ago he agreed to help a seafarer obtain a rebate for a computer he had bought. However, the banking information was incorrect, and Gene was left with \$150 and no way to contact the man. Two years later, this past Sunday, Gene and another volunteer, Manette Emnas, learned the man’s name and phone number from a fellow seafarer and they called to give him the news and get the right information. They learned that a storm had just ravaged his village and he had lost everything. He had forgotten about the money and when Manette told him they were sending \$150, he knew that the Lord was providing for his needs. What an awesome God we serve!

## Grace Church Youth Youngest Bell Ringer to Conduct 10th Quarter Peal

By Rosalie K. Crouch, Grace Church

In October, Grace member Noah Smith achieved a milestone in bell-ringing at Grace’s bell tower, conducting his 10th “quarter peal” and becoming the youngest ringer in North America to do so at the age of 15. Grace’s ringers are celebrating this achievement as they also mark the 10th anniversary of Grace’s bell tower in November. Change ringing is an ancient art developed in 17th century England. It involves ringing a set of tuned bells, each rung by its own ringer, in mathematical patterns rather than in conventional melodies. Change ringing is a team sport and a demanding exercise that involves a group of people ringing rhythmically through a series of changing sequences according to learned patterns. The team is lead by a conductor who gives directions to the other ringers as to what pattern is to be followed. A mark of accomplishment for a bell band is the ringing of a quarter peal, which consists of ringing 1,260 bell changes without pause. This exercise takes about 45 minutes. Noah conducted a quarter peal for the 10th time on October 6 at Grace, which has one of four bell towers in Charleston containing 10 bells. To understand what a feat this is, consider that only about 20-25 individuals in North

America have conducted five or more quarter peals in the last two years. In the United States and Canada, there are 45 “rings of bells,” most of which are associated with Episcopal and Anglican churches. Each ring has from 5 to 12 bells that weigh between 100 and 3,600 pounds. For more information, please see the web site of the North American Guild of Change Ringers ([www.nagcr.org](http://www.nagcr.org)). Noah is a sophomore at the Academic Magnet High School and his favorite subjects are science and foreign languages. He has an avid interest in foreign travel and within the last year has searched out opportunities for ringing in both the Netherlands and Italy along with his father, Roy, also a ringer. In the summer of 2008, on a family vacation, he and his father visited the first permanent change ringing tower on Continental Europe, in Dordrecht, South Holland. They rang the traditional carillon and tolling bells in the church as well. The following New Year’s, he and his father visited bellringers near Verona, Italy. There, they observed and tried the Veronese style of ringing, which is similar to the traditional English style. Noah hopes to continue traveling and seeing the different types of musical bells in the world.



WILLIAM CROUCH

Noah Smith, age 15, conducted his 10th “quarter peal,” in October. Noah is the youngest ringer in North America to do so.





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# Called to "Go" Where Young Adults Are

By Daron Taylor, Diocesan Coordinator for Young Adult and College Ministries

I am learning a new way of life. Three years ago I moved my family from Lansing, Michigan to Charleston, South Carolina. I left a Midwestern culture which had shaped my entire life and have been in the process of learning and adopting the "Southern way." In addition, not having been raised an Episcopalian, I'm learning a church paradigm that three years ago I knew little about. There have been times when I've felt like a misfit, like when I wore my newly purchased seersucker suit in the heart of winter. And the time I chanted "Alleluia!" at the end of a worship service two weeks before the conclusion of Lent. Even though Charleston has gradually become home for us, there certainly were those times when we questioned if we were in the right place.

## The Right Place; The Right Guy for the Job?

I love the story of Elijah in 1 Kings 17. God met with Elijah and told him to "go." He sent him away from what was familiar to a land he had not seen, to a people he had not met, to speak a message of hope they had not heard. He had no experience and few resources. I have to believe Elijah had moments of feeling like a misfit and even questioning whether God had the right guy for the job.

As followers of Jesus, we are called to share this ancient message within a cultural landscape that changes by the day. Like Elijah, I often feel ill-prepared and incompetent in my efforts to be faithful to God's call to "go." I am to translate Jesus' words (even doctrines) like sin, the cross, sacrifice and redemption into the message of ultimate hope; however, I often question how effective I am in that task. How do I make this old message new?

As Elijah's story unfolds in 1 Kings 17:18, we find a woman who has just lost her son to death. Her poignant words to Elijah were essentially,

"Hey, man of God, is this all you have to offer? You tell me how sinful I am and then allow life to be ripped away from me!"

So often I wonder if the world is not sending the same message to us in the Church as we boldly

proclaim Jesus as the remedy for sin and the hope for new life. We have to ask ourselves, as the Church, what exactly are we offering that sets us apart from many great philanthropic and humanitarian organizations?

Elijah's response to the mother's accusation helps us answer that question.

Great intentions and carefully chosen words were insufficient to produce life. In the midst of his helplessness, Elijah calls on the Giver of Life to intervene in a supernatural way that only God can do. His prayer was one that seemed to test God's power right on the spot.

"God, if you don't show up, here in this moment, my credibility is gone, and Your reputation will be at risk!"

He begged God to give life back to the boy. Elijah's vulnerability and God's faithfulness allowed him to speak life where there was death, and the young boy was miraculously given new life. Elijah teaches us that proclamation apart from demonstration really makes for a good story, but unfortunately a powerless one that gets lost in a sea of great intentions.

## Two Lessons for us

Like Elijah, we in the Diocese of South Carolina, are discovering at least two things.

### Challenged to Go

One is that God has called us to go and proclaim his message. We

are teaching our leaders that we can no longer expect the un-churched to come to us. Regardless of how beautiful our church buildings or how incredible our programming, the majority of young adults do not

ership, this led to a weekly gathering in his home involving a dozen young adults. A meal is shared and Jesus is being talked about. It took several months to get to this point, but all involved would say this is what is



JOY HUNTER  
"The majority of young adults do not have 'church' on their radar as a viable resource for answering life's deeper questions for meaning and purpose," says Taylor, above. "Wherever young adults are spending time, that is where we want to be." Taylor is often in Kudu's Coffee Shop meeting young adults.

have "church" on their radar as a viable resource for answering life's deeper questions for meaning and purpose. That has led many of our leaders to step into uncharted territories of vulnerability, in essence becoming misfits, where they have needed to learn new cultures in their own communities.

We have encouraged church leaders to initiate and pursue partnerships with entities such as parks and recreation departments, coffee shops, home owner associations and YMCAs, to name a few. Wherever young adults are spending time, that is where we want to be. One rector, whose church had no one attending under the age of 30, cleared his schedule to assure he was leading the way in engaging this generation. The church decided to serve hotdogs and drinks for a local softball league as a first step in meeting young adults on their turf. Through the rector's lead-

necessary to earn the right to invite people to follow Jesus.

## Challenged to Call on God's Supernatural Power

The second item we are challenged with also comes from Elijah's story. It is our prayer that our message would be accompanied by a demonstration of God's power. We believe God is leading us to pray for His supernatural working in the lives of people we encounter. In other words, we not only talk about Jesus but emphasize what we pray in The Lord's Prayer that "God's Kingdom would come on earth" as it is presently being encountered in heaven.

Young adults in our diocese love to build houses and serve with various missions in both rural and

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# Bishop Lawrence to Speak at Diocesan Women's Retreat

February 12-14

Bishop Lawrence will speak on the book of Ruth at the Diocesan Women's Retreat at St. Christopher, February 12-14. The Rev. Charlie Walton will serve as our Chaplain. Music will be led by Sharon Harper. A \$50.00 deposit is required with registration. Due to construction at St. Christopher, space is limited. Rooms will be assigned on a "first come, first served basis." We regret that we are unable to offer single rooms. The cost of the retreat is \$175.00 per person.

