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## Clergy Gather with Bishop

Over 100 attend September 11 meeting

By Joy Hunter

While over 100 attended the clergy gathering September 11, at St. Paul's, Summerville, there was still a sense of intimacy in the room. This was the first gathering with the clergy, as a whole, since the Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence was consecrated January 26, 2008.

### Reflecting on GAFCON and Lambeth

Bishop Lawrence spoke candidly about his experiences at both GAFCON and Lambeth, sharing some of the high points as well as some of his frustrations with the gatherings.

On Lambeth the Bishop felt that the time in the Indaba group was fruitful. "For me it was the best time of the conference," he said. "There was some honest discussion there. When Bishops from India or Africa said, 'What you did in

'03 (the consecrating of Eugene Robinson) caused our churches to be burned down... What you did in '03 caused people to tell their young people, 'Don't go to the Anglican Church.' Bishops in The Episcopal Church were finally able to hear things many of us had been saying for quite some time."

Bishop Lawrence also admitted that Lambeth caused him to take a hard look at his own attitudes. "I had to ask myself, 'Have I resisted the MDG's (Millennium Development Goals) because of who's supporting them?' I was convicted about my one-sided approach to things. Here were bishops and their wives from Sudan, remote areas of India, or Melanesia whose people live in utter deprivation. We are partners in the gospel, brothers and sisters under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. To walk with them through London streets to

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Clockwise from left: The Rev. Jimmy Gallant, Jacob Wilson, Wilhelmina Frasier, Janie Wilson and Anita Jefferson discuss challenges to the black congregation.

## Strengthening Diocesan Black Congregations

Bishop Lawrence Meets with Leaders of Black Congregations for Strengthening, Encouragement and Brainstorming

By The Rev. Theodore R. Lewis, Jr., Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston

On September 6, 2008, amid prayers of thanksgiving for our reprieve from Hurricane Hanna and prayers for those suffering from the effects of the storm, approximately 85 members of the clergy and lay leadership from our African American congregations along with the black clergy not in African American

congregations came together with The Right Reverend Mark Lawrence at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul. Also present was The Very Reverend Chuck Owens, Chair of the Congregational Development Committee of Diocesan Council. This was the first opportunity for Bishop Lawrence to meet and greet many of these individuals since

becoming the XIV Bishop of South Carolina in January 2008. The title of the meeting was "Lift Every Voice: Recognition of the Reality."

The congregations represented were Calvary, Charleston; St. Mark's, Charleston; St. Andrew's, Charleston; St. John's, Charleston; Redeemer,

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LISA GREENSLIT

"I love being with you even when you challenge me," Bishop Lawrence responded to the question, "What do you like to do?"

## New Life for St. Luke's in Andrews

By The Reverend Calhoun (Callie) Perkins, Assistant Rector, Holy Cross Faith Memorial, Pawley's Island

*I'd like to tell you a story—a story about a little church, a story about true religion, and a commitment to the future, to the fruit of good works—even when those fruits seem to have been abandoned, dust collecting on the altar, wooden pews drying out, dampness sealing shut the baptismal font, bats beginning to bore holes in the belfry...*

Recently, I found myself thinking and worrying about a vacant property, that of St. Luke's Church in Andrews. I phoned Debbie Barker at the Diocesan House to inquire as to whether plans were underway to sell St. Luke's. Debbie replied, "Yes, St. Luke's would be sold... unless you have a plan for it."

"Why, sure we do!" I exclaimed.

Over the past three years, St. Luke's has repeatedly entered my mind, and heart. Those of us who gather on Sunday afternoons for Eucharist in Spanish in our Chapel at Holy Cross Faith Memorial have also contemplated prospects in Andrews. Out of that worship, I believe the Holy Spirit has been preparing our hearts to respond.

Perhaps first and foremost, possibilities exist for the revival of the

English-speaking congregation of St. Luke's.

Debbie Barker and I met in Andrews with Bob Harper, whose family owned

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DEBBIE BARKER

## St. Christopher Implements New Program Serving Those Who Serve

St. Christopher wants those who serve our communities to know how much they are appreciated and valued. They have created a program called, "Serving those who serve." This program allows people to stay at St. Christopher for a very reduced rate.

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Those who qualify include: All employed in full-time ministry, missionaries, active military and those employed in fire, police and rescue. For more information, visit our website [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org) or call (843) 768-0429.

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# Pastoral Crisis Intervention Training Offered in October

## Course for Lay People and Clergy Who Desire to Enhance Their Crisis Intervention Skills

By Claire Gatlin

- ♦When a family is missing a teenager on a boat, the Chaplain sets up a “family command post” and brings information, comfort, prayer, and coordination of resources to the many concerned loved ones who will gather at the scene.
- ♦When a SWAT team must shoot a father who was holding his family hostage, the Chaplain sends a photo of the baby they saved to each member of the team to remind them of the good they did instead of the harm they were forced to cause.
- ♦When the Coroner must tell someone a loved one has died, the Chaplain is there to support the family – every single time.

The Pastoral Crisis Intervention Course is being sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant Police Department and the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. When difficult things happen, the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy brings its unique “ministry of presence” to those who are suffering. Whether the time of need is brought by crime, death, an accident, or a missing loved one, the Chaplains bring their comforting prayers, helping hands, listening ears, and connection to resources and information for families during times of severe crisis caused by a violent act or unexpected tragedy. The Chaplaincy also provides invaluable pastoral care to those emergency work-



CLAIRE GATLIN

Chaplain Youngblood and Chaplain Temoney (foreground) comfort a victim during CCC's quarterly training drill where Chaplains practice hostage negotiations training as well as crisis scenarios.

ers who have been through traumatic experiences in the line of duty. The PCI course and SWAT Team/Hostage Negotiations training are key elements that the CCC Chaplains receive to respond to these crisis situations. The course addresses how to assist individuals or communities during a time of crisis. The course will examine the impact that crisis situations have upon people, whether it is a psychological and/or spiritual impact. The SWAT Team/Hostage Negotiations Training will consist of barricade scenarios, as well as classroom

work with the Mount Pleasant Police Department's SWAT Team. The PCI I course will be held October 20-21, a SWAT Team/Hostage Negotiations Training will be held on October 22, and the PCI II course will be taught October 23-24. The registration fee is \$75 per PCI course, and \$25 for the SWAT Team/Hostage Negotiations Training. For more information on this course and to register, please visit the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy website at [www.coastalcrisis-chaplaincy.org](http://www.coastalcrisis-chaplaincy.org) or call the CCC office at (843)724-1212.

# Strengthening Black Congregations

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Pineville; St. Philip's Chapel, Denmark; St. Paul's, Orangeburg; Good Shepherd, Sumter. The clergy present were The Reverends James Yarsiah, James Howard, John Bowden, Kirtley Yearwood, James Gallant III, Dallas Wilson, Jr., Daniel Messier, Wilmot Merchant, Ira Johnson, Joseph Green, Anthony Kowbeidu and Theodore Lewis, Jr.

## Asking Tough Questions

While the meeting was a time for fellowship, as many of those present had not met one other, it was also an outgrowth of meetings of the black clergy in which they and Bishop Lawrence asked, “Why are many of our congregations struggling and not growing?” Together we wanted to ask the tough questions, study obstacles to growth, and seek common solutions to further our mission and ministry within our communities and the Diocese of South Carolina while focusing on Mission and Vision. While many of the obstacles such as stewardship, resistance to change, a prolonged lack of clergy leadership in some churches, the style of worship, changing demographics in neighborhoods, absence of youth and

young adults, and an aging population are common trends in many churches, the focus was to concentrate on these issues in our black congregations. Following lunch, individuals were divided into nine small groups to discuss the obstacles outlined earlier in the meeting and then seek solutions: a common vision and mission to proceed. Each group reported back to the larger group and found agreement on many issues but differing opinions on other issues such as greater emphasis on

Scripture, vis-à-vis bringing our Bibles to church versus using the lesson inserts,



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From left: Dr. Arthur Evans, The Rev. James Howard, Walter Smalls and The Rev. Kirtley Yearwood discuss dreams for the black congregation.

the use of *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*, hospitality in changing neighborhoods, clergy and laity relationships, and a commonality with young and old, with a look for methods of agreement. The information gathered at this meeting was recorded by Ms. LaQuetta Jones, receptionist/secretary at the Diocesan office, who graciously acted as our transcriptionist. The information will be disseminated by Bishop Lawrence to the various churches and clergy. The first follow-up will be an October meeting of the black clergy and Bishop Lawrence to review, plan and proceed to the “next step.” As Bishop Lawrence stressed, the September 6 meeting will not be the last, as we work together to strengthen our black congregations. This was important to the members, as past ventures and discussions have faded almost immediately after leaving the gathering. Those present left with a feeling of “renewed hope” for the future. Everyone anticipates our next gathering to “go a step further.” As we departed, one of the clergy stated that the title of the next meeting should be “Lift Every Voice: The Next Step in the Journey.”



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# HIV/AIDS

## Healing Service November 30

By Ed Dyckman  
Chair, Department of Social Ministries

The Rt. Rev. Mark J. Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina will preside and be the Celebrant at the Diocese's annual HIV/AIDS healing service on Sunday, November 30, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Charleston. The healing service will include laying-on of hands and Holy Communion. Service music will feature organ and harp; the service commemorates World AIDS Day (December 1). All are welcome! For information, contact the Rev. David Williams, Rector, St. Stephen's at (843) 722-0038 or [david9612@att.net](mailto:david9612@att.net). The Diocese's HIV/AIDS Committee, chaired by Mr. Bryan Thompson and under the Department of Social Ministries, organized the service with St. Stephen's Church. The Episcopal Church was the first national church to reach out to those living with HIV, which causes the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS). People living with HIV/AIDS have many physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. The more we learn about HIV/AIDS, the better we will be inspired and equipped to respond to them with Christ's sacrificial love. HIV/AIDS is on the rise with an alarming new number of cases impacting African American females.

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highlight the needs of their people was certainly not tangential to the heart and mission of our Lord and his Church.”

## The Challenges of Intact and In TEC

After speaking on GAFCON and Lambeth the Bishop opened the floor to questions. Honest discussion about the future of the diocese ensued. The Bishop stressed that we as a diocese were able to stay “intact and in TEC” (The Episcopal Church). He admitted that there were those in the room with widely differing opinions on the issue and that the General Convention in 2009 could pose even more challenges to this hope. Nevertheless he noted, “I'm concerned that we not merely fight the battles of the past but prepare for the emerging Anglicanism of the future,” he said. While maintaining an appropriate differentiation, he expressed the need to be positive in what we are working towards not merely negative in what we are defending against. The Bishop asked gathered priests and deacons to consider beginning relationships deanery-to-diocese with other like-minded Anglicans around the world. “Speaking hypothetically, would it be possible for instance for the Deanery of Charleston to have a relationship with a diocese in Burundi or Ghana? The Deanery of Georgetown to have a relationship with a diocese of Ireland? West Charleston networking with a diocese in India or Beaufort with Uganda and the Sudan....?” (Note: These were merely examples of possibilities not decided upon linkages) Bishops from several of these places expressed interest in forming missional partnerships with South Carolina. Bishop Lawrence encouraged the group to move forward, stressing, “I believe that we can build for the future where we are—helping to shape the emerging Anglican Communion in the 21st Century.” At the end of the day there was desire expressed by both the clergy and the bishop to schedule another Clergy Day in the not too distant future to continue the conversation that was begun at this morning surrounded by the wonderful hospitality St. Paul's in Summerville.



# Generational Impact Event Impacts Families

By Kristy Leaseburg, Chair, Christian Education Commission, Diocese of Fort Worth

Let me introduce myself so that it will make sense when I explain how Visionary Parenting and ultimately Generational Impact have changed my life. My name is Kristy Leaseburg and I am a wife and mother of soon-to-be four children, a Sunday School teacher and Director of Religious Education at my parish. I'm also the chair of the Christian Education Commission for the Diocese of Fort Worth. These programs affect me on many levels.

## Visionary Parenting

I found out about Visionary Parenting from Peter Roethermel, South Carolina's Coordinator for Christian Faith Formation, who called Visionary Parenting a "life-changing program." After watching the videos at home with my husband, I prepared to present an overview of the program as a workshop at a diocesan Christian education conference. In the fall, I was able to run the Visionary Parenting class for my

parish and got a lot out of the discussions with the other parents who attended. Meanwhile, Peter was busy planning the Diocese of South Carolina's Generational Impact event for the summer. I was blessed to be able to spend time observing Peter's diocesan meetings so that I could use them as a model for my own Diocesan Christian Education Commission here in Fort Worth. In the process, I heard about the plans for the camp and let Peter know I'd love to attend to observe it as a resource for my own diocese. Peter graciously made sure my family had a spot at the camp.

## Family Time

In the meantime my husband worked to make Kirk Weaver's "Family Time" a part of our lives. This came with the ex-

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pected bumps and it was months before we actually began to see it as a regular part of our lives and something we wanted to do instead

of something we should do. As this was all occurring, I noticed that my family was changing. My marriage was changing. Something good was happening. Some things were easy to see like the kids actively asking, "when are we going to do Family Time?"

And some things were harder to put my finger on like just a sense of "shalom" - all is right with the world in our home (for brief moments anyway). I started calling it my "wave of domestic bliss." Once we got the hang of it, in the spring we started a Family Time Team Meeting ministry

at my parish in hopes of inspiring parents to embrace this fun way of sharing their faith with their children.

## The Best Time I Ever Had with My Family *(and we've been to Disneyworld).*

By the time Generational Impact rolled around, we were definitely converts to this idea of home-centered family discipleship. We were all about being intentional rather than just hoping it would all happen by osmosis. I think this prepared us to have what I can call the best time I have ever had with my family. No vacation trip compares, and we've been to Disneyworld several times... The training we received from Rob Rienow was a great follow-up to the Visionary Parenting series. It helped us think through and develop our family vision. The free time gave us the chance to be

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## Clergy News Briefs

❖ **The Rev. Canon John Coming Ball** is "retiring" again 22 years after his original retirement. William McKeachie, the Dean of South Carolina writes, "Although also serving other Dioceses such as Atlanta (1961-1976) and West Texas (1976-1979), John always seemed to cherish most his earlier and later experiences in his home Diocese of South Carolina at Blackville, Denmark and Barnwell. In both this Diocese and that of Atlanta he served, too, at the executive level of Diocesan Council. Moreover, before being appointed Canon Pastor for the Diocese by Bishop Allison, John put his administrative and financial acumen to work as "business manager" of St. Philip's Church and subsequently as Interim Dean here from 1987 to 1989. But it is as Canon Pastor that John Ball is most widely beloved. All over this country, and no doubt abroad also, there are those who give thanks for his bedside



manner at Charleston's many hospitals and nursing homes. What is perhaps unique about that bedside manner is John's gift of leavening tender loving care with that very Southern quality of story-telling and just the right timing of a punch-line recounted as part of his constantly replenished repertory of quite unclerical jokes! God bless you, John and Nell, and don't think that you can "retire" from our affections or from occasional return visits to your Cathedral." Canon Ball is retiring so that he may devote more time to taking care of his wife, Nell, who has suffered a stroke.

