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Resolutions Pass; Incursions Addressed

By Joy Hunter, Editor

Over 300 clergy, delegates and visitors gathered at St. Paul's, Summerville, March 26, 2010, for the 219th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina.

The Very Rev. Robert S. Munday, Ph.D., Dean and President of Nashotah House preached on the Lord's Prayer during a service of Holy Eucharist. Dean Munday told listeners that the ultimate thing for which they should be praying is the power of the Holy Spirit. "God wants to give the power of the Holy Spirit to empower his Church," he said.

Mark Lawrence, XIV Bishop of South Carolina, began his address to the convention quoting Saint

Paul, "My spirit is troubled," he said. "When I came to Troas to preach the Gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest..." 2 Corinthians 2:12-13a. Lawrence noted that though there are doors open to us (for gospel work) we must, instead, turn our attention to the "distractions that come from the decisions others have made within The Episcopal Church."

All Saints' Litigation Ends

Lawrence did mention numerous bright spots in the diocese, in one he highlighted the news that had recently been announced: the litigation between All Saints' Episcopal Church in Waccamaw and All Saints Church of the Anglican Mission in America is over. When Bishop Lawrence invited the Rector, Ed Kelaher, and delegates from All Saints' Episcopal Church to join him at the front, they received a standing ovation.

The Bishop also addressed the recent incursions in the Diocese by the Episcopal Church and the Presiding Bishop and explained how the proposed resolutions are a response. While Bishop Lawrence must remain focused on the chal-



All five proposed resolutions were passed at the 219th Diocesan Convention. Above, individuals prepare to process for the opening service of Holy Eucharist.

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lenges to the Diocese, he said, "It is incumbent upon most of our diocesan membership to stay engaged in the work of ministry, and for priests and deacons to continue equipping God's people for such work (Ephesians 4:12ff), remembering that when the apostle wrote to the church in Ephesus, encouraging them in

their work, he also reminded them to put on the whole armor of God, that after having done all, they may stand firm (Ephesians 6:10-20). He who has called us to this is faithful, and so I trust by God's grace stand we shall."

All Five Resolutions Pass

All five of the resolutions proposed prior to the gathering were passed at the Convention. Three of the five directly addressed the challenges to the Diocese made by the Episcopal Church and incursions

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30 Weeks + 42 Volunteers = Home

Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant, Constructs Transportable Home

By Norm McNair, Christ Church, Mt. Pleasant

As part of Christ Episcopal Church, Mt. Pleasant's Outreach Program members have finished construction of an Elderly Transportable (ET) House. On Sunday, March 21, they formally dedicated and blessed the house

and turned it over to its new owners Ms. Taylor and her 92 year old mother. The two bedroom house left the Christ Church grounds on Wednesday, March 25 and headed to its new location in Cordesville, Berkeley County.

The first ET house was built in 1999 by members of Trinity United Methodist Relief Center in Ridgeway with funding help from the Costal Community Foundation. Today they are constructing ET #58. An ET home is constructed on a "recycled/reused" mobile home trailer, but the structure is built under the current presiding building code as defined by the governing municipality (in this case the Town of Mount Pleasant), just like a permanent residence.

The total construction cost for this house was \$29,431.02, complete with kitchen appliances and air conditioning. The house took 30 weeks to construct with 42 volunteers from Christ Church who gave approximately 1,800 volunteer hours. Christ Church donated \$15,000 for construction. Trinity United Methodist Church, Ridgeway, donated \$13,000 for construction. Volunteers contributed \$865 for additional materials, and \$565.84 was donated by others. Trinity also donated an additional \$7,000 to move and in-



Christ Church volunteers contributed a total of 1,800 hours over 30 weeks on the house.

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St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, Departs

Bishop Lawrence Responds with Pastoral Letter to the Diocese

On Sunday, March 28, 2010, the vestry of St. Andrew's Church in Mt. Pleasant unanimously passed a resolution to "sever all ties with The Episcopal Church in the United States and to transfer its canonical residence to the Anglican Church in North America..."

The church will now be associated with the Diocese of the Holy Spirit. The affiliation became official on April 2, 2010.

Bishop Lawrence responded to this news, Tuesday, March 30 with the following letter to the Diocese. This was forwarded to all parishes and missions in the Diocese:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I received a phone call from the Reverend Steve Wood, rector of St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, the day before yesterday, Sunday, March 28, 2010, that the Vestry and members of the parish voted to leave The Episcopal Church and affiliate with the Anglican Church in North America.

Although I am not surprised by this decision, I am saddened by it. In fact there is a poignant irony in the departure of St. Andrew's from the Diocese and from The Episcopal Church. As bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina, I receive almost daily letters and emails from people across this Church suggesting that our stance gives them encouragement to remain and persevere within TEC. Yet here at home we could not hold one of our strongest congregations. The departure of The Episcopal Church from the way of Christ and the Biblically rooted teachings of the Church has become too discordant for them to tolerate any longer.

While the ramification from their departure has yet to unfold in its entirety, I hope many among us will look for ways to continue our mutual ministry and relationships. The arrangements to be made for those within the congregation who wish to remain within the Diocese of South Carolina and The Episcopal Church will be among the subjects that I will be discussing with Steve

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

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Above, convention delegates and clergy respond to the news that the litigation between All Saints' Episcopal Church in Waccamaw and All Saints Church of the Anglican Mission in America is over.

of the Presiding Bishop. A fourth resolution (R-1) summarized what we seek: to be a Gospel Diocese. The resolutions may be viewed below.

Convention Recessed, Not Adjourned

Rather than adjourn the convention, the Bishop and the Standing Committee unanimously decided to recess the convention until it is reconvened October 15. This will allow the convention to gather if, and when, it is deemed necessary.

Election Results

The following individuals were elected to serve for the coming year. Their photos appear on pages 9-10. (Note that because the convention was recessed and not adjourned, those elected were asked not to assume their positions immediately, but to wait until the October date to do so).

Elected to the Standing Committee were Clergy: The Rev. Dow Sanderson and The Rev. Paul Fuener and Laity: Mr. Reid Boylston and Mrs. Ann Hester Willis.

Elected to the Diocesan Council were Clergy: The Rev. Mark Avera and The Rev. Tripp Cormeny and Laity: Mr. Donald Hurst and Mrs. Katherine Monroe.

Elected to the Trustees: Mr. Bob Kunes. Elected to serve on the Ecclesiastical Court, Clergy: The Rev. Andrew O'Dell, The Rev. Marcus Kaiser and The Rev. Frank Larisey. Laity: Mrs. Sue Cavanaugh and Mr. Bill Ervin. Elected to serve as a Trustee at the University of the South Trustee: Mr. Bill Clarkson.

Closing; A Show of Support

In closing, The Rev. Rick Luoni, Rector of St. George's, Summerville, thanked the Bishop and his wife Allison for their work among us. Luoni prayed for the Bishop tying in the Bishop's call to stand firm. The Rev. Mike Lumpkin, Rector of St. Paul's, the host church, asked if he could speak personally to the convention. He urged all to stand together with the Bishop and to walk together during this challenging time. "This is a time to trust his (the Bishop's) convictions about the best way to stand, the best way forward in the long haul," he said. The location of the 220th Annual Convention was announced for St. Helena's, Beaufort, on February 18-19, 2011.

“My Spirit Is Troubled”

Bishop Lawrence Addresses the 219th Diocesan Convention

Note: The following is from the Bishop's prepared written notes. Variations may appear from the recorded version. A video of this address is available at <http://anglicantv.com>.

“When I came to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ, even though a door was opened for me in the Lord, my spirit was not at rest...”
2 Corinthians 2:12-13a

I have found these words of St. Paul strangely comforting in recent months. Evidently, upon leaving Ephesus, the apostle made arrangements to rendezvous at Troas with Titus who was returning from Corinth. His relationship with the Corinthian Church had become increasingly complex and was a continuous concern for him. When Paul arrived in Troas, he found an excellent opportunity for preaching the Gospel. Nevertheless, when Titus failed to arrive he grew restless. Even though a door was opened for him to preach the Gospel, he could not go through it. Severe problems were afoot. Doubtlessly, he was grieved in his heart to set aside church planting and evangelistic work, but the truth of the Gospel and the integrity of the Church were at stake. He could not turn a blind eye to the dismantling of his labors and the labors of others. Professor James Denney's words are worthy of noting, even in the midst of a Bishop's Address to his diocese: “[Paul's] spirit was absorbed and possessed by hopes and fears and prayers for the Corinthians; and as the human spirit, even when in contact with the divine is finite, and only capable of so much and no more, he was

obliged to let slip an occasion which he would otherwise have gladly seized. He probably felt with all missionaries that it is as important to secure as to win converts; The disorders of [a] willful community had engrossed the Apostle's spirit, and robbed their fellow-men across the sea of an apostolic ministry.” Let no one suggest I am drawing any similarities but the one of comparing the circumstances he faced with what we in the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina face at this hour. There are open doors for us to preach the Gospel. Opportunities are plentiful. The fields are ripe for harvest. We are quite unique among the dioceses of TEC--we have many growing, vibrant congregations poised to extended the Kingdom of God and grow the Body of Christ. How I would love to make this my chief business as a Bishop.

An All Too Brief Glimpse at Mission in the Diocese



Bishop Lawrence addresses the Convention.

I have read with wistfulness some of my predecessor's Annual Addresses as they pointed to new construction or restorations across the diocese in prior eras. Or spoke of new evangelistic work making inroads in the mission of Christ and his Church. And let no one doubt we have these as well. I could speak of the remarkable enterprise of several of our large parishes (Church of the Cross, Bluffton, St. Michael's, Charleston, St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant, Holy Cross, Sullivan's Island) working in partnership with the diocesan

Resolutions Passed During the 219th Diocesan Convention

The following Resolutions were passed during the 219th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina:

Resolution R-1

Offered by: The Rev. Canon Kendall Harmon, The Very Rev. Peet Dickinson, The Rev. Jeff Miller, The Rev. Arthur Jenkins, The Rev. Canon Jim Lewis, The Rev. James Taylor, The Rev. Rick Luoni, The Rev. Karl Burns, The Rev. Greg Snyder, The Rev. Marshall Huey, The Rev. Louise Weld, The Rev. Jennie C. Olbrych, The Very Rev. Craig Borrett

Subject: Recognition of the Heritage and a proclamation of the Identity of the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina

RESOLVED, that this 219th Convention acknowledges that for more than three centuries this Diocese has represented the Anglican expression of the faith once for all delivered to the saints; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that we declare to all that we understand ourselves to be a gospel diocese, called to proclaim an evangelical faith, embodied in a catholic order, and empowered and transformed through the Holy Spirit; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we promise under God not to swerve in our belief that

above all Jesus came into the world to save the lost, that those who do not know Christ need to be brought into a personal and saving relationship with him, and that those who do know Christ need to be taught by the Holy Scriptures faithfully to follow him all the days of their lives to the Glory of God the Father

Resolution R-2

Offered by: The Standing Committee

Subject: Response to Ecclesiastical Intrusions by the Presiding Bishop

RESOLVED, that this 219th Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina affirms its legal and ecclesiastical authority as a sovereign diocese within the Episcopal Church, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Convention declares the Presiding Bishop has no authority to retain attorneys in this Diocese that present themselves as the legal counsel for the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Diocese of South Carolina demands that the Presiding Bishop withdraw and terminate the engagement of all such legal counsel in South Carolina as

has been obtained contrary to the express will of this Diocese, which is The Episcopal Church within its borders.