The commuters rate is \$40, plus meals. The \$40 fee goes toward speaker, musician, and chaplain honoraria and lodging. Meal costs are the following: Friday dinner: \$15.00; Saturday breakfast: \$ 8.00; Saturday lunch: \$10.00; Saturday dinner: \$15.00; Sunday breakfast: \$15.00.



To register, fill out the form to the right, or visit [www.stbartholomews.org](http://www.stbartholomews.org) to register online. Questions? Contact Devvy Ridgill at (843) 861-1288.

## Diocesan Women's Retreat, February 12-14, 2010

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Due to construction at St. Christopher, space is limited. Rooms will be assigned on a first come first served basis. Please enclose a \$50 registration fee with this form. The full retreat fee is \$175.00 per person. Commuter rates are \$40 per person, plus meals (see rates at left). Make check payable to Diocese of SC ECW.

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“No, we’re not.” “Yes, we are.”

# St. Bartholomew’s Called to Offer 2nd Annual SAT Preparation Class

By John Foster, III

Two years ago St. Bartholomew’s in Hartsville opened a Writing Center to meet the needs of public, private and home school students in Darlington County. Unfortunately, only a few students made use of it.

I remember sharing my disappointment in the low turnout with Daron Taylor, the

Father Michael, his wife, Devvy, and I were having lunch one day, and I went over to another table to speak to a friend. During the conversation, her husband, Senator Gerald Malloy asked if we were offering our SAT class this fall. I explained that because the SAT was not a budgeted program we were not going to offer it this fall. He said, “Come by my office



Diocese’s Coordinator for Young Adult and College Ministries. He suggested that I listen to what the community wanted and then decide what to offer. Daron’s advice was correct. We listened to people and offered our first SAT preparation class in the Fall of 2008. We were successful. Eleven students participated, and we were fortunate to have two Coker College students serve as math tutors. We listened to the community, and met their needs.

However, after reviewing the SAT program with our rector, the Rev. Michael Ridgill, we agreed not to offer the program in the Fall of 2009. First, the SAT program was not a budgeted program. We had been fortunate enough to receive a grant from the Diocese’s Department of Social Ministries in 2008, but we weren’t sure whether or not that would be available in 2009. Also, in the previous year, donations from several parishioners and low cost tuition enabled us to pay our Coker students a small stipend. For 2009, we weren’t sure whether we would be able to secure math tutors. So, Father Michael and I decided we could not offer the course given what we considered obstacles. However, God had a different plan.

and I will write a check to cover the cost of the program.” I then called Ed Dyckman to see if funding was available through the Diocese’s Department of Social Ministries, and he said, “Yes.” At this point, Father Michael and I knew that God’s hand was in this, so we had no other choice but to be obedient and offer the class. Yet, we received two additional blessings. As we were visiting a parishioner in the hospital one Sunday, she asked if I was going to offer the SAT class. She said, if we were, she would make a donation. Finally, though I teach the Critical Skills portion of the program and coordinate the program, I was worried about having someone to offer math tutoring. Again, God provided. I learned that a new parishioner had an advanced degree in mathematics. I asked her, and she agreed to serve as a tutor for our ten-week course. Finally, once I had everything in place according to God’s plan, the telephone began to ring. We had sixteen students enroll. During the ten week course, several students took the SAT, and their scores increased at least 100-150 points. We were truly blessed.

# Feeding of the Multitude

## Parishes Join Together to Serve the Poor

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

Over 75 lay people and clergy from seven Episcopal churches joined with two other area churches to provide a hot meal and entertainment for 200 shut-ins and 600 residents and homeless in Charleston’s Eastside on Saturday November 21, 2009. The Episcopal churches included Calvary, Church of the Good Shepherd, Church of the Holy Communion, Church of the Holy Cross, St. John’s Chapel, St. Mark’s, and St. Michael’s. This annual event, called “Feeding of the Multitude,” has been coordinated since its inception in 1995 by the Eastside Men’s Breakfast Club. The Rev. Matthew Jeffcoat, Pastor of Agape Innercity Christian Assembly organized this year’s event working closely with the Rev. Dallas Wilson, Vicar, St. John’s Chapel; the Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd and Mark Prince, a member of Good Shepherd. At the same day and time, an identical “Feeding of the Multitude” event was taking place on John’s Island under the leadership of Episcopal and other area churches for their second year. In 2010, Shay Gaillard and Mark Prince, in cooperation with 10 churches of different denominations, will open a third “Feeding of the Multitude” in West Ashley on the same day and time as the Eastside and John’s Island events.

The praise and worship group from the Church of the Holy Cross, headed by Trey Truluck and the Youth Praise Dancers, from Victory Church of God in Christ provided entertainment. Matthew Franz, a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd, who serves as the Assistant Head Chef at the Citadel, prepared much of the food. The Hon. Wendell G. Gilliard, Member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, representing District number 11 (Charleston County), was present. The venue for the Eastside Feeding of the Multitude was Mall Park. On February 20,



Above, Maria Rentz and the Rev. Shay Gaillard, Rector of Church of the Good Shepherd, serve drinks at the Feeding the Multitude event.

2010, the park will be renamed the Philip Simmons Park in memory of one of Charleston’s greatest artisans. Feeding of the Multitude demonstrates how the Body of Christ works together to serve the poor.



## DAUGHTERS: A Sisterhood of Prayer, Service and Evangelism

On Sunday, November 1, 2009, the Daughters of the King at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Sumter, welcomed eight new members. They also had a rededication service followed by a luncheon. At left, the daughters are gathered with the Rector, John Barr.



By Harmon B. Person, Diocesan Rep for ERD

Episcopal Relief and Development is involved in numerous projects around the world. Here are snapshots of some of the exciting efforts. If any of these pique your interest, visit [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org). If you have any questions, contact me at: [Hbpjlp2@bellsouth.net](mailto:Hbpjlp2@bellsouth.net).

### Disaster Relief Coordination

A few years ago, I was in New Orleans, visiting some of the sites where ERD was helping people recover from the effects of Hurricane Katrina. One of my vivid memories was of a woman, employed by the Diocese of Louisiana, who seemed to be in charge of a large number of volunteers. That person, Katie Mears, was recently hired by ERD to be in charge of disaster planning and response for the entire Episcopal Church. Our Disaster

Coordinator in this diocese is the Rev. Ed Rosenlieb. Certainly, Katie’s experience and insight will pay dividends for our church whenever there is a serious natural or man-made disaster.

### Replacing Medical Equipment in Baghdad

Not long ago, there were two car bombings in Baghdad, Iraq. One-hundred fifty people were killed and over 600 were wounded. Property damage was high. Included in the damage was St. George’s, the only Anglican Church in Baghdad. Specifically, much of the medical equipment in the medical clinic, housed in one of its buildings was destroyed. The clinic had offered free medical and dental care to numerous Iraqis. ERD immediately responded by replacing much of the lost equipment. Now, the good work of the clinic can continue.

### Relief Supplies for El Salvador

People in this diocese should be thankful that hurricanes in 2009 did very little damage in the US. El Salvador was not as fortunate. In early November, Hurricane Ida hit El Salvador, damaging hundreds of homes and buildings and killing approximately 200 people. Responding to a request from the Episcopal

Church of El Salvador, ERD immediately sent funds to provide food, water, medical supplies, and clothing to help 2200 people in the six communities hardest hit by the storm.

### Nets for Life Continues to Save Lives

ERD has played a major role in “Nets for Life,” a partnership of some major corporations, foundations, and faith-based organizations working to eliminate malaria in 17 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. This group recently was awarded a \$1.34 million grant from USAID for its work in Ghana. That award recognized the unique reach of the Anglican Communion in the remotest regions of Africa. The goal is to deliver about 6,000,000 more nets by 2012. I was told that In Zambia, where use of insecticide treated nets is now widespread, malaria has almost been wiped out. That is a fantastic accomplishment. Many people in our diocese, as well as

other dioceses, have made donations to buy these nets. Only \$12 provides a mosquito net (good for five years) and the training needed for a family to properly use it. (Demonstration pictured below.)