❖ **The Rev. Jack Nietert** is back in the diocese after having served as an interim Rector in Virginia for a year. Nietert served as interim for two parishes, St. John's Church, Halifax, and Trinity Church, South Boston. Just 15 minutes apart, the two churches jointly called a new rector on August 1. "It was a wonderful experience," say Nietert. "I've been asked if I'd do it again, and the answer is, 'Yes, but it will have to be a lot closer to home.'" Nietert is available for supply work. When asked what's next in the long run he says, "I don't know, but I promised the Lord I'd be open."

❖ Please keep Judy Peckenpough, wife of the late **Howard (Peck) Peckenpough**, in your prayers. Judy's mother, Connie

Mills, died in July. Mrs. Peckenpough's address is 1877 Palmetto Isle Drive, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466.

❖ **The Rev. Chris Royer** has joined the staff of The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, as an associate where he oversee the expansion of the faith formation program. Chris came to our diocese from the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Please welcome him, his wife, Grace, and their two young daughters, Read more on page 11.

❖ **The Rev. Gregory M. Smith** is the new Chaplain to the Citadel. In this position Gregory will serve on the staff of the Church of the Holy Cross. He will spend his weekdays with the Corps of Cadets and his weekends with the Church of the Holy Cross. Smith is married and has three children under the age of 8. He comes to us from parish ministry in Colorado, and was a seminary classmate of The Rev's Trip Cormeny and Chris Warner. The Rector of Holy Cross, The Very Rev. John Burwell, says, "I know you will love Greg and ask you to join with me in praying for fruitful ministry." The Rev. Trip Cormeny, a 1997



Citadel graduate, and Pastoral Associate at Holy Cross is assisting Greg in his transition and will help him do the initial ministry on the campus.

❖ **The Rev. Tabitha Wang** will be in the United States from January - March, 2009, and is looking for a parish in which to hone her skills in liturgical services, preaching and other ministerial practices. "I am used to the Chinese way of providing services without compensation but would appreciate a small stipend which would include round trip travel to and from Boston, and a room for a month," she says. You may contact Bob Lawrence at St. Michael's if you are interested in having her serve in your church, or visit your church for a speaking engagement.



❖ **The Rev. Ken Weldon** was installed as the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Florence on Wednesday, September 10. Read the full story on page 10.





Above: Diane and Mark Mitchiner enjoy a time of reflection during the Diocesan Couples Conference.

## Diocesan Couples Conference

The 10th Annual Diocesan Couples Conference was held August 1-3 at beautiful St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. A severe thunderstorm on Friday did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the 35 couples who participated.

The Rev. Chuck Owens and his wife Becky provided excellent, humorous teaching on how men and women differ and how our differences complement one

another. David Sadd led the music and did a fabulous job. Drak and Rosemary Drakeford gave a moving lay witness. Everyone enjoyed the Saturday night party with dancing, food and fellowship.

On Sunday we had a wonderful worship service which included a renewal of marriage vows.

Next year's conference will be July 24-26. Mark your calendar!



## United Thank Offering 2009 Grants and Fall Ingathering

By Nancy Pickering, UTO Diocesan Chair

The 2009 United Thank Offering Grant applications are now available and have been simplified. They consist of five pages of instructions and a five page application. Only one grant application may be submitted by each diocese; hoping to keep grant request totals more in line with ingathering funds. Each diocese may submit one additional grant application with its Companion Diocese.

The UTO will support projects that address poverty of women and children; are significant in nature and address compelling human need; demonstrate new and innovative work; and are part of a planned diocesan mission strategy. UTO grants will not fund any deferred maintenance; the complete cost of ve-

hicles (half must come from the applicant); and capitol improvements that do not expand capacity to meet compelling human need; or mission and ministry need in disadvantaged situations.

It's time to schedule the Fall Ingathering dates with your clergy. October 26 is the suggested date. The Diocese of South Carolina has always generously supported the United Thank Offering. I encourage all men, women and children, to count their blessings daily and place a coin in their "little blue boxes."

If you have any questions about the UTO process, please contact me at either (843) 263-0444 or email me at npicks2@charter.net

## Generational Impact Event

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Rob Rienow, above, right, inspires families to keep Christ at the center of their family.

together as a family in such a relaxed way that we enjoyed every minute of it. We were able to meet a lot of other families and make connections that we can now maintain on the Visionary Community website. The whole time we felt wrapped up in God's hands and safe just to be a family. Needless to say, the fabulous food, beautiful surroundings and cool activities really added to our experience. As we were leaving camp, the kids were already asking, "can we come back next

year?" We came home from the camp week with a new zest for our family vision and a sense of what God can do for our family when we just make time for Him.

Now I'm trying to develop this wonderful event for my diocese and I've gotta tell ya, it's going to be a real challenge to make it as special. St. Christopher, the ministry team, and the Rienow family are a tough act to follow!

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

Forty-five years ago this year, C.S. Lewis died a tired yet transformed man at age sixty-five. Not quite ten years before, he had delivered a lecture in Cambridge – to which as an Oxford man he had just been surprisingly appointed as Professor of Medieval and Renaissance Literature – in which he averred that the long, almost 2000-year run of European Christian civilization seemed all but over. We are witnessing, he said, "the greatest change in the history of Western Man," and he called himself "one of the last specimens" of traditional Christian culture: "Use such specimens while you can, there are not going to be many more dinosaurs!" Even at that time, even that long ago, Lewis said that most of his students and colleagues in the world of academe viewed Christianity with nothing but incurious tolerance.

The decade of the 1960s was a transition time not only for the previous generation of Church of England luminaries but, as a teenage convert to Christianity, for me personally. As the unchristened only child of secular liberal humanists, I had moved ten years earlier from New York to London and was enrolled in a Church of England affiliated school. Unlike the incurious colleagues of C.S. Lewis (whose *Mere Christianity* was required reading at my school), I found the claims of Christ, as commended to me in their Anglican guise, irresistible. For that matter, the Church of England itself was still celebrating its post-World War II institutional renaissance: Queen Elizabeth II, hailed as a new Gloriana,

was on her namesake's throne, and the throne of St Augustine of Canterbury was occupied, as had become almost customary, by an ex-headmaster Archbishop.

### Endings and Beginnings

Yet even as I was being baptized – according to the only liturgical form at that time authorized in the Church of England, the 1662 Book of Common Prayer – the winds of ecclesiastical change were beginning to stir. Indeed, it was the 99th Archbishop of Canterbury's – Geoffrey Fisher's – determined agenda to update the Church of England's long-unrevised Canon Law. For instance, in the year of my own baptism, the following Canon LXXIV of 1603 was

still in effect: *No ecclesiastical person shall wear any Coife or wrought Night-cap but only plain Night-caps of black Silk, Satten, or Velvet!*

That was then, and this is now. Earlier this year, when I was back in England helping to pave the way for Bishop Lawrence's visit, the chattering classes were full of predictions that, for Anglicanism as it had been, the end was nigh! The new head of the National Trust for English Heritage wrote: "If, as seems likely, even Anglicanism cannot find peace within itself, then who gets the Nave, and who gets the Steeple?" Another newspaper series, *Anglicanism at the Crossroads*, featured the headline: "The Church in the Lurch." And that icon of traditional Fourth Estate conservatism, *The Spectator*, splashed on its front cover a cartoon

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## New Life for St. Lukes

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the property. Hank Stroup, Director of Baskervill Ministries, joined us, as did the Reverend Linda Manuel, who lives at DeBordieu.

We arrived to enter a charming cedar-shingled structure with warm, pine paneling. The parish house, in need of renovation, is located behind the church. Both are situated on a double-lot on a pretty, tranquil street.

From the chancel steps, Bob Harper proceeded to tell us the story of St. Luke's. As he began to speak, I found myself needing to sit down in one of the pews. The sacredness of his story — the holiness of the moment — struck me, for it was the story of a church. The story of church is always the story of family, and faithfulness, of a past and a present, of a future and a hope.

For many years, Bob's father, Dr. Robert Harper, was the only physician in Andrews. He was a member of St. Luke's, and died about a year ago.

The family owned the property, and there had been talk over the years of deeding it to the diocese. But Dr. Harper was afraid that it would be sold. He wanted to see the structure serve as host to a church. If not, then his wish was that the family hold onto it.

Apparently, some years ago, there was a desire on the part of the diocese to acquire it and sell it, but, as Bob recounted to us, his father blocked that potential transaction. The family recently decided, however, that they would deed the property to the diocese. Were it sold, Bob then explained, he himself would have bought the property back. "Also," he continued, there would be a stipulation: "We were going to ask that the money from that sale be given to Hank," and he motioned

to Hank Stroup sitting in one of the pews. Already, the family had requested that the proceeds be designated to Holy Cross Faith Memorial and specifically to the Smith Medical Clinic.

Debbie smiled and said: "Callie, I knew all of this, but didn't tell you, because I wanted you all to hear it from Bob directly."

Already, a couple of thousand dollars sit in a St. Luke's account. And just recently, Sel Hemingway, administrator of Georgetown, happened to buy a small piece of property from the diocese for \$5,000. Bob Harper said: "Well, let me talk to Sel..." The very next morning, Sel Hemingway sent word requesting that the \$5,000 which he had just paid the diocese be designated to St. Luke's. It just so happens that the building needs central heating and air!

The stained glass window behind the altar needs a good cleaning. The glass contains the symbol for St. Luke, the physician, the healer. I thought of Dr. Harper. People who are healers tend to look beyond; they tend to see what might be, living their faith perhaps more so than professing it.

St. Luke's was established in 1916, the building completed in 1923, and consecrated in 1928. It was Bishop Guerry's wish that a mission be established in Andrews—for he saw "bright promise of the place."

You'll be hearing more about this exciting venture, as well as how you might become involved. In the meantime, thank you for your prayers for the future of St. Luke's, Andrews.



# Sharing the Same Heart

## Mark Cooke Reflects on Mission to Uganda and the True Foundation for Mission Partnerships

By The Rev. Mark Cooke, Pastoral Assistant to the Dean,  
Cathedral Church of St. Luke and St. Paul, Charleston

My internal clock has pretty much adjusted back after crossing seven time zones, but I am still processing all that happened on this journey to Uganda. Preaching, teaching, healing prayer, relationship building, refugee camps, with no lost luggage or sickness (while eating some weird stuff) – all this adds up to an amazing two weeks of divine appointments, divine protection (fueled by your prayers!) and Kingdom life magnified on the earth.

My trip coincided with Bishop Lawrence's trip to Lambeth, where much that he reported was about building partnerships with like-minded bishops and provinces.

The world is indeed small; the nations are on God's heart; and His church is His instrument of saving grace across the globe. We, in this diocese, are so privileged to have such a strong mission focus, with so many of our parishes (large and small) sending mission teams and supporting missionaries all over the world, but what does it mean to partner with brothers and sisters in Christ in other lands?

### What is the True Foundation for Partnerships?

What is the true foundation for our partnerships – Anglicanism, liturgy, vestments, prayer books, ponchos and funny hats (chasubles and miters)? I think that we all know that similar external expressions and forms are no guarantee that we truly share the same internal heart



Above: Members of the team pose with Bishop Stanley and two of his staff. Team members include, clockwise from top left, Wayne Cassaday, Mark Cooke, Mitchell Cassaday, Tracy Cassaday, Millie Powell and Hope Cassaday.



The Rev. Mark Cooke, right, assists Bishop Stanley Ntagali of the Masindi-Kitara Diocese in NW Uganda in leading a diocesan clergy conference. The seminar was titled, "Expanding My Ministry under the Vision of Apostolic Leadership."

of the Gospel. Before retiring, Bishop Salmon stated to our clergy, that within the Anglican Communion, we now have two incompatible definitions of what the Gospel is.

Before I get too lengthy let me share a simple thought on what we build our missions partnerships on (in the Dominican Republic, Uganda, Burundi, the Ukraine, Chad, or anywhere).

Beneath the external forms, we must build relationships with believers with kindred spirits, devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ, the integrity and authority of His holy Word and the historic faith, once delivered to the saints, who share our commitment to advancing the Kingdom of God through sharing the way, the truth and the life with the world.

Bill Hull in his book, *Choose the Life: Exploring a Faith that Embraces Discipleship*, says that the church is called to make disciples not simply church members, and here or around the world this always involves leading people to...

**Believe** what Jesus believed – transforming our minds; **Live** as Jesus lived – transforming our character; **Love** as Jesus loved – transforming our relationships; **Minister** as Jesus ministered – transforming our service; **Lead** as Jesus led – transforming our influence.

I think this provides a good summary of any starting point for building any mission partnership.

In this time of tremendous transition in the Anglican Communion, may we continue to expand our heart for missions,

prayerfully focusing on where the Lord leads, and building kingdom partnerships wherever the doors open.



Above: Tents provided by the UN in the refugee camp outside of Kiryandongo where the Ugandan government and the UN provide aid to 16,000 refugees from the Sudan, Congo, Uganda's civil war, and the recent unrest in Kenya.

## There Must Be More Money...

By The Rev. John Barr III, Rector, Holy Comforter, Sumter SC

Years ago I read a short story by D.H. Lawrence called *The Rocking Horse Winner*. It is a sort of strange and haunting story with surreal features. But the gist of it is this: a little boy grows up in a family in which he is not loved, where there is no encouragement, just a haze of joylessness. The driving reality in this family's life is the fear of having no money. It taints everything; it becomes the air they breathe. This fear takes form in the parents' lives and becomes the dominant shade which stains their home, their meals, conversations and imaginations. "If we just had more money," the little boy would hear his mother say in hushed words to his father; the child tries everything he can to dream up how to make this fam-

ily well by getting money. He becomes a clairvoyant and helps his father bet on horse races. But it is never enough. In the climactic scene, which has not left me after all these decades, here is this little boy riding his rocking horse frantically; and as he rides to some land you cannot see, which never arrives, the words come: "There must be more money! There must be more money!"

In our culture it is money which has a death grip on so many people. They want more; they fear losing what they have; they want to make sure nobody else can get what they have. That's why Jesus told us: "Give and it shall be given to you. Pressed down, shaken together, and running down, it shall flow into your lap" (Luke 6:38).

Giving is the greatest antidote there is to the death grip all of us are tempted to allow money and possessions to have on us. It reminds us we are not our own, that everything that comes to us is not ours to keep, that "He is no fool to lose what he cannot keep, to gain what can never be taken away." (Jim Eliot).