Resolution R-3

Offered by: The Standing Committee

Subject: Addition of Canon XXXVII Of The Ecclesiastical Authority

The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese is the Bishop. If there is no Bishop, the Standing Committee is the Ecclesiastical Authority. The Ecclesiastical Authority of the Diocese, with the advice and counsel of the Chancellor, is the sole and final authority with respect to any dispute concerning the interpretation of the Constitution and Canons of this Diocese and its interpretations shall be final and binding in all respects.

Resolution R-4

Offered by: The Standing Committee

Subject: Amendment Canon XXX

Prohibiting the Desecration of Consecrated Buildings and the Alienation of Church Property Without Consent of The Ecclesiastical Authority and the Standing Committee

RESOLVED, that the following Section be added to Canon XXX.

Section 6. “It is within the power of the Ecclesiastical Authority of this Diocese to provide a generous pastoral response to parishes in conflict with the Diocese or Province, as the Ecclesiastical Authority judges necessary, to preserve the unity and integrity of the Diocese.”

Explanation:

1. The actions of the Presiding Bishop's office, now publicly acknowledged, have demonstrated a clear willingness and intent both to legally pursue congregations we consider parishes in good standing, and attempt to utilize diocesan resources to do so.

2. We've experienced now as a diocese, in the All Saints, Pawleys Island litigation, the destructive force of such litigation; how it has created animosities and divisions that are not easily healed. It has failed as a positive cohesive force for maintaining the unity of the church and has in fact had precisely the opposite effect. Christians are suing Christians (1 Cor. 6:1-8); the reputation of the church is marred, and vital resources are diverted from essential Kingdom work. None of this is honoring to our Savior.

3. It has been the implicit understanding of this Diocese that the Bishop inherently has the authority to deal with such situations. The current practice of the Bishop to deal pastorally with parishes struggling with their relationship with the Diocese or Province must be given explicit canonical force. The discretion exercised by the Bishop is the only way to successfully navigate the current challenges before us.

Resolution R-5

Offered by: The Standing Committee

Subject: Removal of Canon XX Of Baskervill Ministries

RESOLVED, that Canon XX of the Diocese of South Carolina Canons be removed.

Explanation: With the consent of the Bishop, the original Baskervill Ministries and other attendant ministries were reorganized under the leadership and guidance of Holy Cross Faith Memorial parish. The Diocese is no longer responsible for the selection of board members.

Anglican Communion Development Committee Guiding Principles

The ACD Committee will use the following prioritization for recommendations of financial resources.

80% Grants to Support Strategic Missional Relationships

To include: grants to Provinces and Dioceses of the Anglican Communion; grants to promote and encourage God's Kingdom and "Biblical Anglicanism" in areas without a substantive Anglican presence; and "Visits of Opportunity" that support, create and/or sustain missional relationships. (i.e. - financial assistance for transportation and hospitality provided visitors to the diocese and visitors from the diocese.)

NOTE: This portion would not comprise more than 1/4 of these funds, or no more than 20% of the total monies allocated to the ACD Committee

10% Grants to Support Sponsored Full-time Diocesan Missionaries

To include: those raised up from within the diocese that serve as Missionaries in areas and in ministries that support the goals of the ACD Committee and the diocese.

10% Grants to Support Institutions and Ministries

To include: those mission-related institutions and ministries that share in the goals of the ACD Committee and the Diocese of South Carolina; those institutions and ministries with historical precedence or prior commitment of diocesan financial support from mission funds.

The ACD Committee will encourage parish-based sponsorship and support for missionaries and missionary sending agencies.

The ACD Committee will not consider funding requests for missionaries sponsored through local parishes and missionary agencies.

The ACD Committee will not consider funding requests for support of individuals participating in short-term missions.

The ACD Committee will try to maintain an up-to-date record of all existing missional relationships from throughout the diocese for resource sharing and for broader opportunities for extending these missional relationships.

The ACD Committee will encourage parish-based coordination and inter-church cooperation and participation in short-term missions that promote, encourage and sustain strategic missional relationships.

The ACD Committee has identified areas of the worldwide Anglican Communion that can join with the Diocese of South Carolina to help shape the future of Anglicanism in the 21st century through mutually enriching missional relationships, and through modeling a responsible autonomy and inter-provincial accountability for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Kingdom and His Church. This list is not exhaustive but is a starting point to identify those provinces and dioceses that would be given priority for limited resources of both finances and time. Anglican Provinces include Tanzania, Uganda, Jerusalem and the Middle East, Burundi, Sudan, South East Asia, Nigeria, and Southern Cone. Specified dioceses include some few within both Ireland and England.

Additionally, the ACD Committee recognizes the opportunity for support of missions to unreached people groups in areas not represented at all, or nominally represented by an Anglican Church presence. These areas include China and Turkey.

Finally, the ACD Committee recognizes the opportunity to partner in mission with all those within North America who would seek through an Anglican expression of Christianity to help shape the future of Anglicanism in the 21st century for the sake of Jesus Christ, His Kingdom and His Church and to make Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age.



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Ten-Year Wilderness Ends Holy Cross, Stateburg, Sanctuary Reconsecrated

Parishioners and friends of Church of the Holy Cross, Stateburg, gathered for the re-consecration of their sanctuary on February 14, 2010. They had been unable to meet in their building for longer than many had initially imagined. It had been ten years. When Bishop Lawrence knocked on the front doors, it signified not only the beginning of the service, but the beginning of a new journey! The parishioners felt they had "come out of the wilderness"—the wilderness that had included years of dealing

with termite damage, litigation, and construction.

It was a beautiful day and over 400 people attended. The Rev. Tommy Allen wrote in the service booklet: "The door which has been opened for this parish is a clarion call for us to engage the community and the world with the message of the catholic faith—the true religion which has been entrusted to us through sacred tradition, Holy Scripture, and enshrined in the beautiful Church of the Holy Cross."

Bishop Lawrence was the preacher and celebrant; he encouraged parishioners not to forget that the parish is in a new place, literally and spiritually. He warned them not to make the same mistake the Israelites made with the Ark. They're to worship the Lord, not the buildings He gave them. He also urged them to remember they have a mission ahead to bring others to the saving knowledge of Christ.

The members and friends of Holy Cross are excited about the future and what lie ahead!

Do Not Become Weary in Doing Good Resurrection, Surfside, Repairs Veteran's Home



KORY HALL

Above, members of Resurrection, Surfside's volunteer team cut additional supports for the bathroom flooring.

By Becky Bulleman, Resurrection, Surfside Beach

On Saturday, March 6, members of Church of the Resurrection, Surfside Beach, headed out with Home Works, a nonprofit organization that repairs homes of homeowners in need.

Our task this day was to repair the home of a disabled Marine Veteran. Christopher was disabled in a car accident when he returned home from Iraq. Using a walker and crutches to navigate through his

home is dangerous for Christopher since his home's flooring is full of holes.

After a good 12+ hour day we completed a long list of renovations and repairs. We repaired, cleaned and painted porch railing; replaced front storm door; replaced sub floor in living room, dining room, family room, kitchen, laundry room and two bathrooms; replaced vinyl flooring in kitchen, laundry and two bathrooms; replaced one toilet and resealed the other; built custom vanities for both bathrooms; replaced both bathroom sinks; repaired the garden tub; added hand rails to the garden tub; replaced faucet and shower head in garden tub; removed and replaced the second tub with handicap accessible shower; replaced electrical fixtures in bathrooms and repaired wiring; patched roof; replaced trim moldings as needed; cleaned blinds; restored and framed several photographs; purchased and mounted an American flag and a marine corps flag; purchased and installed in the living room a 26" flat screen TV and a DVD player.

Many members of SWAT 412 (our youth group) along with several adults from the parish put in a long day of work, but all of them were excited with what they accomplished as the Body of Christ.

In the end, the workers were blessed by being able to bring the light of Christ to a man who had served his country with great honor, a homeowner was given a safe environment to live in, and God was glorified throughout the entire process.

All Saints' Litigation Ends

On March 25, 2010, the Very Rev. Ed Kelaher, Rector of All Saints Episcopal Church in Waccamaw notified Bishop Lawrence that the litigation between that church and All Saints' Church of the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA) had ended.

In a letter to his parish, Kelaher wrote, "Our Vestry has worked long and hard with the Vestry of the AMiA congregation to find a way to end the case forever while providing a way for both churches to go forward into the future in faith and service to our Lord.

While the final agreement provides for the AMiA congregation to own the real property which was in question, it also provides for a proper use of the property by the members of our congregation who have a heritage there. Beyond that, there are other very important and significant provisions for our congregation, which will provide assistance toward the acquisition of a permanent church home for our future, and which will provide us

with some of the tradition and heritage treasured by so many among us.

This news will be a matter of rejoicing for some members of our church family and a matter of disappointment for others among us. Understanding that difference is crucial to the proper Christian love and care we need to be showing one another at this time. No one should be insensitive to the feelings of those who are disappointed that our church will not be returning to Kings River Road, and no one should put a damper on the enthusiasm and spirit of those who now see us free to finally pursue our Gospel ministries, free of litigation and uncertainty. Whether in gladness or sadness, in all things give thanks to the Lord. This is God's will for us in Christ Jesus and to do otherwise would be to quench the Spirit among us. 1 Thessalonians 5:18-19."

The entire letter may be viewed at www.dioceseofsc.org.

"Here am I. Send me."

April 24, 2010
ST. JOHN'S, FLORENCE

126th Annual Meeting
of the ECW of the Diocese of SC

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Planned Your Family Vacation Yet? Think: Family Ministry Retreat St. Christopher; June 30 – July 3

By Elizabeth Bumpas

Summer will be upon us in the blink of an eye, and it's time to start planning for your family's summer vacation. Once again St. Christopher is partnering with the Diocese of South Carolina's Department of Faith Formation to offer a time of fun, fellowship and ministry geared toward young families. Your family is invited! Imagine all the fun of a vacation at the beach coupled with times of teaching and equipping the family for ministry at home. Our desire is to help strengthen families for their spiritual journey together.

This year we are pleased to announce that Kirk Weaver, founder of Family Time Training, will be our guest speaker/trainer. Kirk and his wife, Kelly, have been doing Family Time activities with their children since 1994. In 1999, Kirk founded Family Time Training, which exists to support churches and equip families toward the goal of getting primary spiritual training back into the home. The ministry averages more than 80 trainings per year, reaching 8,000+ family members. Kirk co-authored two books containing Family Time object lessons: *Bible Stories for Preschoolers—Old Testament* and *Bible Stories for Preschoolers—New Testament*. (For more information, visit www.famtime.com.) Kirk will lead four sessions during the retreat; two that will involve parents only and two that will involve both parents and children together.

Come join us for lots of fun in the sun with beach activities, sailing, kayaking, beach bonfires, woods-walks and more; teaching and equipping for parents; faith-filled fun for children, heartfelt worship and

prayer; and fellowship with other families. Come be encouraged and connect with other parents committed to developing faith in the home.

Extend Your Stay

We've discovered that for many parents with little ones, three nights is the optimal time away. As such, the Family Ministry Retreat will begin on Wednesday, June 30 and end on Saturday, July 3. However, for some families, a longer time away from home is ideal. Therefore, we are offering an option for families to extend their stay by arriving one day earlier...on Tuesday. Take advantage of all that St. Christopher has to offer for your summer family vacation!

Retreat Rates

Wednesday, June 30 through Saturday, July 3 (includes three nights lodging, all meals, program and activities):

Adult: \$230/person (age 19+)
Teen: \$192/person (age 12-18)
Youth: \$156/person (age 6-11)
Child: Free (ages 0-5)

Space is limited, so be sure to register soon! Go to our website at www.stchristopher.org to download a registration form and get rates for extending your family's stay for an additional night. Contact Elizabeth at ebumpas@stchristopher.org or 843-768-0429 if you have questions.