In early November, ERD received the largest bequest in its history. To learn more about planned giving, visit the ERD website, [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org) planned and legacy. You can donate online, or mail your contribution to ERD, Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116. Thank you.





# Parenting the Strong Willed Child

Author and Syndicated Columnist John Rosemond to Speak, January 17

John Rosemond, author of *Parenting by the Book*, will speak at St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, Sunday, January 17 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$5, and child care is provided at no additional charge with advance registration.

Do you feel like your child has taken over your home? If you are struggling with a child that demands his own way, then join us for John's tried-and-true words of biblical parenting wisdom. His advice is both practical and refreshing. To get an idea of his philosophy, read his "Rosemond's Bill of Rights for Children" on his website, <http://www.rosemond.com/--Rosemondsbr-Bill-of-Rights-for-Children.html>. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://www.wearestandrews.com/our-ministries/children/coming-events>.



John is from Charleston, Church Street to be specific. He is a psychologist, author, international speaker, and writes a nationally syndicated parenting column for more than 200 newspapers nationwide. John currently lives in Gastonia, North Carolina. All of his professional accomplishments aside, John is quick to remind folks that his real qualifications are that he's been married to the same woman for forty years, is the father of two successful adults and the grandfather of seven children...make that seven well-behaved grandchildren. For more information about John, read his brief biography at [www.rosemond.com/About-John.html](http://www.rosemond.com/About-John.html).

## Called to Go

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urban settings, but we are discovering an increased interest in ministry directly with their peers. This is requiring more of us to place ourselves in utter dependency on God's power, knowing that apart from him moving, it may leave us looking a bit foolish. Our hope, again just like Elijah, is to speak life where there is death. To share in Jesus' ministry of proclaiming freedom where there is captivity.

We are fully aware that this demonstration of God's power has little to do with us, besides the fact that He has chosen us as a conduit to demonstrate that power. Part of what we are encouraging our young adult communities to do is to send out pairs of people to pray for the physical and emotional healing of those they encounter. We are seeing many who are experiencing God's freedom. I would love to say that everyone we pray for is healed; however, I do know we are sharing in God's heart to have His Kingdom come to earth, a Kingdom that is free from sickness and the bondage to our pasts.

The woman in Elijah's story became convinced that Elijah was indeed from God after she witnessed God's supernatural power through the faith of Elijah. Once true life had been restored, she believed. As we are faithful to go where God sends us and as we trust God to demonstrate His Kingdom power, we may never fully fit in, but we fully expect the doctrines of sin, the cross, sacrifice and redemption to come to life in fresh, new ways by those who are yet to believe.



Newman Lawrence of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, with his group of campers during the summer camp hosted in the capital city of Bujumbura.

# Kingdom work in Burundi

## Four Parishes Send Youth to Minister in Africa

By The Rev. Robert (Bob) S. Lawrence, Associate Rector, St. Michael's, Charleston

On June 30, seventeen of us departed Charleston for Burundi, Africa for what would be an incredible experience of mission and ministry. Coordinated through St. Michael's Church, the group included eight teenagers and nine adults from four different Charles-

One key event of this mission was to provide a "Vacation Bible School" for over 220 Burundian children in the capital city of Bujumbura. Although this may seem routine from an American perspective, it was a first-ever type experience for the wide-eyed wonder seen in these precious children. Our team, in cooperation with volunteers from most of the partnered ministries of Great Lakes Outreach, hosted three full days of incredible joy and amazing love that somehow bridged the divide of the language barrier between English-speaking Americans and Kirundi-speaking Burundians. Organized in groups of ten to twelve children who ranged in age from three to twelve, with both a mission team member and a Burundi-

remote areas to camp among them for two days and to assist in laying the foundations for the building of three homes. In that our presence always attracted curious onlookers particularly children, as we assisted in laying the foundation for what will be a solid mud brick home with a terracotta tile roof, we shared about the firm foundation that we can have in Jesus Christ. We also camped on land recently cleared for the building of a school by Harvest for Christ that will serve these children beginning in September.

Our final days in Burundi were spent in Gitega among the children of the orphanage sponsored by Youth for Christ. The orphanage also includes the "Future Hope School" which is open to the surrounding community as a ministry of Christian outreach. In the mornings, we hosted a mini-version of the summer camp we had offered in Bujumbura to the eighty students of the school. In the afternoons we helped move bricks - lots of bricks - for the construction of an additional children's home. There are presently 26 children living at the Youth for Christ orphanage in Gitega. They include children from all three of the tribes that are represented in Burundi - Hutu, Tutsi and Batwa. Without any intentional awareness of their tribal origins, they are being raised in a Christian home environment as one extended family so that they might indeed be the future hope and the future leaders of their communities and country.

I have likened the days that were spent in the country of Burundi as having provided us all a foretaste of the heavenly banquet that awaits us all who know Jesus as Lord. I



The teen participants on top of Mt. Songa, among the highest peaks in Burundi, where the team hiked to pray for the nation of Burundi. From left, Thomas Donaldson (St. Philip's), Elizabeth Dougherty (St. Michael's), Abby Grady (Holy Cross), Charlotte Neyle (Holy Cross), Eliza Tew (St. Michael's), Will Henry Lawrence (St. Michael's), Anna Catherine Thornley (St. Michael's), Walker Marion (St. Michael's).

ton area churches, St. Michael's, St. Philip's, St. Andrew's and Holy Cross. We ventured to Burundi at the invitation of Great Lakes Outreach, an umbrella organization founded by missionary Simon Guillebaud that provides support to a variety of indigenous Christian ministries there, including Harvest for Christ and Youth for Christ. The diocese learned of Simon and the opportunities for ministry in Burundi over six years ago when he first visited the area at the invitation of friends. The impact of that first visit with Simon's stories of faith in a country torn by civil war and his personal example of costly discipleship has been profound. This summer mission was intentionally planned to allow for youth participation and to serve youth in Burundi. It was the third trip sponsored through St. Michael's, and at least the eighth overall from the Charleston area. Return trips are already projected for the future. Why, some may ask? Because for whatever reason, God has opened this door of opportunity to partner with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the heart of Africa, and He has transformed lives and advanced the Kingdom of God.

to the beach and basketball courts.

Our time also included outreach with Harvest for Christ to the Batwa peoples near the community of Muramvya. The Batwa, or pygmies, are the most marginalized group within Burundi. Living in the outskirts of communities, they provide an unskilled labor force for the most menial of tasks. Very few own any land and they live in squalid conditions even by African standards. Small tent-sized huts fashioned from banana leaves or sticks and mud are the norm for housing families of eight or more. Illiteracy is extremely high, as few attend school. Intentional outreach and evangelism among them, even from those within their own country, has also been rare until the recent efforts of Harvest for Christ. We were privileged to hike into these



Elizabeth Dougherty, left, and Susie Morrison among the Batwa people in a village where they assisted in the building a home.

personally long for more to be able to share in the work of God's Kingdom in Burundi. A piece of my heart remains there among my brothers and sisters in Christ who share a deep



# “He is Able!”

## Middle School Mondo 2009

By Dave Wright, Coordinator for Youth Ministries

Nearly 300 middle school students and their leaders converged on St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center October 23-25 for Mondo 2009. This annual event has been part of the diocese for many years and yet 2009’s offering brought many innovative ideas creating an enhanced experi-



JANE WRIGHT  
*The praise band from Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island, leads worship.*

ence for all. Under the theme of “He is Able,” students heard captivating messages from Dave Libbon, Youth Minister at St. Andrew’s,



JANE WRIGHT  
*Students on the Youth Commission assisted throughout the weekend. Above, from left: Walker Dillard, Chad Wright, Nick Ringe, William Warren and Shay Tompkins.*

Mount Pleasant. His teaching was taken from Ephesians 3:20-21 “Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations,

for ever and ever! Amen.” All of the students memorized these verses on the weekend as they learned the truth within. Each message was enhanced by testimonies from students regarding the work that God is doing in and through them. In addition to student testimonies, the worship music was led by a team of high school students from Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island, under the direction of Trey Truluck. The presence of students leading many aspects of the weekend, including the leadership assistance of our diocesan youth commission, was perhaps its greatest strength. Mondo has come a long way from the days when our talented youth ministers entertained and inspired students for a weekend. In keeping with our vision, students experienced dynamic Bible teaching, lively memorization activities, engaging worship and interactive youth group time. The weekend was designed to

build on the youth ministry efforts of our churches, to encourage groups and equip students to be transformed by the reality that

God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine.