This goes not just for giving money for the Lord's use once a year, but also for your general outlook on life. When you sit in a restaurant and the waitress is not doing a very good job, when she is distracted, do you have the feeling you have a right to fabulous service, or does it cross your mind that her child might be in the hospital? The cook may be yelling at her. She may be sick, but cannot take a day off to be sick. It might be a wonderful thing to blow her heart away with grace, and leave a tip which says: "Surprise! God loves you.

You are not alone." One time my wife stopped to pay at a toll road, and when she was giving the man the money, she said: "Let me pay for the next three cars, too." Do you ever just stop and pick up a present for the children on the way home for no reason?

In all these things we are breaking a curse. We are unforging the chains of selfishness which live in all of us. "There must be more money!" is a death grip which needs to be broken.

We are here for more than ourselves. We are here to serve, to begin the long, joyful process of getting carved into looking like Jesus, who is the breathtaking picture of giving. Giving is not a one shot deal in the fall; it is a life-

style of gratitude and specific events of giving. It is saying: "I will not trust in what I have in the bank; I will not trust in the fear of losing; with all the talk of downturns and recession, I will not let that voice dominate me which says, 'There must be more money!' No, I will trust in the One who put me supremely on this earth and who will carry me each day homeward, the One who for our sake became poor, so that we could become rich."

There is always more than enough in Him.





# Coffee, Christianity and The Midnight Rooster

St. Bartholomew’s Offers Christianity Explored in Hartsville, Coffee House; Bringing the Gospel to the People

On Monday evenings during June and July, St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church offered Christianity Explored an eight-week course designed to introduce people to Jesus Christ through the study of Mark’s Gospel. The participants explored three questions that allowed them to examine and question the heart of Christianity: “Who was Jesus?” “Why did he come?” and “What does Jesus demand of those who want to follow him?” The evenings consisted of fellowship, food, Bible study, and the viewing of a DVD series entitled “Christianity Explored” developed by Rico Tice of All Souls Church, Langham Place, London.

Lay leaders John Foster, III and Rags Coxé facilitated the discussions for between ten and twelve participants each week. Foster said that the Midnight Rooster was chosen as a venue because it provided a relaxed, non-threatening environment. The owner, Jessie Avant was more than willing for St. Bartholomew’s to use the dining area Monday evenings.

The Midnight Rooster is a local coffee house that not only serves coffee, lunch and dinner, but the owner Jessie Avant welcomes the opportunity to open her

coffee shop to local churches and faith-based organizations for Bible studies. Foster selected the Midnight Rooster for Christianity Explored because it was in keeping with Rico Tice’s idea of offering his course in non-traditional venues to attract non-church people to Bible study in a relaxed and non-threatening environment.

## Processing into the Community

According to Foster, what distinguished the venue was that in their worship on Sundays the Priest processes the Gospel into the nave among the people and that offering this study was an extension of that

procession into the community outside the walls of the Church. Foster and Coxé commented that what surprised them was that the course curriculum is

designed to introduce people to Jesus; however, their participants were all Christians at different stages of their faith journey and represented a variety of denominations, which made for rich discussions that focused on personal experience and also the authority of the Bible. One participant commented that as we seek to live our lives like Jesus that we should recognize that our walk with God is not easy and that we should not seek to fit the Word of God to our lives but seek to fit our lives within the standards established in the Bible.

Foster commented that on their last evening of fellowship, exploration and study they concluded that it is through Jesus Christ that we are summoned to become more truly human and to reflect the image of God into the world. The participants left the course transformed hoping to transform others as they have become renewed through studying Mark’s Gospel.



ROCKY CADDELL

*The Midnight Rooster is a local coffee house/eatery one block away from St. Bartholomew’s. The owner, Jessie Avant, shown above with John Foster, opens her coffeehouse for poetry readings and acoustic concerts. She welcomes the opportunity to offer her coffee house to local churches and faith-based organizations for Bible Study.*

## Episcopal Relief & Development Healing a hurting world

### Episcopal Relief & Development Responds to Hurricane Ike

Early Saturday morning, on September 13, Hurricane Ike made landfall in the United States destroying the town of Galveston, Texas and smashing through the Gulf coast region. The Hurricane left 56 people dead, more than two million without power and thousands stranded in their homes or in shelters. Search and rescue teams continue to save people from flattened houses and rising waters in Galveston and other coastal communities.

The Episcopal Diocese of Texas has been deeply affected by the storm. Recent reports are focusing on the destruction in Houston, Orange, Galveston, Beaumont and other areas. News continues to pour in and assessments are currently under way. Episcopal Relief & Development is responding with funds to address immediate needs of vulnerable families.

The Episcopal Diocese of West Texas has been impacted by evacuated populations. Twenty-one of their institutions are functioning as Red Cross shelters and a network of more than two hundred volunteers will maintain the shelters for as long as they are needed. These churches offer meal programs and relief supplies including tarps and water.

“Episcopal Relief & Development is communicating with affected dioceses in Western Louisiana, Texas, West Texas and Arkansas and is providing critical assistance as the needs arise,” said Don Cimato of Episcopal Relief & Development. “We are working in coordina-

tion with voluntary organizations at state and national levels with the goal of preventing the duplication of services.”

Reports from the Episcopal Diocese of Western Louisiana suggest that the damage caused by Hurricane Ike is significantly worse than Hurricane Rita. Clergy and parishioners have had their homes flooded. The Lake Charles and Sulphur region was drastically impacted and continues to be threatened by water surges.

“We are prepared to provide food, water, medicine, shelter and other basic supplies as well as long-term rebuilding in the aftermath of the destructive hurricane season,” continued Cimato. “Please continue to support and pray for the people affected by Hurricane Ike.”

Hurricane Ike was the fifth storm of a devastating atlantic hurricane season. Episcopal Relief & Development is continuing to respond to the destruction caused by recent hurricanes in Haiti and the Caribbean where over 200,000 are left homeless and over 800,000 people are in need of urgent aid.

To support people on the Gulf Coast impacted by hurricanes, please make a donation to Episcopal Relief & Development’s “US Hurricane Fund,” online at [www.er-d.org](http://www.er-d.org), or call 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief & Development, “US Hurricane Fund,” P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. For contributions assisting those in Haiti and the Caribbean, please give to Episcopal Relief & Development’s “Hurricane Relief Fund.”

## Operation New Orleans: Restoration Tour 2008

Five youth ministers, 39 students, five leaders, one speaker and a band of five, Soulstice, traveled from the Diocese of South Carolina to New Orleans this past summer as part of Operation New Orleans: Restoration Tour 2008. The churches involved included St.

Susie Morrison’s reflections on the trip. Susie is the Youth Minister at St. Michael’s, Charleston.

“As we set off on our travels to The Big Easy, there was an expectation of being able to help people with their destroyed homes; to really get in there and

into the city we sensed a reality that is more of a feeling than actual visual cognition; some kind of oppression more sensed and not seen though around us.”

“...The week was long and hard, as you can imagine. We found that we would be working in the Broadmoore area where, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, the flood waters breached the levy. The church sat in eight feet of water for about three weeks before it was transformed into a station for people to collect and distribute necessary items.”

“...At first some of the work seemed fruitless and not what we expected because we wanted to make a powerful difference in the homes, to see major transformation. We encouraged students to do the best they could and to keep the heart of a servant while doing whatever we were asked.

We discovered that in many of the circumstances, people had lost everything; furniture, clothing, appliances, pictures of family, and more. Their homes were full of water and though they were able to return, they had returned with little to rebuild.

“Restoration Tour began to come to life for each of us as we spent time in small group devotions and worship each night seeking the Word for signs of hope. Each night we uncovered different truths of God’s plan to restore each of us, individually and corporately. The hope unfolds in recognition that in every facet of our lives God has provided and will continue to provide a way of hope and His healing power to restore us, His church, to himself. How often we consume ourselves with thought of what is to come instead of on the promises of the creator who promises in Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you, to give you hope and a future.”



Michael’s, Charleston; St. James, James Island; Trinity, Pinopolis; St. Paul’s, Summerville, and St. Paul’s, Conway.

Following are excerpts from

fix houses in a big way, doing some really hard labor. After all, we heard there was still a big need even though the community was coming back. Driving



MARGE BARBER

### St. Helena’s Fall Bazaar, November 1

The ECW of The Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort will hold its annual Fall Bazaar Saturday, November 1, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Bazaar Preview will be held on Friday evening, October 31, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Nothing will be sold on Friday, although bids will be accepted for the Silent Auction.

The bazaar will feature baked goods, candy, frozen foods, books, crafts and gifts, and more. The bazaar is at the Parish House, 507 Newcastle Street in Beaufort. Contact Bazaar Chairman Annie Pollak at (843) 538-6497 or the church at (843) 522-1712 for more information, or visit [www.sthelenas1712.org](http://www.sthelenas1712.org).



# WAY: West Ashley Youth Build God's Kingdom Together

By Jamie Sosnowski  
Family Minister, The Church of the Good Shepherd

Exciting things are stirring in youth ministry in West Ashley. Several youth groups have been working together to host combined youth group events. The churches currently involved are St. John's, Johns Island, Old Saint Andrews, West Shore, and The Church of the Good Shepherd. We decided there is strength in numbers and have put on two events so far, with a future event scheduled for December 7 at the Church of the Good Shepherd. We call these gatherings "WAY" events for West Ashley Youth. At these

Youth Ministry for the Diocese explains, "The vision for youth ministry in our diocese starts with working together. It is our conviction that together we can create more effective events and stimulate better youth ministry than we can on our own."

It is not good for youth groups to be islands disconnected from the rest of God's Kingdom. Having different youth ministers speak at the combined events allows the students to hear the Gospel message presented clearly in a variety of styles and presentations. A style that doesn't speak to one student may be the perfect presentation for another.

Also, combining youth groups from the same geographic area gives students the opportunity to meet other young Christians in their neighborhoods. Hopefully, recognizing a classmate or a teammate at a WAY event will lead to Christian friendships outside of the home church. Furthermore, combining

the resources of several churches allows the group to go places and participate in activities that they could not do on their own. In the future, WAY may lead to combined mission trips and retreats. Along those lines, when the churches involved attend large scale Diocesan events, the WAY youth will know each other rather than just the few people they came with. We are hopeful that other West Ashley churches will join us as we build God's Kingdom together.



PHOTOGRAPH BY SYLVIA FOLK

events, each church sends their youth group and leaders to the host church, which provides the space and refreshments. The youth ministers from the participating churches each have a role in leading the event. Each WAY event features a speaker, small groups, games, snacks and worship. These are the same elements found in most youth groups; however, there are advantages to doing these things with other churches. As Dave Wright, Coordinator for

# The Underground 2008 Kingdom Life

November 14-16, 2008

White Oak Conference Center, Winnsboro, SC



For all middle and high school students of the diocese

This event brings together the tradition, vision, and passion of Mondo and re:generate into one massive weekend that seeks to include all the middle and high school students of our diocese! Worship and Teaching focused on being prepared to live out the Kingdom Life every day! Groups can register online at <http://www.scyouth.org> or by contacting Beth Snyder in the Diocesan Office at (843) 722-4075.

Special Guests include:

**Dixon Kinser**

Youth & Young Adult Pastor at St. Bartholomew's in Nashville, TN speaking!

**Bishop Mark Lawrence**

Speaking and celebrating the Eucharist!

**Trey Truluck**

Contemporary Music Leader at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, leading us in musical worship!

**Nathan Tasker**

Recording artist, performing in concert!

**Isaac Improv**

Performing live interactive comedy improv!



# Refresh & Refocus Youth Ministers Gather: Infusion 8.08

Central to our vision of working together, our biannual overnight for youth ministers known as Infusion (our network is called Fusion) was held at St. Christopher conference center August 26-27. We gathered to build and renew friendships, encourage one another, worship together, and grow under teaching from God's word. On Tuesday afternoon, Jonathan Bennett, Director of Student Ministries at St. Christopher, walked us through a sample youth group meeting using a pattern that he implemented previously at Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island, and more recently into the summer camp program. Our youth ministers greatly appreciated the opportunity to see first-hand, not only the program of summer camp, but a meeting that centers around teaching the Bible. It was a lively, fun, and encouraging session. In the evening, The Rev. Chris Warner taught a powerful session on being real with one another. On Wednesday

spent at Rural Mission on Johns Island.

Unlike a typical week at camp, this student leadership week was held in the conference center facilities. With the intimate size of the group, many friendships were formed and students are keeping in contact with each other through Facebook. We look forward to expanding this special opportunity in the coming years to involve even more potential young leaders in our diocese. Surely the future is bright for our church!



day morning Dave Wright, Coordinator for Youth Ministries, led a presentation and discussion on non-negotiables in the body. This look at authentic Biblical community explored scripture from both Old and New Testaments with a particular emphasis on the calling to proclaim and the culture to cultivate. Our youth ministers greatly enjoyed this time together and came away with a renewed focus in ministry. Our next Infusion will be held in the spring. Between these overnights, our youth ministers gather every other month for Fusion meetings and in between in local area networks.



"Growing Leaders has definitely changed my life. I feel way more 'with God', and have been able to express myself so much more freely in Christ," says Peter Cerato, shown above with other future leaders.

# Growing Leaders! Character, Calling, Competency

When the vision for youth ministries in our diocese includes building up a generation of leaders in the church, the obvious plan is to offer leadership training for students. To that end, St. Christopher hosted a student leadership camp in mid-August for high school students who desired to learn more about leadership and grow in their relationship with Christ.

From Monday August 11 to Friday August 15, more than two dozen students from a variety of churches came together to learn from God's Word, to worship Him, and explore what it means to be a leader in their context. The week centered on the concepts of character, calling, and competency. Character was addressed in our morning Bible teaching,

led by The Rev. Andy Morgan of Prince George Church in Georgetown. He walked the group through the epistle of Paul to Titus. Calling was the focus of our evening sessions, with teaching by Rob Schluter of St. John's, Johns Island; Dave Libbon of St. Andrews, Mount Pleasant, and Dave Wright Coordinator for Youth Ministries. Each looked at different people in the Bible to see how God called them into leadership for the kingdom. Competency was taught and experienced through seminars led by Oeland Camp of St. Paul's, Summerville; Dorothy Holland of Holy Trinity, Charleston; Jason Hamshaw of Prince George; Dave Wright, Rob Schluter, and David Sadd of St. Christopher staff. Students were also given the chance to serve through time



# That Was Then and This Is Now

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image of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Rowan Williams, in the process of decomposing, with the headline: “The End of the Anglican Church.”

But as C. S. Lewis’s fellow-convert to Anglican Christianity, T.S. Eliot, had affirmed: “In my end is my beginning.”