St. Christopher Receives \$111,500 Grant for Solar Hot Water Systems

Two Organizations in Charleston Receive Stimulus Funds for Renewable Energy Projects

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on John's Island will be installing solar water heaters in several buildings thanks to a federal renewable energy grant awarded by the S.C. Budget and Control Board's State Energy Office.

The grant is one of two Charleston-area renewable energy projects funded as part of \$2.8 million awarded to nine non-profit organizations and government entities in South Carolina.

St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center was awarded \$111,500 to install 17 solar hot water systems on 15 housing structures and in the conference center. The new solar systems will be incorporated into student orientations, coursework and conference planning tours. Educational displays throughout the camp will explain their purpose and use. Approximately 400,000 teachers, students, and visitors will study and/or use these systems, which will help the center save more than \$363,000 over the life of the project.

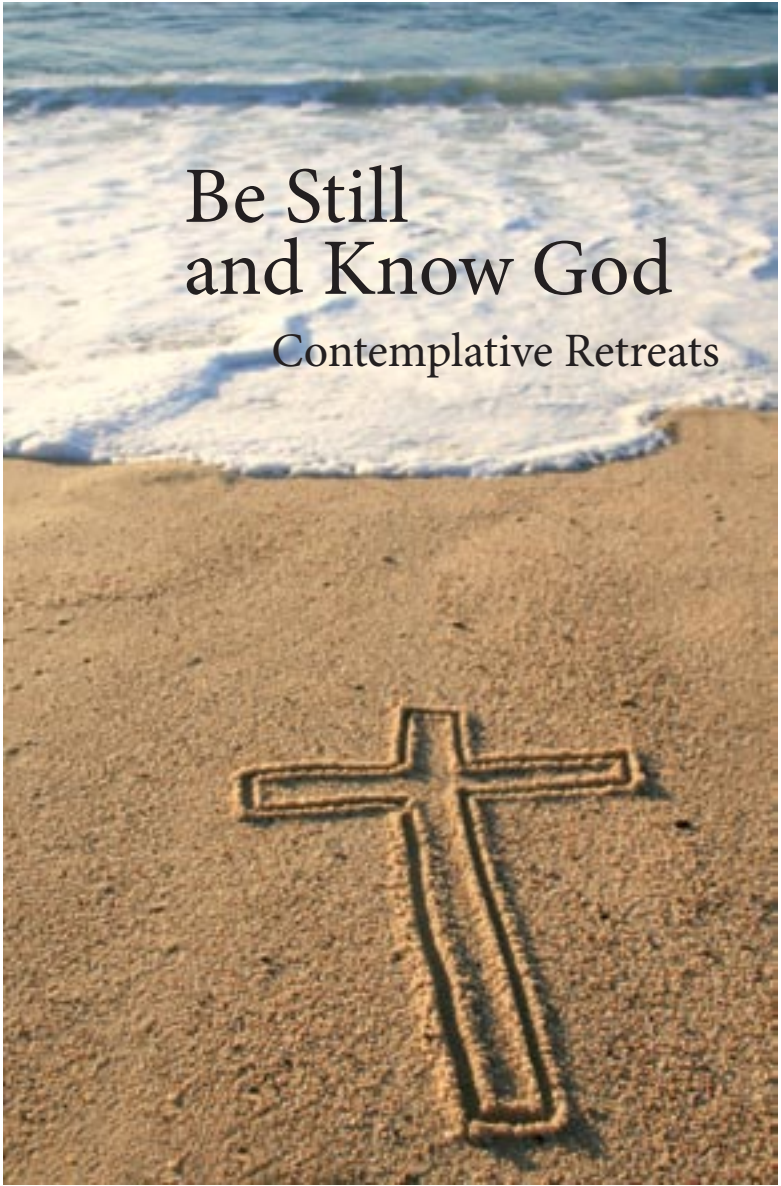
Also in Charleston area, Berkeley Electric Cooperative will be installing solar water heating systems in homes through a grant awarded to Central Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.

Four cooperatives will share the \$500,000 grant to install 70 solar water heating systems in homes of members of York Electric Cooperative, Berkeley Electric Cooperative, Santee Electric Cooperative and Pee Dee Electric Cooperative. The cooperatives will study the units to determine how to improve water heating efficiency for all consumers. This project will save the participating homeowners a total of more than \$1 million over the life of the equipment. "As both St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center and members of the cooperatives receive new solar water heating systems, they will be working to replace fossil fuel from outside of the state with renewable energy produced in South Carolina," said John Clark,

director of the energy office.

The South Carolina Energy Office (SCEO) provides a broad range of resources designed to help citizens, businesses and public entities save energy and money. In recent years, the SCEO has helped save South Carolina over \$250 million through public and private energy-

saving measures and new energy technologies. The SCEO is a unit of the South Carolina Budget and Control Board. Additional information can be found at www.energy.sc.gov. These projects are funded through a grant from the Department of Energy under Award Number(s) DEEE0000158.



2010 Quarterly Contemplative Retreats

A guided time of prayer, silence, listening, being, resting in God's presence. Our next retreat is coming up Friday, May 7- Sunday, May 9. Visit www.stchristopher.org for more information. See more on page 5.

St. Christopher Is Making a Difference; Make a Difference to St. Christopher: Be a Partner

St. Christopher offers a serene environment at the edge of the sea, comfortable rooms, good food and the peace of being immersed in the beautiful world that God our Creator made for us. Right now we have that special gift available to us.

Let's not take it for granted. St. Christopher is set apart from the world and its culture as a place for Christian ministry to the generations—young and old. But maintaining its buildings and infrastructure in our humid and warm climate is expensive. Operating an effective ministry is not cheap. We need you!

Become our partner in ministry. We have set our sights high for 2010: to reach even more school children at a time when schools are receiving less funding; to attract the best Summer Camp staff we've ever had;

and to provide adults with a place for time away to enjoy their families and friends as they seek the presence

of God. You can help us continue our ministry and with God's help make a difference in the lives of everyone who comes to St. Christopher.

Join us in ministry today. It has eternal consequences.

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

I want to participate in St. Christopher's ministry!

I want to continue God's work of bringing Rest, Restoration and Renewal by encountering Christ at St. Christopher.

Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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(Cell) _____ (Office) _____

Email: _____

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

Be Still and Know God

Contemplative Retreat; Now on Weekends

By Elizabeth Bumpas

"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."
Mark 6:31

Do you long to get away with the Lord? To slow your pace, be still and give Him your full attention? St. Christopher now hosts quarterly weekend retreats called "Be Still and Know God." It's a time to come away for silence, stillness, guided contemplative scripture meditation and prayer. These retreats seek to create an environment for those who are feeling called to an intentional time of silence, solitude and prayer in order to connect more deeply with the presence of God.

There is a small teaching component to help participants understand the disciplines of silence and solitude and contemplative prayer, what to expect, what the challenges are, and most importantly, how to take the inner peace and stillness they experience back into their everyday lives. Most of the retreat, however, will be spent in silence, soaking prayer, Scripture meditation and listening. The retreat begins on Friday afternoons at 5:00 p.m. and conclude Sunday afternoon around 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a weekend and let us help you to slow down, take a deep breath, come into the Lord's presence and hear Him speak. Space is limited for each retreat so register soon.

Dates for these quarterly retreats for 2010 are listed here. This retreat is for adults age 18 and up. We are not able to provide child care. We suggest single occupancy rooms on this retreat because we want participants to have as few distractions as possible. Pets are not allowed.

Spring – May 7-9, 2010
Summer – August 27-29, 2010
Fall – November 19-21, 2010

Rates include lodging, all meals (beginning with dinner Friday through lunch Sunday) and retreat materials. The cost for those in full-time ministry in the Diocese of SC is \$168/person and for all others, is \$185/person. Visit www.stchristopher.org for more informa-

tion, contact Elizabeth Bumpas at ebumpas@stchristopher.org or call 843-768-0429 ext. 3005.

What Others are Saying...

"Worship, soaking prayer, times of silence combined with the splendor of St. Christopher was refreshing, invigorating, cleansing and healing."

The Rev. John Burley
St. Andrew's, Mt. Pleasant

"I felt the sweet Spirit of the Lord. How wonderful the whole time was...being still and quiet in such a beautiful place. I want to come back, hopefully with my husband."

Debbie Strippling
James Island Christian

"It took nearly the whole retreat, but I was finally broken and humbled before our mighty God, and I saw Him for the sovereign, Holy, Worthy God He is, and I experienced His love and mercy for me and I fell in love with Him again."

Linda Tully
St. Helena's Episcopal, Beaufort

"I deliberately chose to attend 'Be Still' because I need to be intentional about spending quality time, set apart for my relationship with Jesus where I am not out to accomplish something. Nothing needs to be said, there's just grace and beauty in being consciously together and yet something happens...the noise, clutter and chaos from the daily demands of life are silenced, cleansed and stilled, and I see and experience the beauty of just being together."

Rev. Rick Luoni,
St. George's Episcopal Church



Marriage is a tide, inexorable and relentless. From the very first moment you wade into it ankle-deep, you can feel it pulling you toward a distant, unfamiliar horizon. For a while, you may struggle against this tide, trying to assert your well-worn individualism. But then you realize that in the

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newly married state, you're totally submerged in a weird sea where the two have become one.

You discover that, if you are to make any headway toward a safe landfall, navigating the tide of marriage demands complete coordination between you and your spouse. But the instant you synchronize a confident stroke through these strange new waters, the tide turns. Jobs change, babies are born, moves to distant cities happen. Suddenly

you find it necessary to recalibrate and change course. And you swim on, one buoyed by the other as you strive toward the distant shore.

Yet, with the tide of marriage you are also immersed in something amazingly intimate. The water of marriage touches every part of you, leaving nothing alone, changing everything. And you find that if you can adapt to these strangely sensual, amazingly intimate waters, marriage becomes not so much a process of swimming but of bathing. You and your spouse come upon unexpected

and beautiful coves of sheltered peace, basking in the light of an incredible radiance which can only come from Grace.

That's what the Christian Couples' Conference will be about this year – adapting to the turnings of the tide; exploring the currents of perspective and the waves of emotion which form the seascape of marriage. So come to Camp St. Christopher the last weekend in July this year and...

Go Bathing in the Light!

By The Rev. James Barnhill

Diocesan Couples Conference, July 30-August 1, 2010

The 12th annual Christian Marriage Conference, (formerly Diocesan Couples Conference) will be held at the beautiful St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center July 30 – August 1.

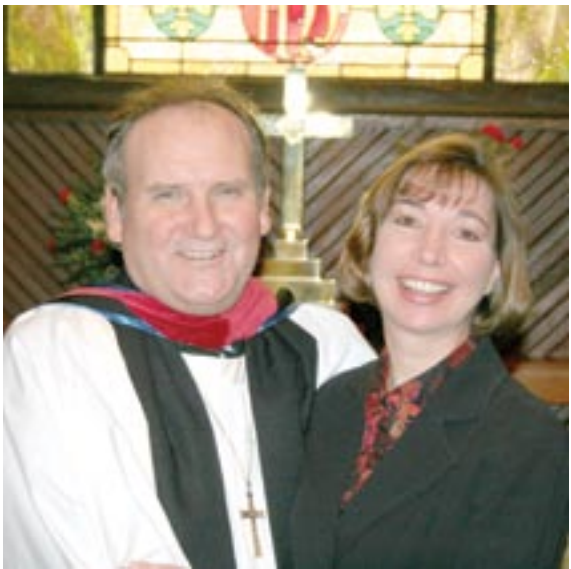
The couples' conference is a weekend retreat designed to strengthen and renew Christian marriages. We will have strong biblical teaching as well as time for small group discussions, praise and worship, fellowship, and time specifically to spend alone with your spouse. It doesn't matter if you have been married for less than a month or more than 50 years, all couples who desire to learn more about joyful marriages are encouraged to attend.