A special appearance by Australian recording artists “Revive” added to the excitement of Mondo this year. Offering a lively late night concert, the band captured the audience with their pop rock sound and excellent musicianship.

The excellence of Mondo 2009 was the result of a creative team of youth ministers dedicated to raising up a generation of biblically faithful people who are leading the church and changing the world. We

praise God for the work He is doing in the lives of students through our youth ministries and give thanks for the outstanding youth ministers who have developed over the years here in South Carolina!

### Coming Soon...

**Jesus Weekend:** February 5-7 at St. Christopher for students in eighth and ninth grade. This specially focused retreat explores the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord.

**Epic:** March 12-14 at St Christopher for high school students. This retreat provides a pattern for growing in relationship with Christ where students learn to read, think, pray, and live.

### People News

❖ **Mary Harper**, who served as the Diocesan Youth Worker in the 1940’s and 50’s, died in her home on October 27, 2009. Daisy Porcher Stoudenmire wrote a lovely tribute honoring Mary’s impact on the Diocese. Read it on the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org) in the News section.

❖ **Dr. William Prioleau** was recognized and honored by his peers on November 19, 2009, as a HealthCare Hero for his community outreach at the Medical Clinic at the Church of the Holy Communion. HealthCare Heroes is a network of medical professionals in association with MUSC, Roper St. Francis, Medical Careers Institute



and others. Dr. and Mrs. William Prioleau have been members at Holy Communion for more than 30 years. He is a retired cardio-thoracic surgeon and has been retired for about 15 years. He has operated the clinic at our church for 12 years. We are blessed to have him!

❖ The International Order of St. Luke the Physician North American Director, The Ven. Larry Mitchell, has appointed Lee F. McVay as Region 3 Director. Lee has been the South Carolina State Representative, and the Region 3 Assistant Director. Lee is a member of St. Paul’s Church, Summerville, South Carolina. Region 3 includes Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Puerto Rico, and The Bahamas.

# “The Most Amazing Weekend Ever”

## High School re:generate Focuses on Freedom

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Coordinator for Youth Ministries



JANE WRIGHT  
*The St. Helena’s Beaufort students, above, joined over 275 other students and leaders at the Diocese’s re:generate ‘09.*

“That was the most amazing weekend I have ever experienced!” These words were overheard on the Monday morning at a local school following re:generate ’09. Over the weekend of November 13-15, over 275 high school students and leaders gathered at St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center for a weekend that was truly inspiring. re:generate ’09 centered around Galatians 5:1: “It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.” This verse was memorized by the

students and proclaimed by our speaker the Rev. Rob Sturdy, Rector of Trinity Church, Myrtle Beach. Rob’s messages were powerful and clearly rooted in the teaching of Paul’s epistle to the Galatians.

Students were inspired and equipped through excellent teaching throughout the weekend as seminars further enhanced the event. These covered a variety of topics related to the theme and were led by clergy, lay leaders, and youth ministers. Our main sessions were filled with amazing worship music led by David Childs of Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island.

Additionally, a guest appearance by recording artists “Wavorly” provided a lively late night concert.

re:generate ’09 was created by a team of our youth ministers and added much to our aim of building up the youth ministries of our churches through excellence in events. Our vision of raising up a biblically faithful generation was clearly advanced on the weekend through such excellent teaching in an engaging and lively environment.



JANE WRIGHT  
*Recording artists Wavorly turned up the volume for a late-night concert.*

# Cathedral Hops: Dance Ministry Begins

A community of local Swing, Lindy Hop and Ballroom dancers from Charleston, get together twice a month to dance! We are excited about this new ministry group that is a collaborative effort of local Swing and Ballroom dancers, area churches and ministries and is being hosted by The Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul, downtown Charleston.

Our goal is to have fun dances twice a month on the first and third Tuesday of every month. On the first Tuesday we’ll have a les-

son of Lindy Hop. On the third Tuesday we’ll have a Ballroom dance lesson. We will then have open dancing that will be a combination of Swing and Ballroom music at each dance. Steven Duane, our dance instructor, is a professional Ballroom and Lindy Hop instructor, as well as a professional DJ.

Our dances are located at The Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul at 126 Coming Street, downtown Charleston. There is plenty of free parking available.

Our dances are only \$5, including the lesson. The lessons are held from 7-8 p.m. Open dancing is from 8 to 10 p.m.

Come on out and bring all of your friends! This is a great opportunity to minister to area dancers. For more information, contact Marisa Osterman at [CharlestonRugCutters@gmail.com](mailto:CharlestonRugCutters@gmail.com), or visit our website: <http://charleston-rugcutters.weebly.com>





# LAMB to Hold Anniversary Celebration and Missions Conference in 2010

The LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras will be holding an anniversary celebration in February and a missions conference in September of 2010. LAMB is celebrating three events February 19-25: LAMB's 10th anniversary, Suzy McCall's 20th anniversary on the mission field and the dedication of Kitty's Chapel, also known as the Chapel of the Good Shepherd. A team will be traveling to Honduras February 19-25. If you would like to join them, contact Susan Clarkson at (843) 769-5403 or susanckeller@knology.net. If you'd like to be a part of the celebration, but cannot make the trip, send a special note or financial contribution care of their Director of

Operations, Margaret Merritt at 215 Hickory St. Charleston, SC 29407. LAMB will offer a Spiritual Formation Conference in September 21-25, 2010 (Note the May conference has been cancelled.) For more information, contact Margaret Merritt at margaretmerritt.lamb@gmail.com. The mission of the LAMB Institute is to respond to God's call to care for, educate and protect His children suffering from extreme poverty, abuse and neglect in Honduras; to promote self-sufficiency through community development in inner-city neighborhoods and to raise up leaders to share the Good News of God in Christ Jesus.

## THE LEGEND of Red Stoles

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

The following is true, although it has never been confessed publicly. After receiving the invitation to Father Peet's (The Very Rev. Peet Dickinson, Dean of the Cathedral) institution and induction, it occurred to me it was time to come clean, so...

About ten years ago, my wife and I were invited to the ordination of an Episcopal Priest. I was just beginning my Christian walk, and was "returning to church" after an absence of - oh let's say twenty years. Suffice it to say, this was the first ordination I'd ever been invited to. We put the invitation on the refrigerator, and made plans to attend.

About a week before the service, I had some important question I needed answered - probably whether I had to wear socks, or something. Anyway, I couldn't recall the name of the Rector of the church where the ordination was taking place. In a moment of inspiration, I referred back to the invitation, and there it was: Clergy Red Stoles.

I looked up the phone number and quickly connected to a very kind parish administrator.

"Could I speak to Red?" I asked. I had discovered that Episcopal priests always ask you to call them

by their first name, so I was trying to sound informed.

"I'm sorry?" She replied.

"Is Red available?" I repeated.

"We don't have anyone by that name," she replied.

I panicked, thinking I'd misread his name.

"Uh, Reverend Stoles? Is he available?"