On the other hand, in *The Hollow Men*, Eliot suspired: “This is the way the world ends, not with a bang but a whimper.” Let us not be whimperers! Let us not suppose that the end of Anglicanism as we have known it is the end of the church! Long before there was a Christian Western Man, before there was Christendom itself, let alone a Vatican in Rome or a Hagia Sophia in Constantinople, before there was a Protestant Reformation or a Lambeth or Gafcon conference, Jesus asked His disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” And when Peter responded, “You are the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of the living God,” Jesus proclaimed: “Upon this rock I will build my church and against it the gates of hell shall not prevail.” However, Peter showed that he didn’t “get it” – didn’t understand the meaning of Jesus’ Messiahship, trying as he did to prevent Jesus from setting His face toward Jerusalem, toward suffering, toward Gethsemane, toward Calvary and the Cross; and later, in response to three very straightforward questions, denying, betraying, turning his own face away from Jesus. So much for a rock-like church!

When Jesus did reach the Cross, his forsakenness seemed to be a forsaken-ness not only by Peter but even by God. He died on that Cross and, according to the Apostles’ Creed, went down to hell; but as its gates did not prevail *then*, so – whatever changes Divine Providence has in store for His church in its Anglican guise today – let *us* not whimper *now*!

Our own new Bishop took the time and trouble to go both to Jerusalem, for the Gafcon Conference, and to Canterbury, for the Lambeth Conference, and to make his witness on behalf of the Diocese of South Carolina. We are “intact and in TEC” – but first and foremost, irrespective of denominational identity, we are a constituent member of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ. So let *us* not be whimperers!

## The Long Haul

In 2003 I found myself watching the BBC’s transatlantic coverage of that year’s General Convention of The Episcopal Church in the “TV lounge” of the Athenaeum Club in the heart of London. Apart from a few modern provisions (such as the very existence of a “TV lounge”!), the Athenaeum is an old-fashioned, elegant and hospitable time-warp, redolent of its pre-20th century heritage in the hey-day of English and Anglican imperialism. Its walls are still hung with *Punch* cartoons of Church of England bishops at their most, well, cartoon-susceptible! The Club was founded by (among others) Sir Walter Scott, and its intellectual and hierarchical aspirations were such as to inspire the following doggerel about its status in Club-land:

*There’s first the Athenaeum Club,  
so wise there’s not a man of it  
That has not sense enough for six;  
in fact, that is the plan of it:  
The very waiters answer you with  
eloquence Socratical,  
And always place the knives and forks  
in order mathematical.*

Such was the venue again this summer of several meetings to explore options as ecclesiastical entropy continues to overwhelm the Anglican Communion’s “order mathematical” inherited from a time now long past.

Andrew Carey, the son of the 103rd Archbishop of Canterbury – who delivered his historic address on “The Precious Gift of Unity” at the Cathedral in Charleston in 1999 – wrote these words for the Church of England Newspaper in July: “*The Church of England is changing before my eyes. It is clearly following TEC’s liberal path to an ambiguous post-Christian oblivion. Like TEC a remnant of committed believers will be left after others have departed ... What sort of Church do we want to bring people into – a scarred battleground or the Body of Christ? ... On one level, I remain uncomfortable with it. It reminds me of ‘Dad dancing’ – a phrase which sums up the excruciating embarrassment which only teenagers can feel when they see a parent making a fool of himself on the dance floor.*”

Is foolishness on the dance floor all that is left of Anglicanism? Has classical Anglicanism (*clerus Britannicus stupor mundi*) run its course? But if so, might not that nevertheless presage a new, albeit quite different and transforming, prospect for us in the Providence of God? Clearly, in South Carolina we have as our new Bishop a Spirit-led leader who is committed to what might be called the long haul. Bishop Lawrence wrote to us at the conclusion of the Lambeth conference:

*“I am glad I came here for this Lambeth and worshipped one last time in the Cathedral home of Augustine and Dunstan, Anselm and Becket, Cranmer and Laud, Temple and Ramsey. I had come to speak a word of hope and perhaps to intervene on behalf of our beloved, but in the last resolve the family refused the long needed measures. So he just slipped away, our noble prince, one dreary morning in Canterbury with hardly even a death rattle.*

*The new prince was born the previous month in Jerusalem. I was there—arriving late, departing early. I was never quite sure what I was witnessing. It was an awkward and messy birth. He hardly struck me as I gazed upon him there in the bassinet as quite ready to be heir to the throne. I even wondered at times if there might be some illegitimacy to his bloodlines. But that, I fear, was my over-weddedness to a white and European world. May he live long, and may his tribe increase—and may he remember with mercy all those who merely mildly neglected his birth.*

*As for me, my role for now is clear, to hold together as much as I can for as long as I can that when he comes to his rightful place on St Augustine’s throne in Canterbury Cathedral he will have a faithful and richly textured kingdom.”*

## Ave Atque Vale

Even as I myself prepare to retire as Dean of South Carolina from the full-time fray (though not from altar and pulpit when invited!), I remain convinced that God still has a heart for Anglicanism in its brokenness but also a heart for its redemption. For I believe that Geoffrey Fisher’s successor as Archbishop of Canterbury, Arthur Michael Ramsey, by whose authority I served for a time in the Church of England in the 1970s, discerned the true and abiding vocation of Anglicanism when, in his magisterial book *The Gospel and the Catholic Church*, he wrote:

*“...vindication (of the Anglican Church) lies in its pointing through its own history to something of which it is a fragment. Its credentials are its incompleteness, with tension and travail in its soul. It is clumsy and untidy, it baffles neatness and logic. For it is sent not to commend itself as the best type of Christianity, but by its very brokenness to point to the Universal Church.”*

Whatever the ups and downs of our ecclesiastical history, even the im-



St. Michael’s, Charleston  
to Host

## Day of Healing Prayer

Saturday, November 1  
8:45 a.m. - 3 p.m.

A Day of Healing Prayer is a time set aside where participants can bask in the Lord’s presence and receive prayer from trained, experienced Prayer Ministers. The day also includes teachings on specific areas of Christian healing. Our guest is Mrs. Joanne Ellison of *Drawing Near to God*. Registration forms and additional information can be found at [www.stmichaelschurch.net](http://www.stmichaelschurch.net), or call (843) 723-0603.

memorial mythology of Anglicanism can be instructive. It was C. S. Lewis’s friend, the church historian, novelist of spiritual thrillers, and mystic, Charles Williams who wrote a long poem about the Christian myth of King Arthur and his Court, *Taliessin through Logres*. C.S. Lewis himself thought it one of the very finest epics of the 20th century, in the line of Shakespeare’s mature drama. In it, King Arthur’s court poet Taliessin, a figure whose role is symbolically not unrelated to that of the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Established Church of England, prophesies earthly, political, ecclesiastical doom, but also (from the perspective of God’s eternal Providence) renewal, resurrection, transformation for what he calls the “company” – *the Company of Co-inherence* – the church:

*Teliessin gathered his people  
before the battle.  
‘Peers of the household,’  
the king’s poet said,  
‘dead now, save Lancelot,  
are the great lords  
and the Table may end to-morrow;  
if it live,  
it shall have new names  
in a new report.  
Short is our time,  
though that time prove eternal.*

*Therefore now we dissolve  
the former bonds;  
the voice sounded,  
the hands descended – ‘We dissolve  
the outer bonds; we declare  
the Company still  
fixed in the will of  
all who serve the Company,  
but the ends are on us,  
peers and friends;  
we restore again to God  
the once-permitted lieutenancy.’*

Anglicanism must surrender its once-permitted history and restore to God the Sovereignty that belongs to Him alone! In the real world wake of General Conventions many and General Synods many, of Gafcon on the one hand and Lambeth on the other, the ecclesiastical times and paradigms, they are a-changin’ – but the gates of hell have not, shall not, cannot prevail!

# Moving from Construction to Ministry at St. John’s Chapel

By Frenchie Richards, Board Chair

Over the past three years, we have been focusing on fulfilling a vision as described in Isaiah 61:4-5, which says, “*they shall rebuild the old ruins, they shall raise up the former desolations and they shall repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.*”

When we began the restoration, St. John’s Episcopal Chapel and its adjoining educational building were in ruins. The spaces were desolated, as well as the many generations of people living in the Eastside community of Charleston.

In our first phase, we wanted to restore the Educational Building so that we could begin to minister to the people as soon as possible. Isaiah 61:5 says, “*strangers shall stand and feed your flocks and the sons of the foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.*” In other words, the Lord was assuring us that He would send the helpers that we needed and He did.

## Volunteers Serving

Volunteers from many of the churches throughout the Diocese have worked diligently to prepare the Educational Building as a place of ministry for the women and children. Brother Dallas and Janie Wilson felt it appropriate to give the back building a new name to go along with its new mission: “The African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue” (A AFCBD).

In addition to the wonderful volunteer workers, an 18-member board of directors has been meeting monthly to oversee the plans and finances that many have so graciously given. These board members represent many of the churches throughout our Diocese and have been a great blessing as we have come together in unity to do what we feel God has called us to do. As working committees are formed from this board, three more members will be added to complete the group.

## Where Do We Stand?

Where does the plan stand now? We are within months of seeing the Women and Children’s ministry begin.

Janie Wilson, along with her “What Are Little Girls Made Of” team, has adopted the little girls in the first grade class of a local school. They will soon find out the needs of these children, and with the Lord’s help, develop appropriate after-school ministries. It is our prayer that these ministries affect every member of their households as well. As this happens, we are confident that other ministry opportunities will be birthed.

We are very excited about seeing the vision for ministry begin to unfold as we complete the final construction needs in Phase I of the restoration. The purchase of a van for picking up the children will be done shortly, thanks to the \$50,000 United Thank Offering (UTO) grant. Also, an appointment has been set for a key meeting with the principal of Wilmot Frasier Elementary School, our target school and first grade teachers.

Administrative and Ministry Offices are now open part-time and more volunteers are beginning to call in from all over South Carolina wanting to help. Once the appropriate ministries are established, volunteers will be connected to the ministry for which they have gifts and/or talents.

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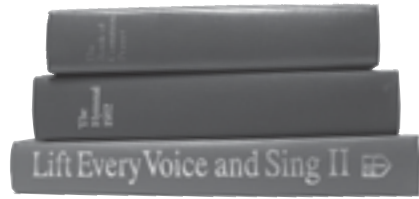


## Hymnals, Prayer Books; Lift Every Voice and Sing II

Needed by October 17  
for Liberian University

By The Rev. James Yarsiah

The Chairman of the Liberian Episcopal Clergy in the USA (LECUSA), Fr. Wilmot T. Merchant, II, has asked me to send this information.



The Church Pension Fund of TEC has agreed to pay for the shipping of a 20-foot freight container to the Episcopal Church of Liberia. They are sending 1982 Hymnals, 1979 Prayer Books, *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* (African American Hymnals) and theological books, to the Cuttington University College (an Episcopal University & Seminary). They have asked our organization, the Liberian Episcopal Clergy in the USA (LECUSA) to collaborate with them and solicit used 1979 BCPs, 1940 and 1982 Hymnals, Bibles, commentaries, Bible Interpreters, theological books, used vestments, altar linens/hangings, church ornaments, etc, for the Episcopal Church of Liberia. Sunday school materials/books for children and adults will also be appreciated.

We are kindly asking churches, clergy and altar guild organizations in the Diocese of South Carolina to help us acquire any of the above item/s. These will be packed into a 20 ft. container at the St. Andrew's Mission Church on Saturday, October 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. During the week of October 20, the container will be shipped from the Port of Charleston to the Freeport of Monrovia, Liberia. Liberia currently has a new Bishop, The Rt. Rev. Jonathan B. B. Hart. He was elected in December, 2007, and consecrated on February 2, 2008. He has made this request to assist him and the Church in Liberia during this period of rebuilding and empowerment, after 14 years of civil war.

It is important to note that the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Episcopal Church, USA, founded the Diocese of Liberia in 1836. Currently, congregations in the Episcopal Church of Liberia are using the 1979 Prayer Book and the 1940 and 1982 Hymnals during their worship services. Due to the Liberian civil war that ended in October 2003, these items are in short supply.

Please mail or drop off donated items to: St. Andrew's Mission, 2257 Ashley River Road, Charleston, SC 29414 (Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.). Attention: The Rev. James T. Yarsiah. Deadline for donated material/s is Friday, October 17. Thanks in advance for your generosity. May God richly bless you.

## Making Budget Decisions?

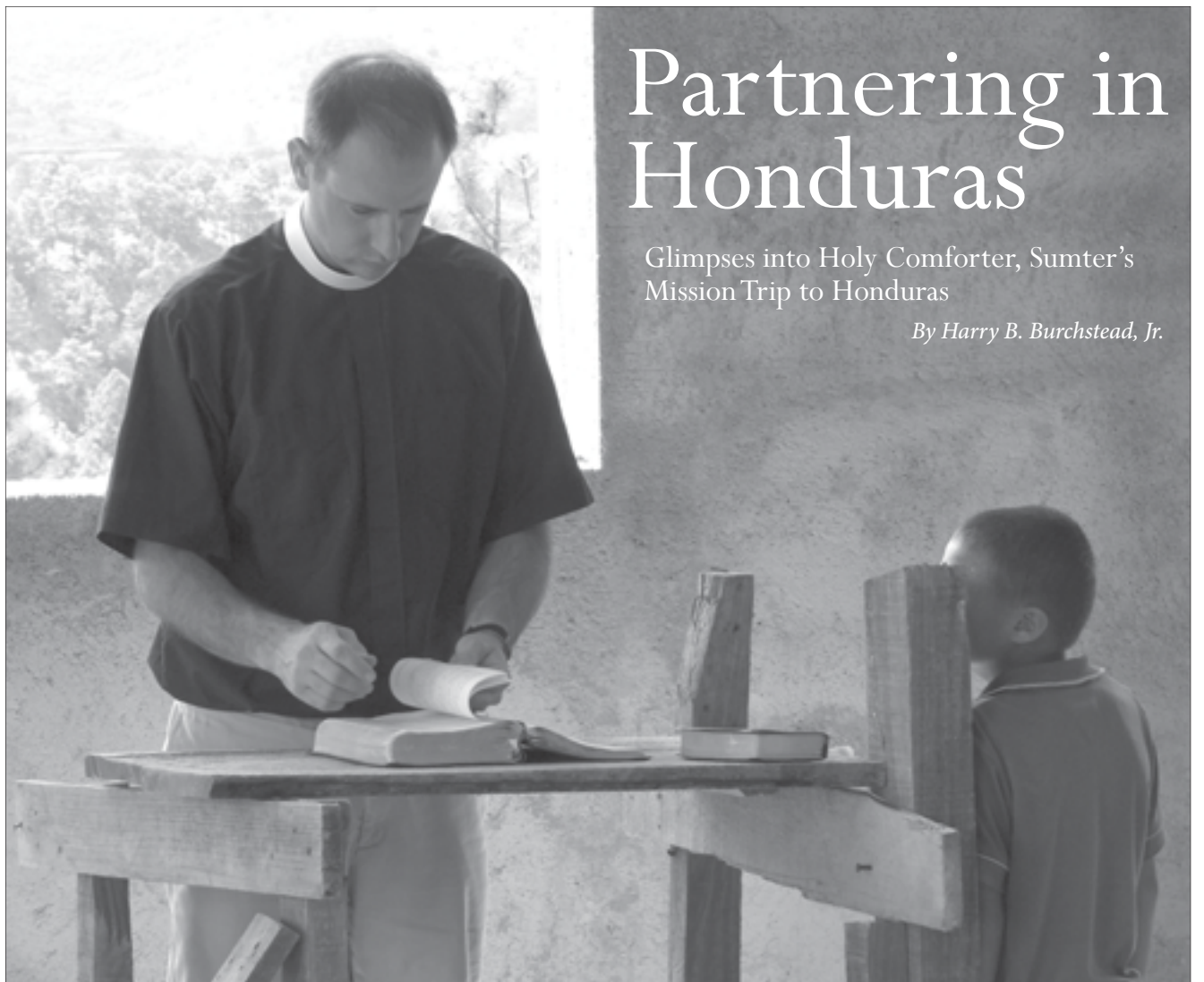
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May 31-June 2, 2009

Reggie McNeal  
Author; Leadership Network  
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### Who should attend?