This year's conference will be led by the Rev. James Barnhill and his wife Donna. James is the rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Bennettsville, SC. The theme for the weekend will be "Bathing in the Light" and the teaching sessions will include:

- ◆ Marriage takes three... Is Christ in the middle?
- ◆ How do individuals communicate and perceive?... What's your comfort zone?
- ◆ Men are from Mars--- Really!
- ◆ Seasons - Nothing else remains exactly the same in life, why should marriage?

To register, mail a non-refundable deposit of \$75 along with the registration form, right, to the address as indicated. The total cost of the weekend is \$325 per couple which includes lodging and meals.

Participants are encouraged to bring Bibles and comfortable clothes. Please also bring a copy of your wedding photo that can be left for our scrapbook. More information is available on the diocesan website at www.dioceseofsc.org or for questions about the conference, please email the registrar Amy Jordan at christianmarriageconferences@yahoo.com or call Tripp Lee at (803) 468-2295.



WADE KALINOWSKY

James and Donna Barnhill will lead the upcoming Christian Couples Conference.

New Chapter of Junior Daughters of the King Church of the Cross, Bluffton

A new Chapter of the Jr. Daughters of the King was instituted in the Diocese at the Church of the Cross in Bluffton on February 28, 2010.

Representing Diocesan DOK President Elaine Crafton, Lindy Kirk, 1st Vice President, Province IV, presented the Charter and Joan Hayes was installed as the Jr. Chapter Directress. The Junior Daughters admitted were: Nicole Ammons, Jessica Behrens, Delaney Black, Avalon Bryan, Samantha Buda, Ragan Jones, Emma Nicolini, Maggie Ofner, Elizabeth Sulak and Victoria Sulak. A reception for the Juniors followed the service, and the Diocesan Junior Daughter Di-



Diocese of SC Jr. Daughter Directress, Teresa Kunich, welcomes the new Jr. Daughters at the Church of the Cross, Bluffton. In the second row are Junior Daughters from Teresa's own Jr. Daughter Chapter at St. Luke's, Hilton Head, who came to support their sisters in the new Chapter.

rectress, Teresa Kunich, welcomed the new Daughters. This Chapter becomes the thirteenth Junior chapter in the Diocese.

2010 Couples Conference Registration

Husband's Name: _____
Wife's Name: _____
Address: _____
City: State: Zip: _____
Telephone: _____
Email: _____
Parish: _____
Anniversary date (mm/dd/year): _____
Special needs or dietary restrictions: _____

Date Rec: _____ Amount Rec: _____ Chk #: _____

To register, mail this form with a non-refundable deposit of \$75 made payable to "Couples Conference" to Amy Jordan, c/o Trinity Myrtle Beach, 3000 N. Kings Hwy., Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. The total cost for the weekend, \$325 per couple, includes meals and lodging. The deposit will be credited toward the total fee. Please fill out as you want your nametag to read.



JOY HUNTER
Above, from left, The Rt. Rev. Alden Hathaway, the Rev. Dr. Peter Moore, Dr. Robert Gagnon and Dr. Edith Humphrey gather on St. Philip's portico.

Mere Anglicanism Conference Discusses Sex and Theology

By the Rev. Dr. Peter C. Moore

What do 250 Anglicans talk about when they gather in one of the most majestic antebellum ecclesiastical structures in the South?

They talk about sex, but also about broader social questions. The theme for this year's Mere Anglicanism conference, which met on Jan. 21-23, was "Human Identity: Gender, Marriage, and Sexuality — Speculation or Revelation?" The annual Charleston-based conference, which moved this year from the Cathedral of St Luke and St. Paul to the larger St. Philip's, addressed modern culture from the perspective of balanced, traditional, biblically based Anglican theology.

Participants discussed how the institution of marriage is struggling amid a sexually permissive society. Statistics show that today the number of cohabiting couples has risen 600 percent since the 1970s. Gay marriage, while still disapproved of by the majority of

the population, has become legal in several states and is increasingly accepted by mainline churches, including the Episcopal Church.

Paul McHugh, a professor of psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, said that scientific research has not established any genetic causation for homosexual orientation. When asked if his paper might appear in *The American Journal of Psychiatry*, he smiled and said, "No." Americans, he said, have become such victims of the "politics of deviance" that objective scholarship is brushed aside in favor of what is deemed to be politically correct.

Robert Gagnon, an associate professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and author of *The Bible and Homosexual Practice*, addressed the argument that St. Paul condemned only exploitative or pederastic homosexual behavior, and he knew nothing of homosexual orientation or

partnerships among peers. Dr. Gagnon argued that both were well-known in ancient Greece and Rome, and — while tolerated — were often condemned even by pagan writers.

Edith Humphrey, the William F. Orr professor of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, critiqued the writings of three theologians: Carter Heyward, Sarah Coakley and Eugene F. Rogers, Jr. Dr. Humphrey was especially critical of Dr. Rogers' comparing human sexual intimacy to the relationship among the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Rev. Rev. Michael Nazir-Ali, recently retired Bishop of the Church of England's Diocese of Rochester, spoke on theological differences between Christianity and Islam. The Bishop cited Yale scholar Lamin Sanneh, a convert from Islam, who argues that the Bible, in contrast to the Quran, has an innate "translatability," and therefore impels believers to shape their own cultures. The Bible's very plasticity invites engagement with each new culture rather than retreat.

The Rev. Mario Bergner, an Anglican priest and former college drama teacher, described his journey out of homosexuality and into a new life as the married father of five. Speaking of how online porn presents a new challenge to Christians, he confessed that he has a lock on his own computer that is monitored by his wife and others to whom he is accountable.

Other plenary speakers highlighted the importance of marriage and the need for churches to confront the divorce culture and the growing epidemic of cohabitation.

Michael and Harriet McManus, founders of Marriage Savers, urged churches to help couples prepare for marriage. Churches in more than 200 cities have committed themselves to a common marriage preparation program.

The Rt. Rev. Mark Lawrence, Bishop of South Carolina, preached at the closing Eucharist on how God removes layer upon layer of sin from Christians' lives in order to set them free.

Next year's conference will be in honor of the Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, retired Bishop of South Carolina and a member of Mere Anglicanism's steering committee.

Single Parenting on a Mission

By Rob Rienow, Wheaton Bible Church

As a single parent, you already know that your children are your top priority. You have likely built your life and schedule around being the best parent you can be. But it is easy to lose sight of what your children need the most. Your children don't need to be great athletes. Your children don't need to have a high IQ. Your children don't need great friends. Your children don't need to be up on the latest music and gadgets. So what do they need? What is the most important thing you can give them? What your children need more than anything else is to know God and love Him! God has created you and called you in this chapter of your life to impress the hearts of your children with a love for God. Nothing else is more important. Would it be wonderful if there were a godly spouse at your side? Yes! But for now, God has given you this responsibility. Can your extended family, your friends and the church support you? Yes. But no one can reach the heart of your child like you can. Focus your prayers on the hearts of your children. Pray for them to give their hearts to you (Prov. 23:26) and to Christ. Make whatever sacrifices necessary to spend time praying with your children each day. Read the Bible with them. Open your heart to them about how God is working in your life. Encourage them to open their hearts to you. Look for creative ideas on how you can make spiritual life at home both meaningful and fun. Pray for God to give you the strength and discernment to know when to say "no" in order to prioritize the hearts of your children and your relationship with them. My prayer is that your children will one day look back on this chapter of your lives together and say, "We faced a lot of challenges back then. It was impossible to stay on top of every thing, but my dad/my mom put time with God first in our family schedule. I may not have known it at the time, but that was what I needed more than anything in the world."

Rienow is speaking at The Church of the Resurrection, May 21-22. See page 16 for details.

Is God Calling Your Church to Expand Its Ministry?

Is debt an obstacle to your ministry's growth? Have you found that your efforts to raise money for capital improvements have fallen short? The Diocese is here to help! Professional guidance for effectively raising the money to fund the vision that God has given you and your church is available through the Diocese. Ann Hester Willis, Director of Development for the Diocese, can provide fundraising guidance to establish a dedicated and strategic campaign for your present and future needs. Ann is experienced in working with churches within the Diocese; she can help you to implement a capital campaign or assist you with annual fundraising. Yes, we are

in challenging times — times that make the need for a professional to guide you through a successful fundraising effort essential. Contact Ann for more information at ahwillis@dioceseofsc.org

Carolina Grace: Gold for the Soul

The second issue of the independent journal explores "Freedom." Articles are contributed by Episcopalians throughout the Diocese. To order a copy or for a subscription, contact Bunny Martic at (843) 723-4575 or bmartin@gracesc.org. Learn more, visit www.gracesc.org.

30 Weeks + 42 Volunteers

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Above, from left, Andy Groves, Pat Goss, Tameka Taylor, Montrenian Taylor, Jacoby Taylor, the recipient, Delores Sanders Taylor, and the Rev. Ted McNabb.

stall the house. On Sunday, March 21, Ms. Taylor, her grandson, his wife and her great-grandson attended the dedication and blessing. Their surprise, excitement and thankfulness overflowed. It was suggested that a piece of their old house be kept as a memory of their many years in it. The grandson said, "No way, I don't want any of those memories."

Men Strengthened, Renewed, Challenged at Men's Conference

By Tripp Lee, Holy Comforter, Sumter

Over 200 men, ranging in age from 14 to 87, from 71 different churches in 53 cities across 7 states attended the twentieth annual Christian Men's Conference February 26-28 at Saint Christopher Camp and Conference Center.

Through dynamic teaching brought by The Rev. Dr. Rob Rienow (www.visionaryparenting.com), powerful praise offered through Trey Truluck (Holy Cross) and his team (Joey Landstedt, St. Michael's; Andrew Bergstrom, The Cathedral; and Matt Butler, Christ Church), glorious worship led by the Rev. Arthur Jenkins, St. James, James Island, and testimony from transparent lay witnesses, our good and gracious Lord was able to meet men right where they were and deepen His relationship with them.

If you were there, and even if you weren't, be sure to get a copy of Rob's four teaching sessions from the weekend on audio CD for \$20.00 from Trevor Spencer at Crosstown Ministries & Services, Inc., P.O. Box 1136, Mount Pleasant, SC 29465; (843) 425-1268.

Rienow will be back in Myrtle Beach at Church of the Resurrection, Surfside, on

Friday, May 21, 2010, from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday, May 22 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.. Register at www.resurrection-surfside.org.

Men, bring your wives! Wives, bring your men!

Next year, the Christian Men's

Conference will be held February 18 - 20, 2011! This is a change from what was communicated to all attendees at the closing. Please note the change of date, and make plans now to attend next year!



BY PAT EDMUNDSON

Above, men gather for prayer during the Christian Men's Conference.

In Times of Crisis

Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy Banquet

Raises Awareness; Funds

By Jean McDowell, Director of Development for Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy

Every day, the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy strives to bring spiritual comfort and support to people in crisis in our community. On February 11, the community gathered to bring support to the chaplaincy. Some 560 people attended the Chaplaincy's 19th Anniversary Banquet at the Charleston Area Convention Center. They bid on more than 100 silent auction items, listened to moving testimonials and remarks about the Chaplaincy and were fed by a benediction given by Bishop Mark Lawrence who asked the Lord to continue guiding us on our journeys.