"We don't have a Reverend Stoles," she said.

Baffled I thanked her and rang off. At some point, the following Sunday, it dawned on me that all the clergy were wearing red thingees. And then it dawned on me what those thingees were called.

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JOY HUNTER

# "Little Nut" Nutcracker Performed at York Place for Residents



Members of the North Carolina Dance Theatre's Repertory Ensemble performed at York Place. By Joyce Sanders

The North Carolina Dance Theatre gave a very special performance exclusively for the children of York Place, on November 18 giving them a "taste" of the Nutcracker. As part of their outreach, dance students in the NC Dance Theatre School of Dance perform classic and contemporary dance works in different venues during the year. Teen and preteen dancers in training, who are in the Dance Theatre's Repertory Ensemble, bring a specially designed, costumed mini-performance to different venues and take questions following the performance. Thanks to a recommendation by Ms. Tammy Westafer, one of our Outreach liasons from St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in N. Augusta, York Place was lucky enough to be chosen as one of the "performance venues." Ms. Darleen Callaghan, Director of the North Carolina Theatre School of Dance and seventeen dance students arrived at York Place dressed in their beautiful ballet costumes. Our children enjoyed watching them "warm up" and were in awe of the actual performance. The Dance Theatre performed five dances for our children: Friends Dances from Party scene with Clara and Fritz, Sugar Plum Fairy Variation, Chinese Dance (Clara and Fritz), Mother Ginger Dance (without Mother Ginger), and the Candy Canes Dance.

Most of the York Place children had never seen a ballet before and were mesmerized

by the performance. Questions afterwards included: "How do you stand on your toes?" and "How long do you have to practice?!" How wonderful it was to expose our children to Tchaikovsky's beautiful ballet.

As we work on healing our children, we also want them to experience beautiful and joyful moments and to be exposed to the arts. We are thankful to the North Carolina Dance Theatre for this wonderful experience and for the happy memories they gave our children.

## Prayer Books, Bibles, Hymnals Needed

St. Andrew's Mission, Charleston, is sending a 20 ft. container of items to the Episcopal Church in Liberia mid-January. They are seeking Prayer Books, Bibles, Hymnals (1940 & 1982) and other church resources. The Rev. James Yarsiah, Vicar, is asking that donors provide the materials by the first week in January. Contact James at (843) 810-3500 (cell); (843) 763-3312 (church).

## Clergy News

❖ **The Rev. Bill Breedlove** was ordained to the priesthood on December 8 at 7 p.m. at St. Michael and All Angels in Mission, KS.

❖ Please keep the family of **The Rev. Mark Chaplin**, vocational deacon of The Church of the Holy Communion, in your prayers. Mark died on Sunday, December 6, 2009. The funeral was held on December 9.



Speaking of Mark, in his sermon, the Rev. Dow Sanderson said, "For most of us, the hard knocks of life tend to make us a little cynical. We become jaded, judgmental, jealous. But not Mark. He had, above all, that wonderful gift

of humility, which is so very elusive for most of us." Read more excerpts from Dow's sermon on page 8.

❖ **The Rev Mark Cooke** who had been serving as an Assistant at the Cathedral has been called to an Anglican Mission in America parish in New Bern, North Carolina. Mark will be working on a "church plant restart."



❖ **The Rev. Mercedes Julian**, was named one of Charleston's Ten Most Influential Latinos by the Latino newspaper, *El Informador*. She serves as Vicar of Iglesia de San Juan, Johns Island. Read news from Mercedes on page 5.

❖ **The Rev. Marcus Kaiser** was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, December 5 at 11 a.m. at Holy Comforter, Sumter.

❖ **The Rev. Bob Lawrence**, Associate Rector at St. Michael's, Charleston, has been named to serve on the Board of Directors at Kanuga Conferences, Inc. Bob, who serves on Kanuga's Board of Visitors, has attended the summer guest period with his family for 14 years, serving twice as a summer guest period chap-



lain. "We continue to return because Kanuga gives us the time and space to just be, to truly hear and enjoy one another and most importantly, to bask in the glory of God's creation and to hear his voice," he said.

❖ **Craig Stephans** will be ordained a transitional deacon on December 19 at 11 a.m. at St. James, James Island.

❖ Condolences to the family of **The Rev. Fred Thompson**, vocational deacon at St. John's Parish, Johns Island. His father passed away Tuesday, December 15, 2009.

## Kingdom Work: Burundi

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and abiding love of our Lord Jesus and who firmly believe that God has raised them up to become a new generation of Godly leaders within their country, that they may be that "city on a hill" and "a light unto the nations" of which scripture speaks. I know that I am forever blessed by the team that God assembled to share this journey. Our times as a team in prayer, worship, Bible study, table fellowship and small family groups allowed for robust laughter, heartfelt tears and unfathomable love that will be eternally cherished. As they say and sing with great passion in Burundi, "Imana ni nziza," God is so good!

## Job Openings

Organist/Choir Director, Trinity Church, Pinopolis

Trinity Episcopal Church in Pinopolis is looking for a person or persons to serve in ministry as Organist and Choir Director at their 8:30 a.m. service and as leader of the Trinity Praise Team at their 11 a.m. service. For more information, please contact the Rev. Hal Fenters at (843) 761-8570 (church), (843) 810-6421 (cell), or at halfenters@homesc.com.

Organist/Choirmaster, Trinity Church, Edisto

Trinity Church in Edisto is seeking a Part-time/Organist Choirmaster to coordinate the musical leadership of two worship services. Trinity has an active adult choir and a three-manual Allen Digital Organ and Clavinova in the sanctuary. In addition, they have a grand piano in the parish hall. Salary and benefits will be competitive and commensurate with the applicant's education and experience. Travel will be reimbursed by mileage. If interested, or if you know of someone who may be interested, please contact the Rev. E. Weyman Camp, Rector at (843) 869-3568.





Above, both photos are of the Haitian infant, Frandy. On the left, Frandy is 10 months old, prior to beginning the CHAP Nutrition program. The photo on the right shows Frandy six weeks later, after participating in the program. The Haiti Nutrition Program, Lespwa Timoun, is our ECW project.

## CHAP Nutrition Program In Dire Straits; Funding Needed

By Sue Harrison, ECW Diocesan Vice-President, Project Chairman

CHAP, Christian Haitian American Partnership, originated in this diocese to assist Episcopal priest, Father Henry Fritz Valdema (Pere Val) and his wife, Carmel, a public health nurse. Pere Val has six churches where he is rector. The main church, St. Simeon, is in Croix-de-Bouquet, near the capital of Port-au-Prince. The other five churches are in outlying villages, some reachable only by donkey or on foot. A nutrition program founded and run by Carmel is called “Lespwa Timoun,” Creole for “Hope for Children.” Malnutrition is a leading cause of childhood death in Haiti and this program addresses the problem by providing funding for “akamil,” a powdered mix of beans and rice used as baby formula, vitamins, health care and health care education for parents. Children, ages one to five, who are malnourished or severely undernourished are singled out for treatment. Ten dollars pays for a month’s supply of akamil for a starving child. Carmel buys, grinds and bags this mixture of nourishment, then teaches the parents about

\$10 pays for a month’s supply of akamil for a starving child.

health, weighs the children, charting their progress monthly, and gives them immunizations. Carmel also identifies the worst cases and takes them to St. Simeon and nurses them back to health. In May, two more villages were added to the program. Sadly, in October, all but two of the villages had to be dropped due to lack of funding. This past April, the ladies of the diocese, elected to have this wonderful program as the primary project of any fundraising. But the situation is so serious that I am asking anyone who’s heart is touched by this story to donate to CHAP’s nutrition program. There is never any administrative fees used from donations; All monies are channeled to the nutrition program. Donations may be sent to CHAP, PO Box 70132, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572, with “nutrition program” on check memo line. ECW groups should continue to send their donations to: ECW Project, 245 Spencerwood Drive, Conway, SC 29526. To learn more, contact Sue Harrison at sharrison77@gmail.com.