Clergy, Staff and lay leaders  
from churches of all sizes.



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Above, the Rev. J. Hamilton Smith, Jr., prepares for Holy Eucharist in the Chapel at San Buenaventura.

Wednesday, July 30, 2008

"I have no more hope," the 14-year-old girl tells us through our interpreter and guide, David Gradiz. David is the Volunteer Coordinator for the Latin American Missionary and Bible Institute (the LAMB Ministry). We are a 12-member mission team from the Church of the Holy Comforter of Sumter, South Carolina.

The girl speaks for herself, but her story is all too typical for the 2.3 million Honduran children living in poverty, 72% of the nation's children.

The girl is cooking tortillas on a wood stove to sell on the streets of the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa. The girl has, by the circumstances of dire poverty, left school after the sixth grade to help support her family. She is obviously pregnant.

The home she shares with her family is the third stop on our tour of the La Cantera Barrio, a squatters' village built on a cliff overlooking the Rio Guacerique, less than a quarter of a mile from LAMB's offices in Colonia Flor del Campo. We've moved from poverty to extreme poverty to outright destitution.

David has brought us here because LAMB has targeted rebuilding of the family home as part of its community action ministry. The home is a shack fashioned from scrap building materials situated on a ledge scraped out of the steep cliff...not high enough for an adult to stand in. The ledge appears to be about 15 feet deep and 30 feet wide. The family lives with pigs they are raising to supplement their meager income. The swine have the run of the place, dropping their excrement on the tiny ledge.

The home is in danger of toppling over the ledge. A 2x4 is braced between the shack and a tree limb to fend off the force of gravity.

In order to reach this home, we traversed a narrow street littered with trash and animal feces. Then we ascended about 20 feet above street level about 20 degrees off straight vertical, finding footholds on rocks. The family has to bring their water up this route. Untreated sewage runs throughout the neighborhood into the river. Clean, safe drinking water can only be found in bottled water that the residents can ill afford.

For the uninitiated members of our

team, the experience is shocking and sobering. The experience drives home why we are here. This is the third day of our trip.

Sunday, July 27

We arrive at the international airport in San Pedro Sula and will travel in two vans to the Honduran capital. Our luggage includes 87 pairs of new shoes for the children in the LAMB Ministry's residential program and over 200 prayer bears. These small teddy bears carry hand written prayers from the children of Sumter to the children of LAMB.

After five hours on the road, we arrive at Erika's Guesthouse—our home for the next week. It's located in a quiet, middle-class neighborhood. We are greeted by Wheeler Conkling, LAMB's senior coordinator--a World War II veteran who moved here in 2005 after meeting Suzy McCall, LAMB's founder and field director.

Monday Morning

We arrive by van at LAMB's new residential children's home near the village of San Buenaventura. It is currently home to 48 children, some of whom were previously among the estimated 25,000 Honduran children living on the streets and others who were rescued from abusive home situations. We will assist in the ongoing construction, but first Suzy McCall, will introduce us to the facility.

Suzy is a 50-year-old native of Barnwell, South Carolina, and a graduate of the College of Charleston. She's been in Honduras for over 18 years now and has adopted nine children nobody else

wanted. The youngest is nine months old and suffers from spina bifida.

After a few years in Central America with the South American Missionary Society (SAMS), Suzy founded LAMB in 1999 as a missionary training school "to send third world missionaries to serve in kindred third world countries." This mission continues. One of the trainees is preparing for mission work in Pakistan.

Under Suzy's leadership, LAMB's ministry has experienced phenomenal growth from its base in the inner city, poor neighborhood of Flor del Campo. It operates the Instituto El Cordero, a day care center and day school for over 200 children, and provides numerous services to the poor. San Buenaventura is the latest expansion of LAMB's ministry.

Two years earlier, this beautiful, mountainous 30-acre tract of land was bare. Today it sports an unfinished chapel, several finished and near-finished cot-



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tages. Unfortunately, LAMB's efforts to date to drill a well have come to naught. Water must be trucked in.

After Suzy's walking tour of San Buenaventura, we are introduced to Scott, an American who has taken up residence in Honduras with his wife, a teacher at the Instituto El Cordero. Scott is the construction site foreman. He issues shovels, pickaxes, wheelbarrows, and

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## Weldon, New Rector, St. John’s, Florence

The Reverend Ken Weldon is the new rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Florence. Bishop Mark Lawrence presided at the service of Institution on Wednesday, September 10, at St. John’s. Ken and his family moved to Florence early this summer and began work at St. John’s on Sunday August 3.

Ken, “Boo,” and daughters Mattie (11) and Mims (8) are getting settled in their home and in their new surroundings. The girls are attending All Saints’ Episcopal Day School, where Mattie is in the sixth grade and Mims is in

the third grade. Both girls are already busy with activities in Florence. Mattie is involved in the theater, having earned a role

Porter-Gaud School in Charleston for the past four years and as a Priest Associate at St. Philip’s Church in Charleston since 2001. The call to be rector at St. John’s is a homecoming for the Weldons, as Ken served as youth minister there from 1994 to 1998. St. John’s is also the parish which sponsored the Weldons for seminary, and both Mattie and Mims were baptized there.

Ken is “thrilled to be back at St. John’s and grateful for the opportunity to continue to serve God in this wonderful parish.” When asked about his vision for St. John’s, Ken says “We are going to continue to faithfully preach the gospel of Jesus Christ just as this parish has done since 1867. We are going to reach out with the love and grace of our Lord to this congregation, to the Florence community, and as we have opportunity, to the world.” Please keep St. John’s and the Weldons in your prayers as they begin this exciting new season of ministry together.



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*Ken Weldon celebrates his institution with his wife, “Boo,” daughters Mattie and Mims, and his parents, Travis and Eddie.*

in an upcoming Florence Little Theater production and Mims is on the Freedom Florence Gymnastics team.

Before moving to Florence, Ken served as the Chaplain at

### Moving from Construction to Ministry at St. John’s Chapel

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We’ve come a long way and are ahead of the projected schedules. However; there is much to be done. With your help and prayers, I am confident that this next Phase will move quickly as we begin restoring the second floor of the African

American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue (AFCBD) and begin our first ministry, “What Are Little Girls Made Of”.

For more information on being involved as a volunteer, being a financial partner, or

receiving a quarterly Newsletter, contact me, Frenchie Richards at frichards7@aol.com; stjohshanover@aol.com or (843) 884-8651 (home); (843) 720-3600 (church).

### Partnering in Honduras

instructions. Our work for the next five days will center on the construction of a dining facility. We will work with Honduran craftsmen.

We eat a picnic lunch on the unfinished terrace of the chapel. Soon we’re joined by the children in their green plaid school uniforms. It’s their mid-day break from school work. And before we know it, they have enlisted us in playtime activities.

#### Monday Evening

Another mission group has arrived at Erika’s house. They are all Korean-Americans here to support another ministry, Jericho House. They thank us for the American missionaries who came to Korea in the early 1900s (“your grandfathers told us about Jesus.”)

#### Tuesday. San Buenaventura.

I get the opportunity to talk with Diana Collins. She’s from Vermont, but grew up in South America. Diana is fluent in Spanish and is teaching some of the girls how to set up a micro business making and selling fine bath soaps. San Buenaventura has a blue school bus. In 2006, Diana and a companion drove it down from Vermont—a 3500 mile odyssey that took them through Mexico and Guatemala.

#### Tuesday Evening

Suzy joins us at Erika’s house with some of her children and leads our devotional. Suzy shares her story and that of LAMB. She is passionate about the plight of at-risk children in this and other third world countries who are

being forced or allured into the sex trade.

#### Wednesday Morning, Flor del Campo

We enter the gates of the Instituto El Cordero. The children and staff are assembled in the courtyard and enthusiastically singing. The children are neatly dressed in their school uniforms. The cost to operate the school is about \$160 per child per month. The tuition is a small fraction of that. Even so, no child is turned away because of money. We will return to the school later in the morning to hand out the prayer bears, but now it’s time for the neighborhood tour.

Enroute to La Cantera and its world of squatters’ shacks and our encounter with the child who has lost all hope, an elderly woman waves to David as she descends the steep staircase to the footbridge below. She is one of the beneficiaries of LAMB’s food bank. A sack of rice, beans and

corn flour will sustain her and her family for two weeks. There is no such thing as Social Security, welfare or food stamps in Honduras.

#### Thursday, San Buenaventura

Back to work. My forearms are starting to burn. I have been filling wheelbarrows with dirt and small rocks incessantly. The older members of the team are all convinced that we each are going to lose 10 pounds on this mission trip. We joke about what folks back home would pay to lose 10 pounds in a spa, and how we can use this to market next year’s mission trip. I know that on this day there is no place I’d rather be and nothing I’d rather be doing.

#### Friday Afternoon, The Chapel at San Buenaventura

After a morning of work, the children grace us with a thank you program. The program includes a skit about street children—begging for food and money. Gina is in

## Harvest Festival October 29-November 2 at Grace Church

Grace Episcopal Church in Charleston invites the community to learn about flower arranging and see the work of

Sunday, November 2 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

The festival will conclude on All Saints’ Sunday with Grace’s St. Gregory Choir singing Choral Evensong at 5:00 p.m. The service will be followed by High Tea in the parish hall.

Registration for the flower arranging seminars will be open until October 22. The seminars will be held:

October 29  
1:00-3:30 p.m.

October 30  
5:30-8:00 p.m.

October 31  
9:30 a.m.-noon

Registration forms are available

at <http://gracechurchcharleston.org>, and in the Church Office at 115 Wentworth St. For more information about the seminars, contact Carolyn Yarbrough at (843) 884-3592.



Visitors can enjoy the flowers and music in the church on Friday, October 31 from 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.; Saturday, November 1 from 9:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m., and

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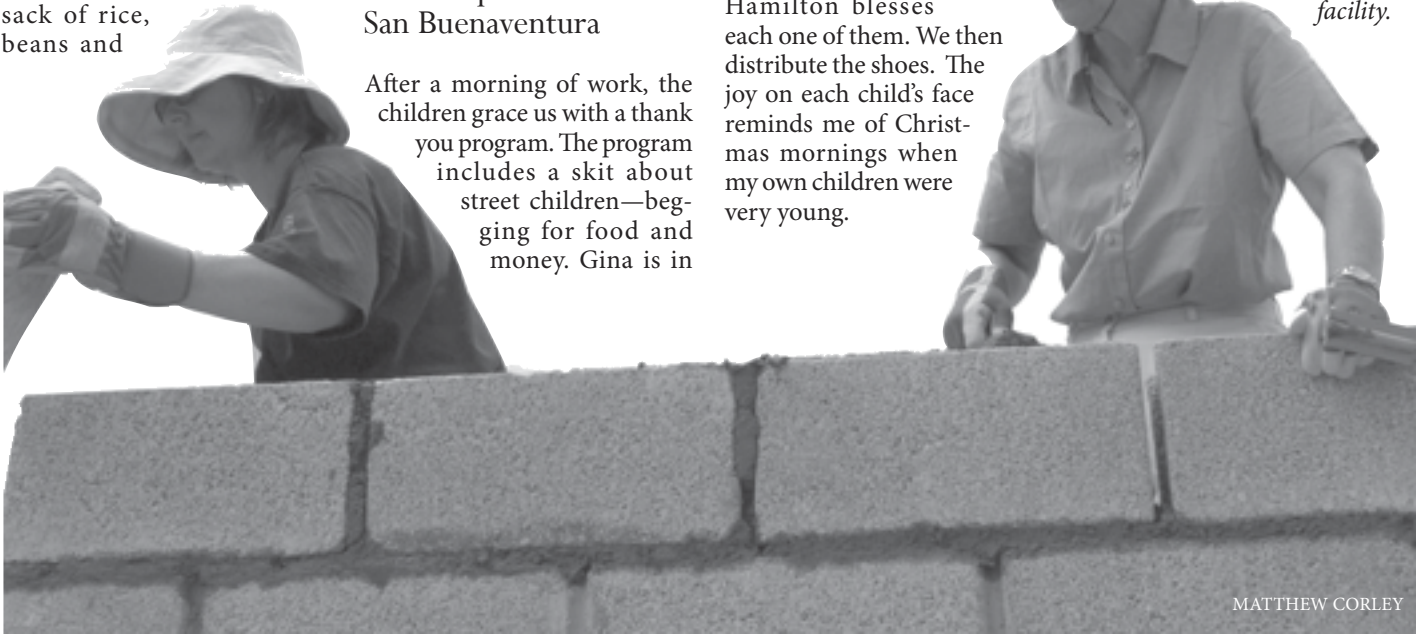
Children study at LAMB’s school in Flor del Campo .

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the skit. I remember seeing her story on a You Tube video posted by Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island. Before she was rescued by LAMB, Gina had to beg for food. Hamilton celebrates Holy Eucharist. The children too young for communion cross their hearts. Hamilton blesses each one of them. We then distribute the shoes. The joy on each child’s face reminds me of Christmas mornings when my own children were very young.