Ms. Monica Edwards shared her story of the tragic loss of her husband 18 months ago in a diving accident, and Charleston County Deputy Jeff DeGrow shared his story of being shot five times in the line of duty. Both Ms. Edwards and Deputy

DeGrow explained how important the presence of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy was during the immediate aftermath of their tragedies. Their testimonials and the remarks of the other speakers, including Charleston Mayor Joseph Riley and Folly Beach Mayor Carl Beckmann, reinforced the importance of and need for the ministry of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy in the Charleston community.

The banquet raised awareness of the chaplaincy's work and mission and raised more than \$40,000 to help sustain the ministry as it serves people in the immediate aftermath of unexpected tragedies. The staff and many volunteers of the Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy are grateful for the support. Please consider joining us for our 20th Anniversary Banquet next year on February 10, 2011.

Trust in an Age of Arrogance

New Book By The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison

"I started this book in an arm chair and finished it on my knees," says author Os Guinness of Bishop Allison's latest book, *Trust in an Age of Arrogance*. Guinness continues, "Here

Western civilization is giving up trust in the promise of God's mercy, justice, and forgiveness and replacing it with trust in the goodness of man.

Jesus warned us to beware the teaching of the Sadducees and Pharisees.

The Sadducees, who denied hope of eternal life, are a rough equivalent of our modern day secularists with their religious trust that this world is all there is. Replacing God with trust in flawed human nature is a mark of arrogance that even pagans would have characterized as hubris evoking divine wrath.

The Pharisees' yeast of self-righteousness is a natural condition of us all. Even when cleansed it reappears in every tradition rendering forgiveness and transformation a promise only for those who think they have earned and deserve it. Such a distortion of God's word is congenial to our self-as-center, but it robs us sinners of the justice and mercy of a loving God.

Following Jesus's warning we have the opportunity to wipe away the Sadducee arrogance and the Pharisee self-righteousness and discover anew the supreme power and joy of the Christian faith."



JOY HUNTER

The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison is a rich treasury of insights and observations from a life well lived and thought, one that adds up to a profound and moving testimony to the wonder of the Gospel and God's grace."

Of the book, publishers Wipf & Stock, say,

"God is in the dock. Shall we convict him or forgive him? Shall we replace the God of Scripture with another of our choosing, mock and deride him, or ignore him? Shall we replace revelation with the chaos of speculation? We perceive ourselves, rather than God, as the center of the world and this universal condition leads to conflict with others and with God. Maintaining our center causes cheating, lying, litigation, divorce, wars, genocide, and human misery.

St. Andrew's Departs

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and the parish leadership, as well as among our diocesan leaders.

By God's grace we will keep St. Andrew's in our prayers and work with them to find ways to cooperate in Gospel mission and ministry that honors Jesus Christ and his Kingdom.

Yours in Christ,
+Mark Lawrence
Bishop of South Carolina

The Rt. Rev. Michael Nazir-Ali says, "This book is a distillation of much wisdom, and Allison wears his learning lightly. It warns us against two opposite dangers: moralism without the spiritual and tolerance without morality. Against these, he places the fullness of the Christian faith where trust in Christ's work frees us from the unendurable guilt and gives us the grace to repent of our shortcomings and seek to fulfill God's purposes for ourselves and for his world."



That One Kid; That One Miracle Kid

by Julia Perry, MSW, York Place

Thoughts from a Therapist at York Place

Working with kids, my job has a lot of perks to it. I receive twenty free hugs a day, many of my afternoons are spent outside coloring with sidewalk chalk, and I have the privilege of helping young troubled hearts cope with their painful experiences. But without a doubt, the perk I am most grateful for is that I am able to stand witness to real-life, modern day miracles. That is pretty special.

A few weeks ago, I conducted a group therapy session where the children were invited to express their thoughts and feelings regarding fairly controversial topics. The activity was simple: I asked a question and the children answered by moving to a place along a scale on the wall. "Yes" was taped in big bold letters to one end of the room, "Maybe" in the middle, and "No" on the opposite end. Just for fun, I included some "no-brainer" questions, such as, "Do you think education is important?" and "Is it necessary to have family in your life?" The activity was going along very well, and some of the children had very strong feelings about certain topics, which was expected and welcomed.

About halfway through the activity, I came to one of my no-brainer questions. I read aloud with confidence, "Do you think God loves you and is with you all the time?" With great certainty and conviction, all of the children moved enthusiastically underneath the "Yes" sign. All of them, of course, except that one kid... you know him—the thirteen-year-old, forever pessimistic, stubborn, "you-can't-tell-me-anything" kid. The one who seems impossible to reach but you can't help but love. And, of course, that one kid raised his hand in order to share his sentiments. Never one for censorship, I called on him, and he said, "If God was always with us, He wouldn't let bad stuff happen to us for no reason." I had heard this complaint many times, but before I could even begin my "God has a plan" speech, the other children began to mumble loudly amongst themselves. Before I knew it, two of them moved across the room to the "No" side. Then, that one kid added, "And if God loves us so much, why do we have all these mental problems and why do our parents just leave us?" And then the roof caved in, and all the remaining believers began to mutter affirmations, and slowly moved over to the "No" side with the others.

As I watched this scene unfold in horror, I debated whether I should try my best to convince them, or to let it go and move on. I said a silent prayer, and elected to let the situation play itself out. I sat and watched the children griping and groaning, feeling more defeated by the second. And then I noticed that one kid. He

wasn't mumbling with the other children. He sat silently staring at the floor, but I could see the wheels

pid and make bad choices, too. Just because my dad left doesn't mean God left." We all watched him move



turning. And here's where my real-life, modern day miracle came into play.

That one kid stood up and moved to the "Maybe" sign. The other children fell silent and we all looked at him expectantly. He paused and said, "But you know what, if God wasn't with me all the time, I would've been in Department of

over, directly underneath the "Yes" sign. The other children followed suit.

Then, that one kid, the one who seems impossible to reach but you can't help but love, said, "Okay, I'm convinced." And I was, too. I smiled and nodded at that one kid. That is until he blurted out, "Alright, let's move on already; this is getting boring." And I wouldn't have expected anything less from him, that one kid, that one, thirteen-year-old, strong, inspirational, miracle kid.

"Do you think God loves you and is with you all the time?" With great certainty and conviction, all of the children moved enthusiastically underneath the "Yes" sign. All of them, of course, except that one kid.

Juvenile Justice right now, not here." And then he went on to explain, "I've made a lot of really bad choices in my life, and God still hasn't quit on me." The mumbling began again, and some more children joined him underneath the "Maybe" sign.

But that one kid was still standing there with a quizzical look on his face. I asked him to share his thoughts. He slowly shook his head and said, "Nothing." But like everyone else in the room, I stood breathless, curious to see what would happen next. I gave him time. Eventually, he said, "But really, other people's problems have nothing to do with me. Grown-ups can be stu-

Show your support for York Place and its ministry:

York Place Founders Day

Sunday, May 2, 2010
York Place Campus,
234 Kings Mtn. St.
York, SC 29745

10:00 a.m. Registration
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
12:30 p.m. Picnic on the Grounds
1:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony

There will also be an Alumni Breakfast for all former residents at 8:30 a.m. at Church of the Good Shepherd, York, SC.

Please RSVP by calling (803) 684-4011 x 1023 or emailing sgoss@yorkplace.org. The deadline for registration is April 26, 2010. All are invited!

Gene Knight Play for the Child Golf Tournament

Friday, June 4, 2010
Spring Lake Country Club,
York, SC. Visit www.yorkplace.org for more information or call (803) 684-4011 x 1023.

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Congregational Development Committee to restore St. John's Chapel to pristine condition. These same parishes now partner with The Reverend and Mrs. Dallas Wilson to expand a ministry of transformation for young girls, youth and families amidst the violence, deprivation and hopelessness that all too often lies as pall over the East Side of Charleston. And there have been other restorations as well that are worthy of note, such as the remarkable preservation at Grace Church with its elegant lines and noble steeple, or the magnificent restoration of that jewel of the Florence deanery, Holy Cross, Stateburg. Then there are the building projects at St. Christopher's where Chris Warner and others from the diocese have labored to get the Camp and Conference Center back in sound condition. As for evangelistic work, here too, if things were different, we could speak at length of new initiatives and progress that has been made. Just to pick one department for instance—College Ministry: There is Daron Taylor's ministry on the College of Charleston, Greg Smith's work at the Citadel, John Foster and St. Bartholomew's outreach at Coker College, or the new vicar of St. Paul's, Orangeburg, Fr. Jimmy Gallant's ground-breaking ministry at Claflin University and South Carolina State University Campuses—with parishes such as St. Philip's, Charleston; Redeemer, Orangeburg; and others assisting with financial resources. Nor should we forget the outstanding leadership

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and the sacrificial labors of his people could lay down such bitterness, resentment and unforgiveness at the cross of Jesus Christ. Therefore, for me not to mention it would be a colossal oversight. Just yesterday I received word from the rector and vestry of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Waccamaw that the litigation with All Saints' Church, of the Anglican Mission in America (AMiA), is over. The case is resolved; and resolved out of court. The prayers of many have prevailed and the Glory is God's. Our gratitude to the leadership of both congregations is now due. This has been a long and painful pathway to walk for those at All Saints' Episcopal as they have stayed faithfully with The Diocese of South Carolina. They have often been misunderstood even by many within our own diocese, for one's heritage, as any South Carolinian knows, is an almost unendurable thing to lose. The details of this agreement or resolution must be told in a separate story, but let it be known for now that the congregation that has gone for the last six years as All Saints' Episcopal Parish, and grown under Fr. Ed Kelaher's leadership

behind they press on toward the upward goal of Jesus Christ. May our Lord reward them



JOY HUNTER
“I thought the convention went very well,” said Ms. Barbara Braithwaite, above, on right. She and Mrs. Betty Graham, left, were delegates from St. Andrew's Mission, West Ashley.



JOY HUNTER
Participating in the service, from the Diocese of the Southeast of the Reformed Episcopal Church, were from left, the Rev. Canon Ron Moock, the Rt. Rev. William White, Suffragan Bishop and the Rt. Rev. Alphonza Gadsden, Bishop.

that Dr. Cleveland Sellars is exercising at Voorhees College. These and so many, many other remarkable accomplishments by faithful priests, deacons and laypersons must for now go relatively unsung. Yet one notable work I must pause over since it has been a saga closely followed not just by many in this diocese but by so many elsewhere as well. It is a work of such profound reconciliation that only God's grace

this would happen after so many hard words had been uttered, family gatherings divided, and pain and distrust felt on both sides. As recently as Wednesday, as I waited for my luggage at the Charleston Airport returning from the House of Bishop's Meeting, I talked with Mr. Guerry Green. He informed me then of property the vestry was looking to buy in preparation for a new worship site and building. They are moving on—forgetting what lies

greatly with continued growth—not merely with transferred members but rescued souls. There are many other things we could celebrate from every deanery within this diocese. Keeping just with the Georgetown deanery I could go on to speak of the sacrificial courage of the people of Resurrection, Surfside; or the plans of the Reverend Wilmot Merchant and the people of St. Stephen's, North Myrtle Beach, to plant a congregation in the community of Loris; the forays in evangelism of Holy Cross-Faith Memorial, Prince George, Winyah, Trinity Myrtle Beach, St. Paul's, Conway; or to shift to the Orangeburg deanery, there's the building project of St. Matthias, Summerton; or the new property purchased in Santee for planting a church right in the middle of an anticipated development. Clearly there is much progress and many Gospel opportunities to which I would prefer to give my wholehearted attention this morning. But, like St. Paul at Troas, my spirit is troubled.