## Domestic Violence; Breast Cancer Awareness Focus of Georgetown/Florence ECW Deanery Meeting

### Donations Raised for CHAP and CASA

By Connie Lawson, St. Stephen’s, North Myrtle Beach

The Georgetown/Florence Deanery meeting, held October 31 at St. Stephen’s in North Myrtle Beach focused on two topics of importance to women – Domestic Violence and Breast Cancer Awareness. It was a wonderful event, a spiritual time spent with other sisters-in-Christ from over 20 different churches throughout the Diocese.

The Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant II, preached on the ECW scripture Isaiah 6:8 “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send Me!’”

Sue Harrison, Vice President of the ECW Diocesan Board spoke about the diocesan project Christian Haitian American Partnership (CHAP). (See article, left) An

offering of \$800 was collected for CHAP.

JoAnne Patterson, Executive Director of Citizens Against Spouse Abuse (CASA) spoke on domestic abuse. Her session was followed with a question and answer time with JoAnne and Wilmot Merchant fielding questions related to domestic violence (Dr. Merchant was recognized earlier this year as “Volunteer of the Year” from The South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault). At the close of the domestic violence segment of the program, Connie presented a \$100 check to CASA from the ECW.

Everyone then adjourned to the Parish Hall where they had an opportunity to meet with ECW Diocesan officers and Board members

and learn more about our diocesan project CHAP and various ministries that were on display i.e. UTO, CPC, York Place, Help-4-Kids, Faith Alive, Daughters of the King, and Altar Guild.

During lunch, St. Stephen’s modeled their “JoyFULL, Fueling Up For A Better Life” program focusing on Breast Cancer Awareness. Breast cancer survivors in attendance were recognized, and a speaker from the American Cancer Society (ACS) shared her journey and stressed the importance of humor, which was a nice transition into two video segments by Anita Renfro (a Christian comedian and pastor’s wife) who made attendees laugh as she talked about Mammograms and sang a Salute to Underwire.



## St. Stephen’s Holds Food Distribution Outreach

By Connie Olson, St. Stephen’s, North Myrtle Beach

On November 21, 2009 and in conjunction with North Strand Helping Hand, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church held the first Outreach Food Distribution on the newly acquired property. Although the food distribution was scheduled from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., people began arriving as early as 8:30 a.m. More than 50 volunteers set up tents, tables, and a hot dog stand. By 1:00 p.m., approximately 250 people waited in

line to receive a number for their turn in the distribution line from Margaret Owens, Director of North Strand Helping Hand. St. Stephen’s purchased the food items from the Low Country Food Bank in Charleston, SC. The distribution included canned and non-perishable items, as well as white potatoes and sweet potatoes. An anonymous donor also gave 200 turkeys for the distribution. Each person was assisted through

the distribution line and then to their vehicles by one or two of the volunteers. There was much joy to be found in the volunteers who poured their hearts into this ministry. At the free hot dog stand, everyone also received hot dogs, chips, and drinks. This event marks a significant step in the vision of St. Stephen’s Parish for their outreach programs intended for the Loris community area.

## Rap, The Bible, and Awakening Faith

By Joy Hunter, Editor

“No, you cannot buy a rap CD.”  
“But, Mom! It’s Christian!”  
Andrew, my 13-year-old, and I were having the discussion – again.

He wanted rap, but his Dad and I said, “No.”

It’s hard sometimes wading through the cultural minefields. Some of the decisions we make are extreme. We didn’t let the kids get skateboards, not because we were worried about injuries (at the time we had very high-deductible health insurance) but because of the skateboard culture.

So rap... What do you do with it when “It’s Christian!”

“Come see this, Mom. Watch.”

Andrew uploads the LeCrae video on YouTube.

It’s good. It’s moving. I want my child to hear that message and so we say,

“OK. You can download it.”  
Just this one; just this time.  
He downloads it and then watch-



es it about 200 times. “What are you listening to, Andrew?” I peer over his Ipod. “Oh, LeCrae.” “What are you listening to, Andrew? Oh LeCrae...LeCrae...LeCrae.”

Finally, after it’s been fully imprinted, we let him buy another.

A few days later when I went to pray with him before bed he clicked on his Ipod by remote. “Listen to this, Mom.” Again, LeCrae.

“If Christ is real then what am I goin do about all of the things in Luke 12:15 down to 21...”

“I’m gonna look that up, Mom – Luke 12:15. Where’s my Bible?”

We’d bought the kids their own grown-up Bibles the Christmas before, gilt edges, names imprinted, but Andrew hadn’t opened his much.

“Let’s see... Luke...” he says. We open and read.

“Then he (Jesus) said to them, ‘Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.’”

“That’s just what that movie was saying,” Andrew says, referring to a

movie we’d rented a few nights previously. “All he wanted was things and it made his life a mess. I’m gonna read this whole chapter – the whole book – this whole Bible,” he declares. “Let’s see, where should I start? Genesis?”

I’m surprised at this turn, surprised, but excited. We talk a bit more about greed and read through all of Luke 12.

In the next few weeks Andrew continues his Bible-reading journey and, starting with Matthew (at our suggestion), he’s now on Matthew 20. We’re talking about his readings at night. Some nights he reads on his own, other times he reads with us. He’s the one pursuing it, though.

“Mom, you all should have been reading this to us a long time ago, like when I was seven. You were always reading us fairy tales. You should have been reading the Bible. I really don’t know this stuff at all.”

Samuel, our 16-year-old pops his head in. “Andrew, If you read the Bible every night you’ll be surprised what the Lord says to you. It’ll relate to your day – every time.” Samuel’s

had a recent re-awakening of faith, as well.

My husband, Marion, and I are marveling.

Andrew later adds, at lights-out, “It’s amazing how happy just reading the Bible makes you.”

And a little child shall lead them.

Andrew later asks if we can begin having a weekly Bible discussion. “Maybe we can go have breakfast somewhere and talk about what we’ve read the week before. What do you think?”

What do I think? Oh, child...

“It’s amazing how happy reading the Bible makes you?” It’s amazing how happy seeing you grow in faith makes me.





WILLIAM CHRISTIAN

Community leaders participated in the annual Good Cheer Fund food gift card giveaway Monday, November 30 at the Star Gospel Mission. From left are are: Charleston Mayor Joe Riley; the Rev. David Williams, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church; the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of Diocese of South Carolina; Hilda Jefferson, former city councilwoman; the Rev. Dallas Wilson Jr., St. John's Chapel; and Dr. Tom Cook, board member of the Mission; and Theodosia Proctor.

## Mission Gives Away \$50,000 in Grocery Gift Cards

By Andy Paras, The Post and Courier

The Star Gospel Mission gave away 1,000 Piggly Wiggly gift cards in about 90 minutes Monday, November 30.

People started waiting in line as early as 3 p.m. Sunday for a chance to receive one of the \$50 gift cards. By the time the doors opened at 7:30 a.m., the line stretched down Meeting Street, onto Columbus Street, and onto Nassau Street all the way to Line Street.

"I'd say half of the people who received cards were in line all night," said William K. Christian, III, executive director. "It's a major event. \$50,000 went out of here in an hour and a half."

The mission has been doing the giveaway, its biggest event, for years. This year's event marks the mission's 105th anniversary. Mayor Joe Riley and other local leaders showed up to applaud the mission.

The mission ran out of cards at 9 a.m. Monica Trapp, who started waiting in line on Nassau Street about 7:30 a.m., just missed out.

"I was right at the door," she said.

The cards are redeemable at any Piggly Wiggly. Recipients are restricted from buying alcohol, tobacco or lottery products with the cards.