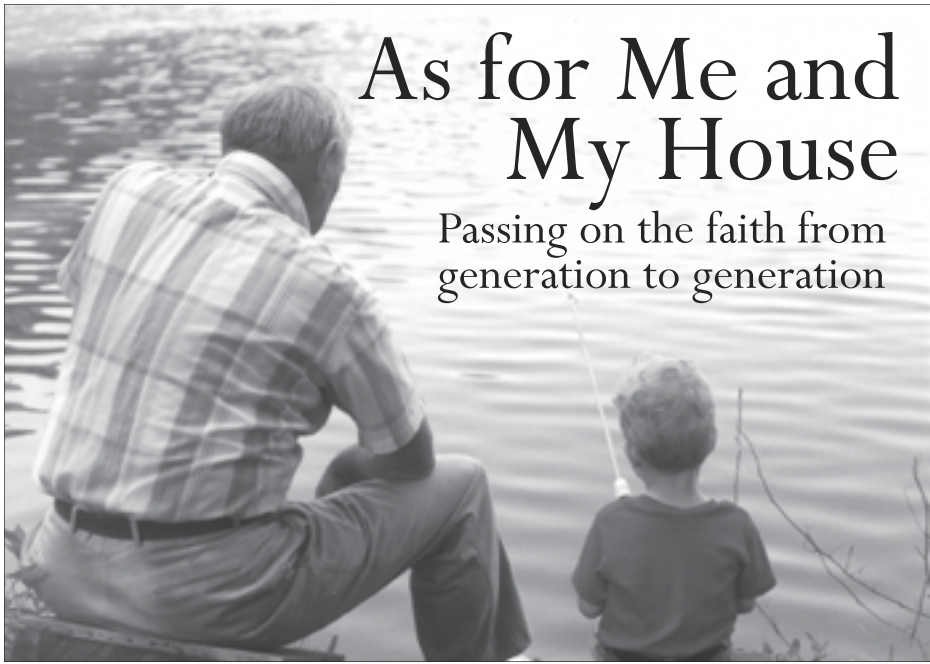
The previous article is an excerpt. Read the entire article at [www.holycomforter.net](http://www.holycomforter.net).

Below, from left, Ginny Corley, Team Leader, and Floride McKoy lay cement blocks for the new dining facility.



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# As for Me and My House

Passing on the faith from generation to generation

By Amy Watson Smith, Director of Christian Formation, St. Michael's Church, Charleston

I remember the first time I heard the statistic, I had difficulty believing it: almost half of all Americans who accept Jesus Christ as their Savior do so before age 13, and two out of three Christians made that commitment to Christ before the age of 18 (Barna Group). Not long after this, I heard a similar message with a different statistic: only one out of four adult Christians accepted Christ as their Savior after the age of 21. It became clear to me, at this point, that the Church couldn't afford to concentrate its evangelism and discipleship efforts on adults only. The idea of children's ministry took on more of a sense of urgency. We didn't have a minute to waste!

Several years later after volunteering as an elementary Sunday school teacher, I was introduced to the reality that we as teachers, ministry staff and clergy really had a minimal impact on children and their decision to follow Christ. As a teacher, I had only about one hour each week to teach a child about Jesus and the Bible. On the other hand, parents have multiple hours each day when they are

interacting with their children and they already have an established relationship. It didn't take rocket science to figure out that parents have the potential of having a far greater influence on a child's spiritual development. But were most parents taking advantage of the time they had with their children? Most parents I spoke with felt totally ill-equipped or felt they simply didn't have time to take on one more thing. Many felt that getting them to church on Sunday (to the "experts") was all they could manage or needed to do. I was convicted at this point that in addition to teaching the children on Sundays, we (the Church) needed to help equip and encourage parents to become the spiritual leaders of their children.

## Visionary Parenting

The next step in my journey came over a year ago when I was first introduced to Rob Rienow's Visionary Parenting. For the first time, I saw that I, as a parent, was actually commanded to pass on the faith to my child. This wasn't based on statistics or on practicalities. It was a Biblical command. I had read and heard

Deuteronomy 6:5-8 many times, but it had never been so clear to me.

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be 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." Psalm 78 reminds us of this as well: "O my people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter hidden things, things from of old- what we have heard and known, what our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done..."*

In fact, throughout scripture God instructs his people to pass on the faith to future generations.

As a parent, this revelation had a big effect on me and my husband and how we would raise our child. We came to realize that this command was more than just going to church on Sundays or saying a blessing at dinner. If we were to truly pass on the faith—and a passionate, life-changing faith at that—then much more was required of us. We would have to find ways to make our faith real and an ever-present part of who we are as a family. We also knew that we wouldn't be able to do this alone.

Earlier this summer at St. Christopher, our family joined twenty other families from around the diocese to

celebrate this vision of passing on the faith to future generations in a program entitled "Generational Impact." Developed by a team led by the diocesan Coordinator for Christian Faith Formation, Peter Rothermel, the week-long workshop/retreat involved teaching, worship, prayer, fellowship and play. Rob Rienow, accompanied by his family, provided the teaching segments. Several families,

including my own, were invited to represent St. Michael's in this first-time program. The week culminated in families sharing their vision statement declaring how they would live out the idea of passing on the faith to future generations. Bishop Lawrence joined the rector of each church represented to pray for and with the individual families present. It was a powerful experience.

My husband Michael and I are so thankful to St. Michael's and the Diocese of South Carolina for allowing us the opportunity to participate in this life-changing week. Practically speaking, I don't know how many changes our family has put into place at this point. We're just beginning the journey. But I do know that as a family we have declared: *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* (Joshua 24:15).

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## The Rev. Chris Royer Joins The Church of the Cross, Bluffton

By The Rev. Chris Royer

When people ask about the most unique thing in my family, I usually answer that I met my wife Grace in Germany, fell in love with her in Turkey, bought her engagement ring in Holland, proposed to her in London (at the zoo!), married her in South Korea, and honeymooned with her in America. After our honeymoon, we returned to Turkey where we continued our missionary service near biblical Tarsus and in biblical Smyrna (modern day Izmir).

I was born and raised in Boulder, Colorado, and baptized and confirmed in St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. I came to personal faith in Jesus Christ at the age of twelve through the dynamic and relevant teaching of my junior high pastor. I attended Wheaton College (1985-1989), where I received a Bachelor's in Biblical Studies and a Master's in New Testament Studies.

At Wheaton College, God lit my heart on fire for the Muslim World. George Verwer, president of the inter-denominational mission organization OM, challenged me to give up my small ambitions and preach Christ among followers of Allah. At that time, there was only one Christian worker for every

one million Muslims in the world.

So I served God in Istanbul (1990-1992), by learning Turkish and through administration for the Turkish Bible

comprised of Muslim background believers. In 2006, we moved to Pittsburgh so I could attend Trinity Seminary and pursue God's call to ordination in the Episcopal Church. This



The Royer family enjoys a vacation at Niagra Falls, from left, Grace, Daniella (11), Stephanie (9) and Chris.

Correspondence Course. In 1993, I got engaged to my wife Grace and then spent a year in her country, South Korea. I love Korean food—the spicier the better! We then returned to Turkey and spent five years in Adana (1995-2000) and five years in Smyrna (2001-2006), planting and pastoring churches

September, I accepted a call to be a curate at The Church of the Cross in Bluffton.

My passions are teaching and preaching God's Word. Jesus said, *"You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* I get thrilled when the truth of God's Word clicks in people's hearts and minds and

## Volunteers Needed

St. John's Episcopal Chapel, Charleston

Volunteers are needed to serve in the "What Are Little Girls Made Of?" program at St. John's Episcopal Chapel, (the African American Family Center for Biblical Dialogue). Volunteers will serve girls ages 6 months through 12 years. Not to be exclusionary, but we need mostly women for this undertaking. We need housewives, pediatricians, OB/GYNs, medical practitioners, dentists, lawyers, curriculum developers, and retired folks – grandmas etc. (with or without specific skills). We've just adopted two first grade classes, twenty-six, six-year-olds. "We are off and running!" says Janie Wilson. Remember, we have five failing elementary schools in 1.4 square miles of a federally designated Enterprise Renewal Community (ERC).

If you can volunteer, please contact Janie Wilson, President/COO, at janiedw@bellsouth.net or call (843) 830-0993 or the church at (843) 720-3600 x101 or contact Lynda "Frenchie" Richards, Chairman/CEO, at frichards@aol.com or (843) 720-3600 x102.

If you have construction experience or are a journeyman or layperson or priest who can hold a hammer and is willing to work on this historically significant building, we need your help. Once the elevator is complete (within five weeks from now, October 20,) we will need you to contact Howard Rambo at (843) 810-1976 or hgrambo3@comcast.net or Lynda "Frenchie" Richards (contact information listed above) so that we might schedule you and your group to assist us in this venture.

releases them to follow Jesus with peace, power, and love. I'm also passionate about world missions, particularly among people groups with no indigenous church and, therefore, no opportunity whatsoever to hear and respond to the Gospel.

My wife Grace and my two daughters Daniella (11) and Stephanie (9) are excited to be part of the Diocese of South Carolina and The Church of the

Cross. We look forward to getting to know you and to serving with you. As we conclude this article, would you let our family teach you our second favorite Turkish word? The word "Aslan" in Turkish means "lion", which is second in our family only to the word "lokum" which means "Turkish Delight." I wonder what C.S. Lewis was thinking.



# New: the Next Steps Seminar

## A training opportunity for volunteers

By Ed Dyckman, Chair, Department of Social Ministries

December 2008 marks the advent of the Next Steps Seminar to inspire and equip churches and Christ-centered social ministries to break the cycle of poverty in the inner cities and rural areas of South Carolina. The Next Steps Seminar is a training opportunity different from the Next Steps Database Training. We will conduct the Next Steps Seminar at your church at no cost. During the seminar, church volunteers learn to mentor people in poverty who want to make positive changes in their lives through the Next Steps Program. Mentors learn how to (a) help Next Steps Program participants establish life-improving goals, (b) connect participants with employment and social services in their community, and (c) help them take their “next steps” out of poverty.

### Plan Early

We recommend church leaders identify a Next Steps Seminar Coordinator in your parish to enlist members of your church as well as other churches in your community to participate in the Next Steps Seminar. Leaders in the Diocese, who have begun this process, include:

- The Rev. Andrew O’Dell, Rector, St. Matthew’s, Darlington, and St. Matthew’s parishioner Ms. Kay Baxley, Executive Director, Free Medical Clinic of Darlington County ([www.freemedicalclinicdc.org](http://www.freemedicalclinicdc.org));

- The Rev. Sandy Grant, Deacon, All Saints Hilton Head, and All Saints parishioner Dr. Narendra Sharma, Chairman, Neighborhood Outreach Connection ([www.noc-sc.org](http://www.noc-sc.org)) serving the poor in Hilton Head Island and Bluffton; and
- Mr. Chris Brooks, parishioner of St. Andrew’s Church, Mt. Pleasant, and Director for Program Development, Rural Mission, Johns Island ([www.ruralmission.org](http://www.ruralmission.org)) (see article below) and
- Ms. Deborah Harnish, Director for Emergency Help, Our Lady of Mercy Outreach Services ([www.olmoutreach.org](http://www.olmoutreach.org)) serving James, Johns, and Wadmalaw Islands.

### Course Preparation

In advance of each seminar, we will email the free Next Steps Seminar Manual to your Next Steps Seminar Coordinator for printing and distribution to seminar members. We ask that each seminar member purchase the soft-covered book *What Every Church Member Should Know about Poverty* (AKA “The Church Book”) by the Rev. Bill Ehlig and Dr. Ruby K. Payne (2006 edition) published by Aha! Process, Inc., Highlands, TX ([www.ahaprocess.com](http://www.ahaprocess.com)). We use it as a study tool in the Next Steps Seminar. The Church Book is available for \$16.20 per copy from either the Department of Social Ministries (during training) or in

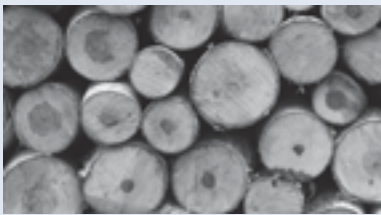
advance of training from the publisher in quantities of five or more. We recommend churches purchase and distribute The Church Book to those who sign-up so that they can read it in advance of the seminar.

### Next Steps Database Training:

We continue to offer Next Steps Database Training at no cost to volunteers and staff from churches and Christ-centered social ministries throughout South Carolina. Once individuals complete the three-hour training session, we assign them a user ID and password so they can access the Next Steps database from their home/office/church/ministry computer at [www.southcarolinaministries.org](http://www.southcarolinaministries.org). We schedule training sessions monthly and our next dates are Wednesdays October 22 and December 17, 2008, and January 14, 2009, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Agape Ministries of Charleston. The online Next Steps database links churches and Christ-centered social ministries participating in the Next Steps Program.

### Schedule/Register:

In order to schedule the Next Steps Seminar at your church or register for Next Steps Database Training in Charleston, please contact Ed Dyckman at (843) 367-5647 or [edward.dyckman@att.net](mailto:edward.dyckman@att.net). We can combine the Next Steps Seminar and Database Training if your facility has access to Internet wireless service.



## Stack & Deliver

Volunteers are needed to help split, stack and deliver firewood to elderly low income residents on Johns, Wadmalaw, Yonges and Edisto Islands prior to the colder months. The staging point is on Wadmalaw Island. Please consider volunteering one Saturday this winter. Call 768-1720.

## Send a Mission Team Somewhere New This Year: Wadmalaw Island Volunteer with the Rural Mission, Inc.

By Chris Brooks

Last year, Mrs. Julianne White lost her home, all of its contents, and many family treasures to a fire. She had no insurance coverage. The Rural Mission quickly agreed to help this elderly grandmother with a promise to build her a new two-bedroom home on her property where she wanted to stay. Helping Mrs. White soon became the dream and goal of her entire community and family in this close-knit community near Hollywood, S.C. A great many Rural Mission volunteers from many states and denominations joined in sharing in the work and expense. It was easy to see what this family matriarch meant to her large family and to her community. The many out-of-state volunteers who worked on the home were also blessed by her faith and sincere appreciation as she visited the home and the volunteers nearly every day. Mrs. White’s home is complete and she is now living in the home that could not have been built without the generosity and dedication of so many. The Rural Mission Housing Workcamp Program repeats this story and faith-building experience every year, bringing communities and people of all ages together in discipleship for, “Building with Love!”

Is your church looking for a faith-building mission project? Volunteers are needed now to repair and build homes for families and elderly residents. Seniors, youth groups and everyone are welcome and needed. Volunteer for a day or weekend, Monday through Saturday. Here are some opportunities:

### Current Opportunities

- ◆Help build a new home for an elderly resident at 1804 Battery Island Drive, James Island.
- ◆Volunteer to assist in building a home for an elderly grandmother at 6542 Maybank Highway near Rockville on Wadmalaw Island.
- ◆Replace a roof near Adams Run near Hollywood.
- ◆Repair a porch and roof on Wadmalaw Island.
- ◆Build a handicap ramp near Hollywood.

For information, contact **Anderson Mack, Jr.**, (843) 670-0431, [amjr06builder@yahoo.com](mailto:amjr06builder@yahoo.com). **Chris Brooks**, (843)725-9698, [chrislbrooks11@gmail.com](mailto:chrislbrooks11@gmail.com) or **Nancy Butler**, (843) 768-1720, [nbutler52@hotmail.com](mailto:nbutler52@hotmail.com).