The Trajectory of The Episcopal Church Continues Unabated





The distractions that come from the decisions others have made within The Episcopal Church have created restlessness in my spirit. And I am not alone among the people of this diocese to such a troubled mind. These are matters to which we must attend, though it grieves our hearts to be distracted from the great work of gospel proclamation and ministry. It would be insufferable to see this great Diocese of South Carolina come under the sway of the same false gospel that has decked so much of The Episcopal Church with decorative destruction and dreadful decline. Like those in the Church at Corinth with

whom St. Paul was confronted, many within the leadership of The Episcopal Church have grown willful. They will have their way though it is contrary to the received teaching of God's Holy Word, the trustworthy traditions of the Christian Faith, and the expressed will of the Anglican Communion—that rich multicultural body of almost 80 million Christians around the world, from many tribes, languages, peoples, and nations. Just last week, the Archbishop of Canterbury released a statement from Lambeth Palace in response to The Episcopal Church's consent to a partnered lesbian's election as a Suffragan Bishop of Los Angeles:

“It is regrettable that the appeals from Anglican Communion bodies for continuing gracious restraint have not been heeded. Following the Los Angeles election in December the archbishop made clear that the outcome of the consent process would have important implications for the communion. Further consultation will now take place about the implications and consequences of this decision.”

It is not clear what these implications and consequences will be for The Episcopal Church or the larger Communion; but it is up to us to decide what they will be for this Diocese of South Carolina if we want to live freely in Christ in a world of spin. Frankly, we must be honest here; there has been precious little restraint within many dioceses of TEC even when the Archbishop of Canterbury and others within the Anglican Communion thought there was. The march of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Movement has gone on relatively unchallenged. And that is not the worst of the theological heterodoxy, as I and others have stated elsewhere. It is merely the boundary upon which the current challenge is waged. The leaders of the Anglican Communion should know the truth about these matters though some of the leadership of this Church has repeatedly shrouded it in misinformation or spin. Recently, however, the Presiding Bishop has written to the Primates of the Communion regarding the Glasspool election in a more forthright way: “Know that this is not the decision of one person, or a small group of people. It represents the mind of a majority of elected leaders in The Episcopal Church, lay, clergy, and bishops....” This at last is an honest admission of where the leadership of The Episcopal Church is today regarding partnered gay or lesbian persons as bishops of the Church. It is also where the majority of the bishops would appear to be regarding same-sex blessings or marriages. I believe it is also the desire of many in TEC to bring the rest of the Anglican Communion to embrace this as well. How could they not if they believe the Spirit of God has inspired it? As was spoken at the recent House of Bishop's Meeting, “The Spirit has already been expanding our mission. We have become witnesses of what God is doing” —that is witnesses to what the Spirit is doing through same-sex relationships in the life of the Church, whether in same-sex marriage or partnered gay, lesbian, bi-sexual, or transgendered persons in every order of ministry. It begs the question of among whom exactly is the “Spirit” expanding the mission? Is it within the Episcopal Church for now and the Anglican Communion later? It is being presented as it has for decades, ever since

The following individuals were elected during the 219th Convention to serve the Diocese of South Carolina:

Standing Committee: Clergy		Standing Committee: Lay		Diocesan Council: Clergy		Diocesan Council: Lay	
Dow Sanderson	Paul Feuner	Reid Boylston	Ann Hester Willis	Mark Avera	Tripp Cormeny	Donald Hurst	
							

the late seventies, as paralleling the inclusion of the Gentiles in the first century into the Church without first having to become Jews. But under what apostolic or internationally ecumenical authority is one to claim such a monumental revelation?

Clearly these are disruptive challenges to the teaching we have received from the last two thousand years in the church of Jesus Christ. It was in part because the Standing Committee and I anticipated these recent developments and confirmation of TEC's continued trajectory that we called the Special Synod last October and put before the diocese the resolutions for your support. We all need to face this challenge squarely. It is hard to imagine there will be any backing away from partnered gay and lesbian priests and bishops; and there is little reason to believe the move toward an ever wider embrace of sexual understandings for those in ordained ministry should stop here. This we must face without blinking, for as you may have heard me say before: though there are many across this country that hold us in prayer; though there are bishops and archbishops throughout the Anglican Communion who have written or called us to offer their encouragement and support, for which we are inexpressibly grateful, there is no one coming to rescue us—at least with any temporal hand. This is our battle to engage. We are not entirely alone, but our list of allies at home grows thin. This is our time to stand and be humbly counted among the faithful, just as others have in prior generations. We must face reality as it is: not as it was in some prior time; not as we remember it through the rose colored glasses of gentility or our gilded memories of an Episcopal Church of yesteryear; not as we wish it were in our day; but as it is.

This false Gospel of Indiscriminate Inclusivity like kudzu in an old growth forest has suffocated the mission of the Church and has helped to set The Episcopal Church on a denominationally downward spiral of radically decreasing membership and increasing irrelevance. Consider just the Average Sunday Attendance (ASA) figures for The Episcopal Church within the dioceses of the United States: In 2002 the total ASA of domestic dioceses in the U.S. was 860,000; in 2008 the ASA was 670,000—a 22% decline in six years. The decline shows no signs of abating. Rather it is accelerating. Some purport to find comfort in the fact that other mainline denominations show decline as well, but few more pronouncedly than us. Frankly, to know that others decline is poor comfort at best. In contrast the Diocese of South Carolina grew, albeit modestly, during these same years with a 3.5% increase of ASA from 13, 441 in 2002 to 13, 906 in 2008. And if one would look at the growth of the diocese between 1998 and 2008, (12, 439 ASA in 1998 and 13, 908 in 2008, an 11.9% increase), it is rather clear that after 2003 our growth became less pronounced. Sadly, we may soon show a temporary decline, for understandably, some among us grow restless. Like St. Paul at Troas there is much to distract us.

The Presiding Bishop's Incursion and Its Significance

I come now to the reason why this Annual Diocesan Convention was postponed. If the challenges I mentioned above were not enough for a diocese to face in a downturned economy, since our Special Convention in October, which addressed the many theological challenges before us, an entirely new challenge has surfaced: A constitutional question about the ability of a diocese to govern its common life in a way that is obedient to the teaching of the Bible, the received heritage of The Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and in accordance with The Constitution & Canons of The Episcopal Church. In December of 2009, our Chancellor, Mr. Wade Logan, was finally informed by a local attorney that he had been retained by the Presiding Bishop's Chancellor. In a subsequent series of letters he presented himself as "South Carolina counsel for The Episcopal Church" and requested numerous items of the Bishop and Standing Committee, as well as information regarding parishes in this diocese. This way of presenting himself fails to acknowledge that this diocese is the only recognized body of The Episcopal Church within the lower half of South Carolina. There is no other representa-

tative or ecclesiastical authority of The Episcopal Church here but our Bishop and Standing Committee. Furthermore, this was carried out without the Presiding Bishop even so much as calling me. Subsequently, the Presiding Bishop has stated publicly, as well as privately to me, that the retaining of this attorney was in keeping with the mutual litigation in the Pawleys Island case of All Saints' Parish versus All Saints', the Diocese of South Carolina and TEC. But as I pointed out to her privately, and Bishop Ed Salmon made clear during a brief discussion at the recent House of Bishop's Meeting at Camp Allen, in the prior circumstances the Diocese and The Presiding Bishop's Office were partners in a law suit in which both were named by the other party. This present matter is quite different. The retaining of counsel now has all the signs of an adversarial relationship—one of monitoring through a non-constitutional and non-canonical incursion how a Diocesan Bishop and Standing Committee may choose to deal with its priests and parishes.

What is astonishing is that this Diocese of South Carolina, while seeking to be faithful to the Holy Scriptures, historic Anglicanism and the received teaching of the Anglican Communion as expressed through its four Instruments of Unity, as well as to The Book of Common Prayer, and adhering to The Constitution and Canons of this Church, has experienced incursions not authorized by these very constitution and canons. A reference here to Powel Mills Dawley's book in the Church Teaching Series, *The Episcopal Church and Its Work*, may be helpful for many. Writing of the Presiding Bishop's authority, Professor Dawley notes, "[He] exercises no direct pastoral oversight of his own, nor does he possess visitatorial or juridical powers within the independent dioceses of the Episcopal Church."



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The absence of the Presiding Bishop having juridical powers within an independent diocese makes the hiring of an attorney by the Presiding Bishop's office an unauthorized act. The stated purpose for her incursion is the protection of Church property. Whether there are other more disruptive reasons for such non-canonical intrusion can only be surmised. But in addressing only this stated purpose, we can summarize that the Presiding Bishop has decided that the best way to resolve the challenges TEC faces over profound questions of doctrine, morality and discipline is to interpret the so called Dennis Canon as demanding that every diocese institute litigation in the secular courts with parishes that decide to depart, therein exercising coercive power to the fullest extent of the law regardless of the local issues, or the decisions of the diocesan bishop and Standing Committee.

All this is a profound overreach of the Presiding Bishop's authority. Certainly I know there are many within TEC who strongly disagree with my theological commitments, and regardless of how monolithic people may believe this diocese to be, there are those within this diocese who share their disagreement. I acknowledge this and respect it. Even more, some do not like the strong statements I have made criticizing certain actions and resolutions successive General Conventions have affirmed, as well as the steps that many leaders of the "national" Church have taken, tearing the fabric of the Anglican Communion. But the thing we are confronting now is not a challenge of this nature. It is a challenge to how for over two hundred years The Episcopal Church has carried out its mission and ministry. It is one of the ironies of this time that we, in a diocese like South Carolina, which has been one of the most vigorous critics of the "national" church, should be the ones that are called to defend the polity of TEC—to defend the way Episcopalians have for so long carried out their mission. But history is full of such paradoxes. In standing up and protecting our autonomy or independence as

a diocese in TEC, in protecting the diocesan bishop's authority to shepherd the parishes and missions of his diocese, and in defending the bishop and, in his absence, the Standing Committee as the Ecclesiastical Authority, we are in fact defending how TEC has carried out its ministry and mission for these many years.

Every Diocesan Bishop, every Standing Committee, indeed every Episcopalian ought to know that if this is allowed to stand, that if The Presiding Bishop and her chancellor are allowed to

hire an attorney in a diocese of this Church, to look over the shoulder of any bishop or worse dictate to that Bishop or Standing Committee how they are to deal with the parishes and missions under their care, imposing upon them mandates or directives as to how they disburse or purchase property, then we have entered into a new era of unprecedented hierarchy, and greater autocratic leadership from the Presiding Bishop's office and his or her chancellor. It may then be the case that a chancellor who has heretofore been only a counsel of advice for the Presiding Bishop can now function, without election, confirmation or canonical authority, as the de facto chancellor of the Church, exercising power not authorized by this Church and therein dictating to the dioceses of this church how they shall deal with their parishes and property.

Recently, the Presiding Bishop and I have had a respectful conversation about this matter, during which she asserted once again what she has stated publicly on many occasions: That she has responsibility for the whole Church.