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The Star Gospel Mission is Charleston's oldest not-for-profit Christian welfare organization, established in 1904. The gift cards were made available to the Star Gospel Mission through the proceeds from the Good Cheer Fund of the *Post and Courier*.

## Canterbury House Sends Packages to Troops

By Peggy Pye, Executive Director, Canterbury House

Six large boxes of much needed toiletries, games, nonperishable food, snacks, paperbacks, etc., were collected by the residents and staff of the Canterbury House for our troops in Afghanistan. Mr. Lester Dempsey, an employee of the Medi-

cal University of South Carolina, approached his co-workers and their friends to collect items for his son, Jason's unit. Debbie Drinkwater, Chief Financial Officer for the Canterbury House, coordinated the effort for the Canterbury House. The

response from our residents was phenomenal—we initially hoped to fill just one box but donations poured in with enough to fill six large boxes!

Jason and his unit are currently assigned to the 2nd Marine Expedition Brigade serving in the Helman region of Afghanistan—a very hostile area. They are a



Above, Jason Dempsey, who serves in the 2nd Marine Expedition Brigade in the Helman region of Afghanistan poses with Afghan residents.

# Fount of Comfort; Fosters Faith

Church of the Cross' Fountain Enriches Visitors' Lives

*The following is reprinted, with permission, from The Church of the Cross' Enewsletter*

Padre's Ponderings....  
(By The Very Rev. Chuck Owens)

Yesterday I sat by the fountain on our Buckwalter Parkway Campus saying my prayers before a noon meeting of the Board of Trustees of Cross Schools. What a special setting that is... water flowing from three crosses cascading down over the words of Jesus: "but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4:14

Earlier this year I received the following letter (reprinted verbatim with the exception of a name change) from a family in this community. They are not members of this parish and yet, via this fountain, we've touched them and others. Praise God!

"My husband and I would like to make a donation to your church to help with the maintenance of your beautiful 'staircase' fountain. There

are no words to describe what this fountain brings to my life. Often, I sit at your fountain and pray. I am overwhelmed by the presence of the Holy Spirit there. Even when I am driving by, I glance over at it in passing - and it gives me such a wonderful feeling. How ironic that this cascading water can well up such emotion.

I have wanted to make dona-

Sam is forty years old. Most likely, he will barely see forty-one. Sam has stage four colon cancer that has already spread to his liver and his lungs. There is no "stage five." We have known Sam for nearly twenty years, and during this time, we have never known him to go to church, or even speak of God. Sadly, it was just not part of his family life when he was growing up.

We held hands and prayed that night at your fountain. Afterwards, Sam reached down and put his hand in the water that was flowing down the steps. We could tell that he felt comforted by being there, and that he, too, had been touched by the Holy Spirit. It was a wonderful moment. Since that night, Sam talks about prayers and his belief in God. We

are so thankful that he will know the kingdom of Heaven when his journey here is finished. And while we know that God is with us always, no matter where we are...the Holy Spirit is so very strong at your beautiful fountain which glorifies our Heavenly Father and Christ our Lord. Thank you so much for the lives that are saved and touched by your fountain. It quietly does more than you know."



## Lloyd Olgivie to Speak at Church of the Holy Cross February 19-21

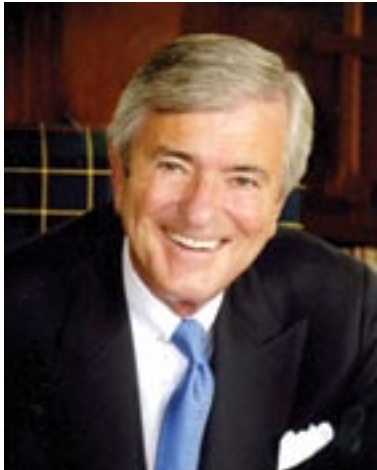
The Church of the Holy Cross will have the privilege of welcoming Dr. Lloyd Olgivie, February 19-21 at the Sullivan's Island location of Holy Cross for a weekend conference and Sunday services.

Dr. Olgivie's service in ministry has spanned various genres from his nationally syndicated radio and television ministry called "Let God Love You," to his eight years of service in the political arena, as the 61st Chaplain of the United States Senate.

He is also an accomplished author, with more than 50 books to his credit. Olgivie continues his life-long commitment as an inspirational speaker, and is frequently

called on as a speaker, writer, and resource consultant for business and professional conferences, churches, and clergy conferences teaching and encouraging leaders to move forward with wisdom, and vision. It is a fitting call, as he was named as one of twelve individuals in Baylor University's worldwide survey of the "Twelve Most Effective Preachers in the English-Speaking World."

It will be a joy to welcome him to the Charleston area as he shares his wealth of knowledge and experience at Holy Cross this February. Dr. Olgivie's presentations will be open to the public, and we encourage all who are able to attend to take advantage of this great opportunity. For



detailed information on Dr. Olgivie's visit, please contact Betty Owens at (843)-883-3586.

## St. Paul's Theological Center, Holy Trinity, Brompton to Offer Theological Conference, February 16

St. Andrew's, in conjunction with Holy Trinity, Brompton (London), will be hosting the first US conference on behalf of St. Paul's Theological Center (<http://sptc.hbt.org.uk>). St. Paul's has as its aim the restoration of theology to the heart of the church. To that end, under

Military Police unit and are presently training the Afghanistan police, providing convoy escort service and support where needed. There are 20 members in his unit and they are stationed at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. They are expected to return to the States before Christmas. We ask you to keep Jason's unit and all of our troops in your prayers. We thank them for their exemplary service to our country and wish them safe travels and return!

the direction of the Rev. Dr. Graham Tomlin (former Vice-Principal at Wycliffe Hall), Holy Trinity, Brompton, has developed an Alpha-esque approach to theological education aimed at a lay audience. St. Paul's has drawn upon some of the best theologians in the world (Alistair McGrath, N.T. Wright, Richard Bauckham, Rowan Williams, etc.) to teach a variety of courses, which have been video-taped and are available for parish use.

St. Andrew's will be hosting a St. Paul's conference on Tuesday, 16 February. The day will begin with lunch at noon. The Rev. Dr.'s Graham Tomlin and Andy Emer-ton (both of St. Paul's/Holy Trinity, Brompton) will address a variety of topics related to the nature and implementation of the course. The day will conclude with an option to stay for a model St. Paul's evening

including a dinner and a choice of presentations; Graham will be lecturing on Luther, and Andy will be lecturing on Isaiah. The cost for the day is \$25 which includes all meals and all materials. The day is designed to have participants "in and out" in a work day. Individuals coming from a distance, who wish to spend the evening, may make reservations at the local Hampon Inn at the substantially discounted rate for attendees.

For more information on St. Paul's in general, including resources such as "Godpod" visit <http://sptc.hbt.org.uk>. For more information about the training day at St. Andrew's, visit: <http://www.wearestandrews.com/equipping/st-pauls-theological-school/theology-courses-in-the-local-church.aspx>.



# The Calendar

**First Wednesday Lunch: A Men’s Event, January 6**  
The Men’s Ministry of St. Philip’s Church, in conjunction with St. Michael’s and the Cathedral, is hosting a men’s luncheon every first Wednesday of the month. The gathering will run from noon until 1 p.m., and the cost is \$5 per person. For January, the speaker will be Major General John Southy Grinalds, United States Marine Corps (Retired), who was the 18th President of The Citadel. To learn more, visit St. Philip’s website, [www.stphilipschurchsc.org](http://www.stphilipschurchsc.org).

**Choir Directors’ Workshop, St. John’s, Florence, January 9**  
St. John’s Parish in Florence is offering a workshop for choir directors on Saturday, January 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Dr. Sonja Sepulveda will address such skills as conducting and rehearsal techniques, score preparation, and recognizing and correcting choral issues. A roundtable discussion over lunch will offer an opportunity to network and share ideas for the growth and development of choirs. For more information, visit [www.stjohnsflorence.org](http://www.stjohnsflorence.org). To register and sign up for lunch, contact Tammy Williams at [twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org](mailto:twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org).