## Rural Mission, Inc. and Social Ministries

By Chris Brooks, Director for Program Development, Rural Mission, Inc.

I’m grateful to Chris Warner, Director of St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center for introducing me to Ed Dyckman, Chair of the Diocese Department of Social Ministries. My family and I are members of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Mt. Pleasant, but I was unaware of some of the services the Department of Social Ministries can provide

I serve full-time as the Director for Program Development with the Rural Mission, Inc. on Johns Island. The Mission has served the low income families, migrants and elderly residents of the rural coastal Sea Islands of lower Charleston County since 1969. As an ecumenical ministry, we’ve been blessed with wonderful ties to nearly all denominations. The Mission provides a helping hand to all in need working to improve their lives and opportunities and to provide a place where volunteers can serve and grow in faith. We are making a difference. Check us out at: [www.ruralmission.org](http://www.ruralmission.org)

The Rural Mission has a long and greatly appreciated relationship with Episcopal churches in this Diocese. Some of the churches with whom we’ve had partnerships include St. Johns and Church of Our Saviour on John’s Island; St. Michael’s in Charleston; Christ-St. Paul’s, Yonges Island; Holy Cross, Sullivan’s Island and St. Andrew’s in Mount Pleasant.

As a small ministry, we are faced daily with the challenge of networking with other ministries and agencies to find the resources for those desperately needing assistance. Ed and the Department of Social Ministries has opened a door that I know will lead to more effective service. I urge other ministries to contact Ed and his office to avail themselves of his expertise and enthusiasm for growing missions and their outreach, not only in our area

but across the State. We appreciate the support that the Diocese has given to his initiatives. They are needed, and they will bear fruit.

One way in which Social Ministries is helping us is by providing a means of



Above, Rural Mission volunteers rebuild a home on John’s Island to replace one that was destroyed.

communication. The Social Ministries e-newsletters provide a way to reach many who would otherwise be unaware of the needs and hardships in our rural area. Social Ministries is also blessing us through Ministry Money, funding to assist in visibility. The Next Steps Database will open a door to greater coordination and interaction among other ministries and agencies designed to help families and individuals in need. This database

income community in which they reside. The Next Steps Database will allow all avenues and providers of assistance and care to work together. For the struggling low income families on the Sea Islands and the ministries seeking to better their lives and opportunities, this is a great blessing.



# Organ Concerts at Noon

St. Helena's, Beaufort

The Parish Church of St. Helena's is hosting Friday Organ Concerts at Noon featuring the Taylor & Boody Organ, Opus 11, 1985. All concerts are free and open to the public.



The fall schedule is as follows:

October 3  
Dr. William D. Gudger  
Charleston, South Carolina

October 17  
François Olivier  
Paris, France

October 24  
Dr. Gail Archer  
New York, New York

November 7  
Sarah Carlson  
Bemidji, Minnesota

November 21  
Donna Brunmsa  
Interlochen, Michigan

Read about the performers at [www.sthelenas1712.org](http://www.sthelenas1712.org).

## About the Organ:

The organ at St. Helena's is modern yet reminiscent of the organ-building practices used during the 17th and 18th centuries in Europe. The instrument is an example of the pinnacle of organ craftsmanship, a period known as the "golden age" of organ building and organ music, reached in Europe between 1600 and 1750. Three centuries later, the legacy of excellent organ building continues to elevate the spirit. Installed in 1985 by Taylor & Boody, the two-manual organ has 19 stops and more than 1,150 pipes housed in a beautifully crafted oak case.



Above, the Rev. Andrew Pearson prays for the children attending the Vacation Bible School.

JIM CATO

# St. Helena's Mission to Santa Cruz

By Jim Cato

The big news in the Parish of Santa Cruz, Santa Fe, Dominican Republic, is the paved road and sidewalks in front of the church and the school and the second floor that is being built at the school. The improvements cut down on the dust, and even more importantly, the mud, when students and parishioners attend church and school during the rainy season.

But the most important message again this year was the 24-member mission team from The Parish Church of St. Helena in Beaufort, sharing in the fellowship of Jesus Christ with longtime friends and continuing the parish effort to be like the Church at Antioch.

The VBS/Construction Mis-

sion Team to Santa Cruz was in the Dominican Republic this past summer from July 15-22. Jane Manos was team leader for the 2008 mission, and the Rev. Andrew Pearson was the spiritual leader.

In addition to providing a three-day Vacation Bible School for more than 350 children each day, the team painted the outside of the church and the inside and outside of the school.

Team members visited those who were materially poor but spiritually rich. They brought home a wealth of friendships and love, and left the same thing. In a team discussion every teenager mentioned the relationships they made.

An anonymous teen wrote: "In addition to extensive Span-

ish lessons and phrases, these people teach you that money and fancy lifestyles are of little importance to core happiness and wellness. In fact, the Dominicans are the most spiritually wealthy people I have ever met. We should attempt to emulate their enthusiasm and spirit. True friendships are established in Santa Fe, and after only two years, I can't imagine not spending part of my summer there with some of my favorite people."

As Abby Morris of St. Helena, who has been on medical and VBS/construction missions for more than 10 years, said: "I leave San Pedro, Father Felix and Encarnacion's parish with a feeling of departing from family and a true strong connection

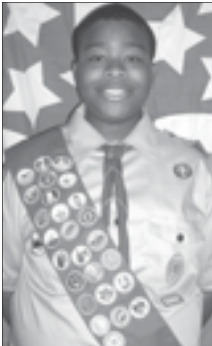
in spirit. The Holy Spirit has truly blessed St. Helena's mission teams with a sharing bond with our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Dominican Republic."

Jane Hinchey's first trip on the Dominican mission filled her "with the sense that God is good. There is a peace of heart in living within the will of God, and I am happily taking that home with me and hoping it will last a while. I hope to share the simple joy they shared with us with our parishioners at St. Helena's."

The mission team visit to the Dominican Republic has become annual tradition of the Beaufort parish.

## People News

❖ **Alvin L. Ashby, Jr.**, a member of Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston, is the latest Eagle Scout from Troop 63. Troop 63 is sponsored by Old St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Charleston. For his Eagle project, Alvin constructed a memorial brick walkway at Calvary Church. The walkway was constructed in conjunction with renovations in the historic cemetery at Calvary Church. Alvin is a rising senior at West Ashley High School.



❖ **Mrs. Mary Ellen Conyers**, a lifelong member of Calvary Episcopal Church, Charleston celebrated her 100th birthday June 24. Mayor Riley declared June 24, 2008, "Mrs. Mary Ellen Jenkins Conyers Day" and The Rev. Theodore R. Lewis, Jr., Calvary's Rector, presented Mrs. Conyers

with the Mayor's Proclamation in front of the congregation.

❖ **Trevor Harden** has joined the Church of The Cross, Bluffton, Buckwalter campus. He will serve as their new Worship Leader. He, his wife Amy and their daughter Kalliopi recently moved to the Lowcountry from Lafayette, Indiana, where Trevor served as a worship leader for a large Methodist Church for the past seven years. In addition to serving at the Church of the Cross, Harden performs locally and teaches private guitar and music theory/composition lessons. Visit [www.hardenguitar.com](http://www.hardenguitar.com) to learn more.

❖ **Will Klauber** (pictured right) has joined the staff of Christ Church, Mt.



Pleasant, as their new Youth Minister. In addition to serving the youth of Christ Church, Will is also participating in the Diocesan Youth Apprenticeship Program from now until July 2009. Will just completed his Masters Degree in Environmental Science at the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the staff of Christ Church, Will served as a Youth volunteer with St. Michael's, Charleston, for seven years.

❖ **Dave Rasmussen** has joined The Church of the Cross, Bluffton, as Director of Family Ministries. Dave, a graduate of USC, has served as Youth Pastor and Children's Minister in a number of different churches in the Hilton Head/Bluffton area, includ-



ing St. Luke's, Hilton Head. Dave says he "plays guitar, as all youth leaders do, and has a love for the water, sailing and fishing." Dave and his wife Andrea, have two children, David Matthew (8) and Madison Grace (22 months).

❖ **Beth Snyder** has joined the staff of the Diocesan Office as Administrative Assistant to the Ministry Team of Youth, College and Young Adults, and Christian Faith Formation ministries. She will be working with Susan Burns to provide support for these three ministries. Beth is the wife of Greg Snyder, Rector of St. John's, Johns Island, and brings experience in public relations, conference planning, and of course, a wealth of church experience.





# Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers Jr. to be Inaugurated as Eighth President of Voorhees College, October 16

Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr. will be inaugurated as the eighth President of Voorhees College, Thursday, October 16, 2008, at 2 p.m. in St. Philip's Episcopal Chapel in Denmark, South Carolina.

A political activist, civil-rights pioneer, educator, and administrator, Dr. Cleveland L. Sellers, Jr., from his youth until this present day, has had a profound impact on American history, life, and culture.

As a young man, Dr. Sellers aligned himself with the veterans of the civil-rights movement. Joining the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), he traveled the south in the 1960s urging African-Americans to register to vote and worked as an advocate for justice and human rights.

Dr. Sellers is a graduate of Shaw University (B.S.), Harvard University (M.A.), and the University of North Carolina-Greensboro (Ed.D.).

Dr. Sellers served as Director of the African-American Studies Program at the University of South Carolina. He also taught in the Department of History and the African-American Studies Program. He is a former member of the South Carolina State Board of Education, Second Judicial District.

Active in any community in which he resides, Dr. Sellers is a warden at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Denmark, South Carolina, and serves as president of the Denmark Recreation Center, Inc. He also served on the board of the Episcopal Church Foundation.

Dr. Sellers is a member of several organizations, including the South



Above, Dr. Sellers participates in a small group discussion at the September 6 gathering of black clergy and lay leaders with Bishop Lawrence. See page one.

He is the author of *The River of No Return*, and has published articles in scholarly journals. He has served as a historian and consultant for several documentary films including ESPN's "Black Magic," Tom Brokaw's "1968," College of Charleston's Emmy award-winning, "Where Do We Go From Here," and Blackside Production's classic, "Eyes on the Prize."

Dr. Sellers is a native of Denmark, South Carolina. He and his wife, Gwendolyn, have been married for 35 years. They have one daughter, Nosizwe, and two sons, Lumumba and Bakari.

# St. Bartholomew's Reaches Out to Coker College Students

By John Foster, III

The parishioners of St. Bartholomew have begun a new outreach ministry for the students at Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina. Coker College, a private liberal arts college is located across the street from St. Bartholomew, and the campus literally surrounds the church.

The first project the parishioners participated in was "The Thirst Quencher" project for Coker College's move-in day on August 16. John Foster, III project coordinator said that as the parishioner's participated in "The Thirst Quencher Project" they were reminded of Jesus' command in Mark 9:14. Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who gives a cup of water in my name because you belong in Christ will certainly not lose his reward." Foster said that the parishioners obeyed Jesus' command and collected more than 1, 500 bottles of water for the students and their families for move-in day. Daron Taylor, Director of Young Adult and College Ministries of the Diocese of South Carolina, was an invaluable resource for the parish as they worked to provide spiritual home-away-from-home for our neighbors across the street at Coker College. Father Michael Ridgill, rector of St. Bartholomew, commented that what he appreciated about this ministry is that "we sought to meet the real needs of the students and their families not our perceived need for them. This ministry provides an entry way and invitation to relationship on their terms not ours." Foster, project coordinator said, that "The Thirst Quencher" project

provided water not only for the students and their families but also the Coker College Security and Housekeeping staff and that unused bottles were stored for disaster preparedness. A special part of move-in day was that the Vestry had the opportunity to walk around the campus and meet Jon Driggers, the Director of Student Life for Coker College.



The "Thirst Quencher Project" gave parishioners a tangible way to care for the nearby students, parents, faculty and staff of Coker College. Above from left are: Ragland Cox, Cathy Walker, Suiter Cox and John Foster, III.

# Bishop Gadsden Debuts New Website - An Extraordinary Life

By Kimberly Farfane, Bishop Gadsden, Director of Development and Public Relations

Over the past few months, Bishop Gadsden has been working on a very exciting project –the development of Bishop Gadsden's new website! While in the brainstorming and strategizing sessions, it became clear that this new website would become the catalyst for a fresh view of retirement living.

While developing the website, a theme began to evolve as the images and materials which represent Bishop Gadsden were compiled. That theme was "An Extraordinary Life." We saw that residents of Bishop Gadsden have lived and are continuing to live, extraordinary lives each and every day. That life could be volunteering in Eliza's Attic (Bishop Gadsden's own thrift shop that benefits the Resident Assistance Fund), having time to head out for a sail on the Ashley River, playing water volleyball in the pool, enjoying happy hour with friends, painting a landscape of the Bishop Gadsden Preserve, winning a game of bridge or poker, or simply enjoying nature while on your balcony – whatever they want it to be, it is an extraordinary life.

This past September, Bishop Gadsden launched its updated website, featuring what makes Bishop Gadsden so special – the people, the facilities, and the mis-



residents and families to include services that are offered during illness, as well as, allowing families of our assisted living, nursing care and memory care to view the activities their mothers, fathers, sisters, or brothers are participating in. Also this new portion of the site will allow them to see pictures of their friends and family enjoying an extraordinary life.

Bishop Gadsden invites the community to view [www.bishopgadsden.org](http://www.bishopgadsden.org), showing the life residents are living, an extraordinary one at that!



From left, Dr. Edmund Rhett, President Canterbury Board of Directors; Peggy Pye, Executive Director of the Canterbury House; Representative "Chip" Limehouse; Henry McMaster, South Carolina Attorney General and Mayor Joe Riley,

# Canterbury House Receives \$75,000

On Monday, August 18, Canterbury House was presented a grant of \$75,000 by South Carolina Attorney General, Henry McMaster. Representative "Chip" Limehouse and Mayor Joe Riley were in attendance. Dr. Edmund Rhett, President and Peggy Pye, Executive Director of the Canterbury House received the check from the Attorney General. This grant, one of the largest

ever received at the Canterbury House, was initiated by Representative Limehouse and facilitated by the Attorney General's office. Funds were the result of the recent CVS/Caremark class-action settlement. Grant proceeds will be used to provide prescription subsidy for senior citizens of the Canterbury House.

# Daughters of the King News

By Vicky Armes, Diocesan DOK President

The newest Diocesan Junior DOK chapter was chartered at Good Shepherd, Charleston, in July. Pictured right are, front row, left to right, Paterson Fralix, Emily Lood, Cali Cooks, and Mary Foster Gaillard; second row: Augusta Nadol – Diocesan Jr. Directress; Ann Claire Gaillard, Elizabeth Wise, and Tara Gaillard, chapter Directress. Fr. Shay Gaillard, rector of Good Shepherd, officiated at this impressive admittance service, blessing and presenting each new member with her Jr. DOK Cross.