That the property of The Episcopal Church must be protected and this is one of her duties. But if so, it is a duty that she has assumed, not one stated in the Constitution & Canons, nor assumed by any previous Presiding Bishop. The Presiding Bishop's role is to guide the work that the several dioceses perform together as may be voted upon by General Convention. It is not to direct the work or ministry of the independent

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Diocesan Council: Lay

Katherine Monroe



Andrew O'Dell



Ecclesiastical Court: Clergy

Marcus Kaiser



Frank Larisey



Ecclesiastical Court: Lay

Sue Cavanaugh



Bill Ervin



Not Pictured:

Diocesan Trustees: Lay
Bob Kunes

Sewanee Trustee
Bill Clarkson

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dioceses that make up the Episcopal Church. That has always been the role of the Bishop of the Diocese and the various elected bodies of the local diocese. The Standing Committee, the Bishop and perhaps the Board of Trustees of the local diocese alone have charge in various ways over these matters of property. As a case in point, should a diocese decide to purchase property to plant a congregation, or alienate or sell the property it possess, it seeks no further authority than itself for such action. So, too, if a diocese chooses to close a congregation there is no higher authority than the bishop. The Presiding Bishop's decision to hire counsel in South Carolina leads us all into such precarious waters that every diocese and bishop in this Church ought to be concerned, lest the polity and practice of TEC be changed by a precedent without constitutional or canonical authority. As I have said to our various deanery gatherings, and as I stated to the Presiding Bishop, precedent unchallenged may establish practice and practice unchallenged in time may turn to policy. Therefore, we have a constitutional and canonical obligation to demand the removal of her legal counsel. Especially is this fitting in that her public defense of her position was that they had previously had counsel in this diocese to assist in the Pawleys Island law suit. Since the case is now finished, there should be no further reason for such a retainer. Unfortunately, after lengthy and respectful conversation, the Presiding Bishop and I stand looking at one another across a wide, deep and seemingly unbridgeable theological and canonical chasm. At present, both of us have signaled a willingness to continue the conversation even if it requires phone conversations from vastly different area codes.

So we proceed at this Annual Convention

with our various resolutions. R-2 demands not only the withdrawal of legal counsel but a respectfully honoring of the Polity of The Episcopal Church as practiced consistently within this Church since its inception. Resolution R-3 makes explicit what has been implicit all along and affirmed by a federal court that the bishop of the diocese is the sole authority as to the interpretation of Diocesan Constitution and Canons. Once again, R-4 declares explicitly what is implicit, and here for good reason. It is difficult not to conclude that in the Presiding Bishop's opinion, any bishop or ecclesiastical authority which chooses to deal with a departing parish in a manner contrary to her stated position is failing in his or its fiduciary responsibility. Without so much as a nod to the apostolic teaching in I Corinthians 6:1-8, or the words of our Lord in Matthew 5:25-26, this model of litigation has become the official position of the Presiding Bishop's Office—though it has received no endorsement from the General Convention of this Church and more grievous still denies the constitutional, canonical and even legally upheld authority of the Diocesan Bishop to be the ecclesiastical authority of his diocese, and to apply the teachings of Christ and the Church to the needs of his diocese, its parishes and members, as he believes is most in keeping with Christian charity, responsible stewardship, and godly judgment. This is not to imply that a Church, diocese or parish should never go to court or enter into litigation. It is merely to suggest that the imposing of a model of indiscriminate and unbridled litigation on the 110 dioceses of this Church, as if one model fits all, has brought bitter acrimony, a multiplication of law suits and what St. Paul feared so many years ago, public disgrace and scandal upon the Church. For her to demand

in this diocese such a policy would be an egregiously inept exercise of non-canonical pastoral leadership. Furthermore, this is the wrong time in the life of The Episcopal Church for such a centralization of power, especially one so far removed from the ethos and issues of regions and dioceses. The irony is that such remote hierarchical authoritarianism without constitutional and canonical restrictions, and in the absence of theological unity, would only exacerbate the crisis of spiritual authority we are experiencing in The Episcopal Church and across the Anglican Communion.

Our Call Under God

Finally, what is it we want for this great and historic Diocese of South Carolina? I believe this diocese wants to be able to decide under God its destiny; to have a choice as to whether it goes down the same destructive path that has caused such statistical and spiritual decline as can be seen elsewhere among so many Episcopal dioceses and parishes across this country. I believe what we seek for this diocese is stated succinctly in Resolutions R-1: It is to be a Gospel diocese, proclaiming an evangelical faith, embodied in a catholic order, and empowered and transformed by the Holy Spirit. To strive by God's grace to remain unswerving in our belief that above all Jesus came into the world to save the lost, that those who do not know Christ need to be brought into a personal and saving relationship with him, and that those who do know Christ need to be taught by the Holy Scriptures faithfully to follow him all the days of their lives to the Glory of God the Father by taking their places as responsible members in His Church. As your bishop I also want us to be able to do this while maintaining mutually enriching

missional relationships with dioceses and Provinces of the Anglican Communion, all the while exercising a responsible autonomy. That should an Anglican Covenant emerge as adopted by the breadth of the various Provinces of the Communion that we should hope for full participation in such a Covenant. To this end, I will be attending the Global South to South Encounter gathering in Singapore in April. Along with Bishop John Howe from Central Florida, I will be one of the Communion Partner representatives. We, along with Bishops from The Anglican Church in North America, will be present as observers. This all comes under the rubric of what I have summarized in last year's Convention Address, as Making Biblical Anglicans for a Global Age.

Many speak to me of the difficult task I have as bishop at this time. They wonder how I am dealing with the stresses and pressures upon me. I respond by saying I draw strength from God's call, and from the people of this diocese and from our history. For we have faced far more grievous challenges than the ones we face today; and as God was sufficient then, He shall be so now. Forgive me if I remind you of chapters of gathering storms and seized opportunities, which you know far better than I. Among the catalog of challenges I will remind you today of just one. You will remember that as the winds of war began to blow across this fertile land of South Carolina, those Anglicans who professed and called themselves Christians had to make difficult decisions regarding not merely their allegiance to King and Country, but to the Church of England as well. Repeatedly I have drawn courage from the story of the

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Episcopal Relief & Development Responds to Two Earthquakes

The phones have been ringing off the hooks at the headquarters of Episcopal Relief & Development (ERD) as Episcopalians across the country respond to the needs of people affected by two major

Diocese of the Dominican Republic, which has been thoroughly involved in the relief effort in their neighboring country. ERD rented helicopters to take aid to otherwise inaccessible locations.

For many years, ERD has supported the diocese's Development Program. Thus not long before the earthquake, 28 different development agents had received training in disaster response and management. They did not realize that their expertise would be called on so soon. The information these 28 people have gathered has enabled ERD and the Diocese of Haiti to set priorities for ongoing relief and development efforts. These 28 people were also trained in how to use and maintain the 20 water filtration systems that ERD has provided.

The diocese is now helping over 25,000 survivors (not just Episcopalians) who reside in 23 different camps. Most of these camps are located at the sites of Episcopal Churches and schools. They range in size from a few hundred to 8,000 people. One of them is on the property of the severely damaged College St. Pierre, an Episcopal high school. The accompanying picture shows some residents of St. Vincent's Centre for Handicapped Children who are staying at the St. Pierre site. The main building at the Centre for Handicapped Children is still standing, although it was damaged. At least six of the residents were killed, and others were injured. St. Vincent's

is located just a few blocks from Holy Trinity Cathedral and Holy Trinity School, both of which were demolished. Clearly, ERD will be deeply involved in Haiti for several years.

Chile is a more advanced country than Haiti and strong building codes have kept the devastation from being even worse. Some 2,000,000 people in Chile were affected by the quake, including many who were killed

when a resulting tsunami with 14-foot waves hit part of the coastline. More tsunamis were anticipated, but fortunately they did not develop. Episcopal Relief and Development has initially sent funds to the Anglican Church in Chile, part of the Anglican Church of the Southern Cone of America, for purchasing supplies such as food, water and shelter. We remain in contact with Bishop Hector Zavala Munoz to see what further needs might be taken care of. To make matters worse, a 6.4 magnitude earthquake hit Chile on March 4.

In order for ERD to be able to respond appropriately to requests for help, they need our help. You or your church can help by sending your donations to ERD, PO Box 7058, Merrifield VA 22116-7058. You may designate a gift for relief efforts in either Haiti or Chile. Remember, funds sent to ERD are used for helping people in need. If you would prefer that your donation be used to rebuild churches or other buildings, send it directly to the diocese involved. Remember the words from the Book of Common Prayer, "Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all Thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord."



By Harmon B. Person, Diocesan Rep for ERD

earthquakes. In fact, many contributions recently have been received from places such as Brazil, the Philippines, Hong Kong, and Korea. Because of our diocese's "Companion Relationship" with the Diocese of Haiti, it behooves us to help our Haitian brothers and sisters at this time.

Efforts in Haiti

On January 12, a 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit near Port-au-Prince, Haiti. About 85% of the diocese's churches and schools were destroyed or severely damaged. The death toll has risen to over 230,000. The poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, Haiti was already plagued by poverty, lack of education (literacy rate is 55%), political instability, and inadequate infrastructure. Non-existent or lax building code enforcement contributed greatly to the destruction there. The biggest worry now is the rainy season, with accompanying landslides, which normally begins in May. With so many people being homeless, rampant disease is a real possibility. Bishop Jean Zache Duracin, whose wife was seriously injured and who lost his residence during the earthquake, said that although the diocese was physically destroyed "...the church is there because the church is the people".

In addition to supplying food, water, and medicines, ERD bought three trucks to deliver supplies, and many tents to use as shelter. Two of these three trucks are being used by the Diocese of Haiti, while one was given to the



Above, residents of St. Vincent's Centre for Handicapped Children who are staying at a Camp at College St. Pierre, an Episcopal High School.

Efforts in Chile

On February 27, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake hit near Concepcion, Chile. This was many times stronger than the Haitian earthquake. Chile is located along the Pacific Rim's "Ring of Fire," so they are especially vulnerable to earthquakes. The death toll there is in the hundreds. Many businesses are gone. There are three Anglican congregations in Concepcion - two Spanish-speaking and one English speaking - but first reports from the diocese said that damage to these buildings was light. Many of their parishioners, however, are now sleeping in tent camps.

Training the Next Generation for Leadership in the Church

By Dave Wright

Our vision recognizes a need for us to raise up a generation of leaders for the church. We understand that if we train and equip young leaders, they will make an impact on their youth groups (and schools) now, college or young adult groups in the near future, and the church for decades to come. To this end we have been developing two key programs that seek to equip and train young leaders.



Growing Leaders is a student leadership camp held each year at St. Christopher conference center. This year it will be held June 13-18. This week-long leadership camp seeks to provide students with leadership training through teaching and practical experience that can be directly applied in the parish or school. Students will be able to develop skills in areas including how to lead small groups, leading worship music, preparing Bible studies, and leading group activities.

Each day includes worship, prayer, Bible teaching, skill training, activities, and the opportunity to lead the evening program. Growing Leaders is small enough that students will get to know others, build some amazing friendships, and have a great time together. Those who are applying to be on Youth Commission or to serve as Summer Camp Counselors are strongly urged to participate in Growing Leaders.

The cost for the week is \$325. Some financial assistance is available for those who need it. Visit www.stchristopher.org to learn more and register today!

Youth Commission is a select group of high school students who serve at Mondo and Jesus Weekend as well as at diocesan convention. They undergo two training days during the year to prepare them for these events where they lead small groups and activities, and assist with the overall program. Those who serve on youth commission are expected to be serving in some leadership capacity in their own church as well. A portion of our training is oriented toward equipping them for such leadership in their parish. Applications are made available each spring for serving during the following school year. The commission is selected in late June based on the application and recommendations from youth leaders and priests. The commitment involves two training days, two weekends to serve, one day of convention and a commitment to attend one of the high school weekends for their own personal growth. Those who apply for Youth Commission are strongly urged to attend Growing Leaders as excellent practical training is offered there.

For more information about leadership opportunities for students, feel free to contact Dave Wright at Diocesan House, (843) 722-4075 or visit <http://www.scyouth.org>.