**St. Matthias, Summerton, Annual Oyster Roast, January 9**  
St. Matthias, Summerton, will hold its Annual Oyster Roast in support of their Montessori Pre-School on Saturday January 9 at 6 p.m. at the Flowers Tomato Shed, located east of Summerton off Highway 301 on K.W. Hodge Road. Tickets are \$30 and are available through the Church Office, (803) 485-2504. Join us for oysters, catfish stew, BBQ and blue grass music.

**St. John’s, Florence, to Offer 2010 Epiphany Concert Series**  
St. John’s in Florence will offer five concerts in their 2010 Epiphany Concert Series. The concerts begin at 6 p.m. There is no cost for admittance, but donations are appreciated. The concert schedule is as follows: January 10 - Dr. Benjamin Woods, piano; January 17 - April Boyett, soprano; January 24 - Florence Friends of Chamber Music; January 31 - USC Concert Choir; February 14 - Claire Compton, oboe. For more information about the concert and the artists, visit [www.stjohnsflorence.org](http://www.stjohnsflorence.org) or contact Tammy Williams at (843) 662-5585 or [twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org](mailto:twilliams@stjohnsflorence.org)

**Parenting the Strong Willed Child; John Rosemond Speaks at St. Andrew’s Mt Pleasant, January 17**  
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**Tellaround: An Afternoon of Biblical Storytelling, January 17**  
St. James, James Island, will offer an afternoon of Biblical Storytelling, Sunday, January 17 at 4 p.m. The event will feature some of Charleston’s favorite storytellers and include special guest musician Lynette Kelly. For more information, contact St. James at (843) 795-1623 or Mike Miller at (843) 762-1585 or [mikemiller@inbox.com](mailto:mikemiller@inbox.com). This event is free and is sponsored by St. James Christian Education Department and Local Storytellers in association with the Network of Biblical Storytellers.

**Mere Anglicanism, January 21-23, 2010,** See page 9

**Drawing Near to God Ministries to Begin Spring Semester in January**  
Drawing Near to God will offer its Spring semester, “Making Space for God,” in late January. The Thursday daytime classes, will run from January 21 through March 18. The cost is \$35.00. The evening classes, Thursdays will run from January 28 through March 25. The cost for the evening classes is \$25.00. Joanne Ellison will teach this nine-week Bible study covering relevant topics such as “Prayer Moves Mountains,” “Bloom Where You are Planted,” and “Lies that Block Our Dreams.” Drawing Near to God meets at St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant. For more information, visit [www.drawingneartogod.com](http://www.drawingneartogod.com) or call (843) 284-4333.

**Faith at Home, Family Extreme Makeover, January 29**  
Join Mark Holmen, Author of, “*Building Faith at Home*,” and Jeff Hoyle of Focus on the Family at St. James, James Island for a two to three hour intensive of practical training. See pages 1-2 to learn more.

**“Be Still and Know God,” Contemplative Retreat, January 29-31,** See page 5

**Faith at Home, Church Seminar, January 30**  
All clergy and lay leaders are invited to this day-long Faith at Home Seminar at Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$325 per church or \$99 per individual. If the Senior Pastor or Rector attends with a team from his or her church, the price for the team is reduced to \$225. Visit [www.dioceseofsc.org](http://www.dioceseofsc.org) to learn more. See pages 1-2 for additional information.

**Flower Seminar, Grace Episcopal Church, January 30**  
The Grace Episcopal Church Flower Guild will present “Flower Arranging for the Church” with three guest demonstrators from the



On Saturday, November 21, 2009, St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church, North Myrtle Beach, held the first official service of “A Blessing of the Land and the Holy Eucharist” on the recently purchased property on West Dogwood Road and Highway 9 Business West in Loris. An altar was set up on the field

of peanuts that remained after the harvest. More than 50 people attended the service that was celebrated by the Rev. Dr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II, Rector of St. Stephen’s. Janelle Camp served as lay reader and Connie Olson served as chalice bearer.

Washington National Cathedral Flower Guild on Saturday, January 30, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.. Louisa Rucker, Mary Sims, and Stephen Batten will lead the seminar. They come with years of experience and with knowledge and appreciation of plant materials used in design work that can be found in our gardens. The seminar costs \$25 and registration is required. Registration forms are available at [www.gracechurchcharleston.org](http://www.gracechurchcharleston.org). Please sign up by January 25.

**Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Anniversary Banquet, February 11**  
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**Diocesan ECW Retreat, February 12-14,** See page 9.

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**Christian Men’s Conference, February 26-28,** See page 6.

**219 Diocesan Convention March 4-5,** See page 1.

**Beginning Experience for Divorced, Separated and Widowed, March 19-21**  
The Beginning Experience Weekend #21 for the divorced, separated and widowed is scheduled for Friday, March 19 through Sunday, March 21, at The Oratory in Rock Hill, SC. The Beginning Experience is an International Christian Ministry to those grieving the loss of a loving relationship due to divorce, separation or death. It currently operates in 35 States and 8 foreign countries, and has been offered in South Carolina since 2001. For an application call (803) 492-7644, e-mail [historic@epiphanychurchsc.com](mailto:historic@epiphanychurchsc.com), or visit <http://www.pietty.com/tbe/pages/pressrelease.htm>.

**Daughters of the King, Spring Assembly, March 19-21**  
The Daughters of the King will have their Spring Assembly at St. Chrstophers March 19-21. The Rev. Charles F. Walton will be the keynote speaker. Additional details to follow. Questions? Contact Elaine Crafton, DOK President at (843) 399-5663 or [tcrafton@sc.rr.com](mailto:tcrafton@sc.rr.com).

**Prince George, Winyah Annual Plantation and Town House Tour, March 26-27**  
Georgetown, South Carolina, founded in 1729, was for two centuries one of the wealthiest areas in both the Colonial era, then in the young United States. The growing of indigo

in Colonial America, and then rice in the 19th century, created an elite society which left behind beautiful dwellings, gardens and public buildings, many of which are open to visitors only once a year. The Women of Prince George, Winyah, Episcopal Church host an annual Plantation and Town House Tour. Our 63rd event will take place on March 26 and 27. To learn more, visit <http://www.pgwinyah.org>.

**New Wineskins for Global Missions Conference, April 8-11**  
Speakers from around the world and Anglican missionaries from many agencies are coming to New Wineskins 2010 to inspire and equip clergy and lay leaders, youth ministers, mission mobilizers, and potential missionaries to fulfill our Lord’s Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Topics to be covered, include, “The Challenge is Islam,” “Partnering to Reach the Unreached,” “Brothers and Sisters in Myanmar” and “Ministry to the Dispossessed.” Sixty workshops will be offered as well. Over 1,000 are expected at this sixth New Wineskins for Global Mission conference, April 8–11. The conference will be held at the Ridgecrest Conference Center in North Carolina. To learn more, visit [www.newwineskins.org](http://www.newwineskins.org)

**Old St. Andrew’s Golf Tournament, April 17**  
Old St. Andrew’s will hold their second annual Charleston Open Golf Tournament at Shadowmoss Plantation Golf Club, Saturday, April 17. It will be Captain’s Choice, limited to the first 128 players, foursomes only, shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. The cost is \$65 per player which includes green fees, cart, practice balls, on-course refreshments, BBQ dinner and awards. To register visit [www.oldstandrews.org](http://www.oldstandrews.org) and click on “Upcoming Events.” All proceeds will benefit preservation of our historic church. Questions? Call Tom Johnson at (843) 571-6219 or email him at [johnsonthomas1@comcast.net](mailto:johnsonthomas1@comcast.net)

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