# Hilarious Giving

**O**K, if you are comfortable with your own relationship to money, read no further. If you are convinced that you are giving your money away as God would direct, this article is not for you. If you think the Church always talks (and writes) about money, and that this is simply another pitch for you to give more than



you now are giving, take off your reading glasses, roll your eyes, and pour yourself a drink.

Let's face it, money is a hot topic regardless of how much, or how little, we have. We are all sensitive about it and brace ourselves for the usual round of parish meetings dealing with budget and expenses. Or, if we've been one of those who've endured an "every member canvas," we know how uncomfortable those little living room chats with the churchwarden can be.

Someone once sent me a book entitled *Money Should Be Fun*. But, of course, it isn't. It's a royal pain especially because in our society, we could probably say in our world, money is more than a mere "medium of exchange." It is a power that holds us all in its grip until we are liberated to see it in its right perspective. "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's" was a wise saying that deflected Jesus' critics; but it doesn't solve the problem of deciding how much of what we have is God's. If it is true that "we are not our own, we've been bought with a price," then everything we have is God's. No?

## How much should I keep?

So, the question we should wrestle with is not "how much should I give?" but rather "how much should I keep?" That might be a good place to begin in a short series of articles on what is usually called "stewardship," since it begins with a recognition that money talks to us, woos us, wants us, and will ultimately dominate us unless we find a way to sepa-

rate enough of it from ourselves to gain freedom from its power in our lives.

No wonder the only other "god" that Jesus ever named is the god Mammon. He personalized this inanimate object because he knew its power. We either serve it, or we serve God – there is no other alternative. And in a capitalistic society such as ours, the stakes are even higher since we live in a world that is virtually given over to Mammon.

In the Old Testament, there are many references to money as a sign of God's blessing in our lives. There are also a few stories and passages that tell of money's hold on us, and its dangers. In the New Testament the situation is reversed. The bulk of passages that deal with money (and there are more passages about money than there are about prayer, as has often been pointed out) warn of its dangers, while only a few speak of its blessings. Why is this?

## Giving no longer legislated

The question we should wrestle with is not, "How much should I give?" but rather, "How much should I keep?"

In the Old Testament giving was legislated, and hence the faithful Jew had no option but to give. Tithing was as ancient as the story of Melchizedek, but later became part of the Mosaic law. You were to separate the first fruits of your land and your livestock and give them to God – either by sending them to the Temple in Jerusalem, or by selling them and sending the money on. The Levites, and later the priests, had

no land inheritance, and hence no way to make a living. They lived off the tithes of God's people.

It would be easy to make a one-to-one comparison between that day and ours: we simply give 10% of our income to the local church, and we've done what's required. However, there are problems with this parallel.

Our age is vastly different from the Old Testament. We're not agrarian, for the most part. We do not live in a theocracy where the "church" takes care of all health and welfare concerns. Government now does this, and taxes us to do so. But most importantly, we don't legislate morality. The moral law continues in effect, but while it insists on generosity, compassion, sacrifice, modesty, and so on – all of which relate to our use of money – it does not tell us specifically how to apportion our money.

It was because the Pharisees and their followers did legislate morality that Jesus

spoke so critically of them. Each of his references to their practice of tithing convey a negative impression because these "know-it-alls" had turned a good practice into a ridiculous road show that trivialized something originally quite good.

Clearly, there is no indication that Jesus rejected the practice of tithing. He simply got back to the essence of its meaning: giving from the heart and giving to the Lord. Giving blesses the giver and honors God. The amount is not nearly as important as the intention. Like all Christian morality, what motivates our actions is as important as the actions themselves.

So, when the Scotsman dropped a gold crown into the offering plate by mistake, and asked for it back, claiming that he only intended to give a penny, the usher said no. "Ah, wheel, Ah wheel" said the Scotsman, "I'll git credit in heaven for the crown." "Nah," said the usher. "You'll git credit for the penny."

In practical terms, then, what should guide my giving? My own practice has been to honor the tithe as a minimum. After all, if everything we have and are is the Lord's, then I need to give enough of it to Him and his work in this world to prove that he really rules my life, not money. But can we legislate this? No way. We preachers need only say: "Give until you know that your money no longer owns you."

## St. Paul's giving guidelines

This is why St. Paul gives some very useful guidelines to the Corinthians: give proportionately (that is a clear percentage of your income); give regularly; give "on the first day of the week" (i.e. Sundays); give personally (don't expect others to do the giving for you); and give preventively (so that there isn't a desperate crush of giving when some critical need arises). Those are my interpretations of I Corinthians 16:2.

No one should judge another in the matter of giving. But most of us give far less than we need to. We are not free because Christ has not converted this part of our life. So we live with a lot of fear, and we are dominated by a value system that is sub-Christian – one that knows nothing of the joy of giving. St. Paul put it well when he said: "God loves a hilarious giver." The Greek word for "cheerful" in that famous verse (2 Cor. 9:7) is literally "hilarious". As C. S. Lewis reminded us: "joy is the serious business of heaven."

Next month let's look at where our giving should go, and what priorities should guide us as we seek to be faithful to Christ's call on our lives.

Let someone else do the cooking and cleaning this Thanksgiving...



**C**ome celebrate all of God's goodness this Thanksgiving with your family, friends and the staff of St. Christopher. Many people come from all over for this one-of-a-kind event. We invite you to enjoy all that the Low Country's very special Camp St. Christopher has to offer. We have four very special family fun-filled days planned for you to celebrate with us. Activities include a spectacular Thanksgiving Day dinner, sports, beach bonfire, arts and crafts and much more. So why not take a break from the cooking, cleaning and busyness of your typical holiday and relax and enjoy a Thanksgiving that you will never forget! Please visit [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org) or call 843-768-0429 for more information.

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## Job Openings Around the Diocese

**Youth Pastor, Trinity Episcopal Church, Myrtle Beach**

Trinity Episcopal Church, Myrtle Beach is seeking a motivated, faithful, and energetic full-time youth pastor. This person must be able to help facilitate family-based ministry. He or she must be able to mentor youth and lead them into life-long discipleship, following Christ as their Lord and Savior. The Youth Pastor must be a passionate and competent Bible teacher who can relate the unchanging truths of scripture to the ever-changing tides of youth culture. Applicants can email a copy of their resumes to [friain@scoast.net](mailto:friain@scoast.net). Call (843) 448-8426 if you have any questions.

**Teacher, Montessori Preschool, St. Matthias', Summerton**

St. Matthias Episcopal Church Montessori school in Summerton, is seeking a teacher for their preschool program. Applicants may contact The Rev. David Thurlow at (803) 485-2504 or e-mail a resume to [stmatthiasch@ftc-i.net](mailto:stmatthiasch@ftc-i.net).

**Bookkeeper, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant**

Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant is seeking a part-time bookkeeper with general accounting experience in accounts payable, receivable, bank reconciliation, end of year procedures, and payroll. Human resources expe-

rience will be plus. If interested, please email your resume to [cdougherty@christchurch.org](mailto:cdougherty@christchurch.org).

**Part-Time Teacher, The Church of the Good Shepherd Day School, Charleston**

The Church of the Good Shepherd Day School is seeking a teacher for their "Tots and Two's" classroom. This part-time position meets Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for four hours a day. We are looking for an active Christian who loves children and has a background of teaching with this age group. Interested persons should contact Stephanie at (843)345-1289.

## Enjoy Serving?

Are you using your gifts for His kingdom? Now's your chance!

**S**t. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is seeking Godly people who want to serve and minister. We have need for Guest Services volunteers. A volunteer would spend the weekend at St. Christopher assisting in the gift shop, front desk, greeting guests at meals, etc. Ideally, someone would volunteer one week-

end per quarter and give a one year commitment. As a bonus, after each weekend served, a volunteer is be given one free weekend at St. Christopher. Sound like that might be for you? Pray about it and visit the volunteer section on our website or contact Jonathan, 843-637-1776 or [jmeyer@stchristopher.org](mailto:jmeyer@stchristopher.org).



# JoyFULL Fueling Up for a Better Life

St. Stephen’s, North Myrtle Beach,  
Initiates Program Aimed at Reaching Women

“Women need other women,” says Connie Lawson, President of the ECW at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church in North Myrtle Beach. “UCLA published a study that proves that women hanging out with other women can actually counteract the kind of stomach-quivering stress most women experience on a daily basis.”

In response St. Stephen’s has begun “JoyFULL – Fueling Up for a Better Life,” a monthly gathering aimed at renewing women with messages of hope and humor, giving them time to reconnect with God and other “women of faith” and allowing them to relax together. Each meeting includes time for a message, scripture reading, small group fellowship and worship.

“Many times women feel alone, that no one else knows how they feel,” says Lawson. “But here at St. Stephen’s we do. Women need a break! They need to have fun! Through our meetings we’re encouraging women of all ages to grow in their faith and mature spiritually.”

Begun in June, and currently held at noon, the meetings have had an attendance high mark at nearly 40. The ECW board has offered to host programs in the evening. “We want all women of St. Stephen’s to have this opportunity,” says Lawson. We would be willing to run an evening meeting if enough women are interested.

For more information contact Connie Lawson at (843)-280-4664.



JOYFULL  
FUELING UP FOR A BETTER LIFE.

## Florence and Georgetown ECW Deanery Meeting, October 25

Allison Lawrence, Guest Speaker

By Mrs. Sue Brunson

The Florence and Georgetown ECW Deanery gathering is scheduled for Saturday, October 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mrs. Allison Lawrence will be the guest speaker at this meeting, hosted by the ladies of St. Matthew’s Parish in Darlington. Allison shares her love for Christ and the joy of living in the Word so beautifully that having her speak to us is quite a treat! The workshops for this gathering are planned to build up and strengthen women’s ministries in our churches, community and world. This is your opportunity to

see and hear what our Diocese has as both resources and ministries. The ECW Diocesan Project, “Help 4 Kids,” along with other varied ministries from within our Diocese will be represented for your questions and information. Come and be a part of this refreshing day. Bring a friend and plan to make new friends, too.

Register by calling Florence Deanery Director, Rosanne Brasington (843) 393-3044 or Georgetown Deanery Director, Sue Brunson (843) 455-4130. There is a \$6.00 donation which includes lunch.

### A Paper-less Jubilate Deo?

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## The Calendar

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“Be Still and Know God” A Contemplative Retreat, October 5-7  
St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center is hosting a guided contemplative retreat for those seeking to slow down and experience God’s presence. For more information call (843) 768-0428 or visit [www.stchristopher.org](http://www.stchristopher.org).

Acts 29/ YouthQuake Golf Tournament, October 9  
Acts 29, a national ministry committed to reaching the youth of our churches with the good news of the Gospel, is hosting their first annual golf tournament on October 9. More information on playing and being a sponsor can be found at [st www.a29.com](http://stwww.a29.com).

Clergy Spouse Conference, October 10-11  
The spouses of clergy have distinct opportunities and challenges. Join with others in the same boat at the Clergy Spouse Conference, October 10-11 at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. The spouses of youth ministers are invited as well. Contact Sylvia Burwell at [sylvia@burwell.com](mailto:sylvia@burwell.com) for more information.

Inauguration, Voorhees College, October 16, See page 14.

Art\*Music\*Justice Tour, October 19  
On Sunday, October 19, Sara Groves, Brandon Heath, Charlie Peacock, Sandra McCracken and Derek Webb will be performing at the North Charleston Coliseum to benefit International Justice Mission, Food for the Hungry and our local Habitat for Humanity. St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Charleston, is helping sponsor this concert (at a cost of \$10,000). They are looking for additional sponsors. Interested sponsors should contact pastor Spike Coleman at (843) 224-5961. Tickets are just \$10 and can be purchased online from [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Bishop Gadsden Oyster Roast, October 25  
Residents of Bishop Gadsden are sponsoring an Oyster Roast to raise funds for their Habitat for Humanity House. Enjoy the grounds and buildings of Drayton Hall while enjoying oysters and BBQ. Private tours will be available and while the sun sets on the Ashley River you can enjoy live music, a glass of wine and one of America’s most treasured homes – what a great way to help build a house! Tickets are \$50 per person. Call Nancy Richek, Development Assistant, at (843) 442-6546, or email her at [nancy.richek@bishopgadsden.org](mailto:nancy.richek@bishopgadsden.org).

ECW Deanery Meeting, October 25, See this page.

United Thank Offering Ingathering, October 26, See page four.

Clergy Prayer Summit, October 26-28  
Active priests serving in full-time ministry in the diocese are invited to this Clergy Prayer Summit at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. It’s a time for clergy to gather and seek God’s blessing on our parishes and ministries. Space limitations at St. Christopher require that reservations be accepted on a first-come, first served basis. Contact Randy McPhail at (843) 722-4075 for more information.

Harvest Festival, Grace Church, Oct. 29-Nov. 2, See page ten.

Day of Healing Prayer, St. Michael’s, November 1, See page eight.

Walk for Life, November 8  
The Lowcountry Crisis Pregnancy Center is sponsoring a Walk for Life in North Charleston, West Ashley and Daniel Island. Contact Faye Hill, Executive Director of the Lowcountry Pregnancy Center for more information, (843) 553-3528.

The Underground, November 14-16, See page seven.

St. Michael’s Christmas Gifts Bazaar, November 15  
On November 15, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. St. Michael’s Church, Charleston, will host a Christmas gifts Bazaar to benefit their outreach missions to the Ukraine and Burundi. For more informaiton, call Eunice Logan (843) 883-9886

HIV / AIDS Healing Service, November 30, See page two.

Mere Anglicanism Conference, January 15-17  
The theme for this conference is “Engaging Secularism and Islam: The Church’s Challenge and Opportunity.” Analysis and reflection around this theme will constitute the program, led by a roster of internationally renowned speakers. Learn more at [www.mereanglicanism.com](http://www.mereanglicanism.com)

Absalom Jones Day Celebration, February 13-14  
The annual celebration of Absalom Jones Day in the Diocese of South Carolina is NOT just for African Americans. It is the celebration for all members of the Diocese to commemorate the life and accomplishments of a great man of God, an orator, an abolitionist, a dynamic preacher, and a great pastor. Details about the celebration to follow.

Diocesan Men’s Conference, February 20-22  
The Men’s Conference is designed to address issues facing all men in today’s fast-paced world and to provide insights and ideas for dealing victoriously with the constant stress we all experience. Bishop Mark Lawrence will be the keynote speaker and The Very Reverend Craig Borrett will serve as Chaplain. David Sadd will lead praise and worship. “This is an unique opportunity for men to take some time off and go to a beautiful Lowcountry Island to experience great fellowship, amazing food and life-transforming time with the Lord,” says Winn Tutterow, chairmen of the Men’s Conference Board. Registration forms will be available in the next issue of the *Jubilate Deo*, and also distributed through the Deaneries to be on hand in local parishes. Deadline for registration is February 10, 2008. Save the dates.