Identity, Mission, and Calling

Jesus Weekend: Youth Retreat Focused on Christ

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator

At the start of Jesus Weekend, we encouraged students to listen carefully to discover the identity of Jesus, His mission, and our calling as a result. This weekend retreat is a key experience that shapes young people's understanding of our Lord and Savior. A long tradition of our diocese, Jesus Weekend was developed originally as the confirmation retreat of St. Paul's, Summerville, and expanded years ago into a diocesan wide-retreat to be used not only for confirmation but for any groups that desire this retreat focused on Jesus.

Approximately 80 eighth and ninth grade students and their leaders participated this



year at St. Christopher. This year Jonathan Bennett led worship music, while teaching was done by Rob Schluter, Oeland Camp, Dorothy Holland, Jonathan Bennett, Trevor Spencer, and Dave Wright. The Eucharist was led by The Rev. Chris Warner on Sunday morning. Jesus Weekend is created and led by a team

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

Confirmation Grows Up

By Dave Wright

Two questions almost always arise when the subject of confirmation comes up. They are: "At what age do youth in your church get confirmed?" and "What do you teach in your confirmation program?" More and more, we are seeing churches increase the age for confirmation. The churches that have made this adjustment are discovering wonderful results. More effective teaching, better retention of youth in the church, and more meaningful experiences of students are just a few of the benefits. The age of confirmands naturally affects the content of the teaching and the experience of the process. Why has this trend been taking place? What benefits are specifically seen from it and why do we see these results?

More Effective Teaching

One of the major differences between teaching middle school students and high school students is that younger teens think in concrete terms while older teens are able to understand abstract concepts. Since we are teaching theological truths to confirmands, older students are able to grasp more conceptual ideas such as the trinity, atonement, sanctification, justification, and so forth. With the younger student, there are limits to the depth of what can be taught because they need to see or grasp tangible ideas rather than concepts. Often churches are limited in how long they can run a confirmation class, so to maximize the time, teaching older teens makes more sense. The stronger confirmation programs in our churches teach their young people the basics of the Christian faith, as well as provide them with an overview of scripture and disciplines to help them grow. A good confirmation course may be outlined much like a good systematic theology book. This way, students gain a clear understanding of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; the nature of man, sin, salvation, and regeneration; the church, worship, prayer, and studying scripture. Ideally, a good confirmation program summarizes the doctrines that teens have been exposed to for

years and enables them to see the relevance to their lives today.

Better Retention of Youth

Statistically, the most common age at which youth drop out of the church is 13 or when they are concluding eighth grade. This might lead some to think "Let's get them confirmed before they drop out!" However, there is a much more effective approach that can be taken. The transition to high school is a large one, and many students won't make the jump unless we have structured our offerings to help them navigate the changes. Several of our

A More Meaningful Experience

When teens are engaged in confirmation at an older age, they are more able to appreciate what they are being taught. The key, however, to this being true is their openness to the Gospel and the presence of what I call the escape clause. In teaching confirmation, I have always told classes that if anyone, after going through the course, does not feel ready to stand before the congregation and affirm these beliefs, I will personally help them get out of it. It's actually a relief for teens to know they have support if they genuinely do not



churches have moved confirmation into the freshman year of high school and begun the teaching and preparation during the eighth grade year so that they move with their peers into a new program, new youth group (in most situations), and a new level of participation. Because many parents strongly encourage their kids to get confirmed, this strategy actually

uses the structures to encourage long-term participation. The end result is that those who are confirmed are far more likely to remain active in the church.

desire to be confirmed. This takes pressure off the students and allows them to participate more freely, as they are not being confirmed simply because their parents are requiring it. Further, when the confirmation program is structured to encourage peer relationships, builds a retreat into the process such as Jesus Weekend, and possibly includes a mentoring component, the whole experience becomes all the more meaningful.

If your church is not waiting until teens mature a bit before confirming them, I encourage you to seriously consider making some changes. It may mean that there is a year without youth confirmation, but the results in the end will be far more effective and meaningful than they had been in the past. The current trend in our diocese is what led us to narrow the age range of the Jesus Weekend to 8th and 9th grade students. The result has been the Jesus Weekend has grown up a little as well. If you would like to discuss confirmation further, feel free to contact me at Diocesan House, (843) 696-1757 or dwright@dioceseofsc.org.



Praying the Truck

Kairos Kitchen Team Member Reflects on Providing Spiritual and Physical Food to Lieber Inmates

By Mick Hall, St. Paul's, Summerville

For many years, I have been associated with Kairos Prison Ministries, which is a three-day spiritual event, held in men's and women's prisons. During the three days, both outside clergy and laymen give formal teachings about Christianity to the incarcerated men and women and give demonstrations of the love of Jesus and the grace of God. At many of the prisons, the food for the weekend is prepared on-site, using the prison's kitchens, but at the Kairos Prison Ministry serving the Lieber Correctional Institute, the food is prepared at St. Paul's in Summerville. An outside team of men and women prepare hot meals that are then carried into the prison at noon and in the evening for the attending Kairos prisoners and team members. Twice a day for three days, the home cooked meals are prepared, packaged and transported by truck to the prisons for the 120 prisoners and team members.

Once the food is ready, it is packed into

ers are scrutinized by the prison security for contraband material. Then, the truck is driven through a series of four locked gates to the assembly area where the Kairos weekend is being held. The process of preparation of the ingredients, cooking, packing, transportation and security is done twice a day for all three days. One wonderful memory I have of being part of the kitchen team is what we call "Praying the Truck." The event is very simple: when all the food is loaded into the truck and ready to be driven to the prison, everyone on the kitchen team comes to the curb and touches the truck while prayers are offered. We offer prayers for the food and the nourishment it will bring those who will eat it, and we ask God to bless the truck and keep it safe on its journey to the prison. We ask that the movement of the food and truck through the prison's security systems be quick and simple, and we ask that those who eat and enjoy the



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Kairos 43 was held at Lieber Correctional Institution in Ridgeville, SC, March 4-7, 2010. Above team members and participants gather.

plastic coolers for transportation into the prison by a small truck. Upon arrive at the institution, the coolers and other contain-

food have their eyes and ears opened to the Word and that they become closer to Christ. "Praying the Truck" sounds sort of child-



GENE HODGKINS

An important part of the Kairos experience is building community through small group interaction.

like... and maybe that's what makes it stand out in my mind. When we lay our hands on the metal and glass of the truck, we are asking God to use the truck and we are connecting with Him in a tangible childlike way. In doing so, the kitchen team gets to connect with the prisoners through the power of the Holy Spirit, in hopes they will see the love of Jesus and get to know Him in a personal and meaningful way. We use the truck to transport prayers and good wishes to those who live behind prison walls, from groups of men and women who they will never meet.

Saint Paul wrote to the Colossian believers these words of encouragement (Colossians 3: 12-17):

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,

clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

The kitchen team believes that the simple action of laying on hands, "Praying the Truck," is simply following the words of Saint Paul, "...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patienceas you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."

HIV/AIDS Healing Retreat

Province IV Sponsors 19th Annual Retreat, June 11 - 13

Province IV of the Episcopal Church is sponsoring the 19th Annual HIV/AIDS Healing Retreat at the Kanuga Conference Center in Hendersonville, NC, June 11 - 13. An average of 400 people living with HIV/AIDS participate in the retreat each year.

Retreat materials invite participants to "spend these days...these hours...these very moments...together... with God...in the midst of those who know that love extends beyond mere words."

The Rev. Dr. Keith Riddle from Charleston, SC, a Minister-at-Large within the Presbyterian Church (USA) will be leading the retreat. Ann Caldwell, a jazz vocalist, blues singer and musical producer from Charleston, SC, will provide the music leadership. Ann strives to preserve the rich tradition and history of these musical genres.

The cost of the retreat is \$185.00, including meals and accommodations. Participants are responsible for their own transportation. Some scholarships are available.

For more information and/or a brochure, contact Bryan Thompson at (843) 452-1686. To learn more about the HIV/AIDS ministry in the diocese, visit www.socialministries.com.

To donate towards scholarships, send a check, made out to Diocese of South Carolina, noting "HIV/AIDS Scholarship" in the memo line, to: 1373 Tidal Creek Cove, Charleston, SC, 29412. This is a 501 C(3) non-profit tax deduction.

In addition, the HIV/AIDS ministry will host the world AIDS day service December 1, 2010, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Anson Street at 6 p.m.

"I am so thankful the Episcopal Church in South Carolina puts this event together. It is the only time we (those of us living with HIV/AIDS) can come together each year and worship Jesus just as we are."

Wanda, a third year African-American woman from Mt. Pleasant and a third year retreat visitor living with HIV/AIDS for over 20 years.

"This is a wonderful time for the Episcopal Church to share in its deep love for individuals living with HIV/AIDS in an ecumenical way. The retreat is a time for worship, refreshment and a time for these, often some of the most marginalized persons in our society, to just 'be' in the beautiful peace of camp Kanuga."

Bryan Thompson, HIV/AIDS Ministry Chair for the Diocese.

Loving Our Neighbors

Department of Social Ministries Inspires, Raises Awareness, Equips

The Department of Social Ministries serves the Diocese by inspiring and equipping church members to be faithful stewards of their God-given gifts of time, talent, and treasure to love their neighbor as Jesus first loved us (John 15:12) and to make Christian disciples of all people (Matthew 28:19-20).

"Social ministries" embrace community needs associated with aging, criminal justice, disabilities, disaster, education, emergency, environmental stewardship, health, HIV/AIDS, homelessness, housing, hunger, peace and justice, and poverty.

We donate Ministry Money to help churches pay for events that raise awareness and inspire direct support of social ministries in their communities.

Recipients use Ministry Money to pay for a portion of costs of event publicity, speakers, refreshments, music, and/or entertainment.

We train church members to organize and operate the Next Steps Program in their

community (see www.SouthCarolinaMinistries.org and www.NextStepsSC.org) to:

- Break the Cycle of Poverty in the inner cities and rural counties of South Carolina and
- Invite the poor in their community to become active members in their church.

Join our email list at www.SocialMinistries.com and receive information about:

- Social Ministry Events,
- Social Ministry Advocacy, and/or
- Breaking the Cycle of Poverty Through Next Steps.

Please direct inquiries to Ed Dyckman at (843) 367-5647 or dyckman.edward@gmail.com or ed@socialministries.com.

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Breaking the Cycle of Poverty
Through Next Steps.

News from the Canterbury House

In response to the devastating earthquake in Haiti, Canterbury House residents and staff donated \$1210 for Haitian Relief. Monies were collected and delivered to Water Missions International. Water Missions designs, builds and installs water purification

systems in underdeveloped countries and in response to natural disasters where clean water is needed. We are so proud to be a part of this ministry. Once again, our residents have shown that Canterbury House cares!

Bishop Lawrence Addresses Convention

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Reverend Robert Smith, an Englishman who came to the colony of South Carolina to be the rector of St. Philip's Church, Charlestown, and who was later to become the first Bishop of South Carolina, and how he must have struggled as he faced the momentous decision before him. I reflect often upon his perseverance and the sacrifices he made. He, like many, stared boldly into the reality of his day. He faced reality not as it had been, but as it was at that time; and he, along with others, helped to create a future in which they and their children would live. Then as the young nation took form, these Anglicans or Episcopalians formed a diocese, elected a bishop, and helped to form the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States of America. Under a gracious Providence they controlled their destiny. Yet before these events unfolded, he preached to the members of the Commons House of Assembly and the members of the Provisional Congress these words on February 17, 1775: "You have truly joined in owning the necessity of this day's supplication and prayers; that as differences have arisen between our Mother Country and us; not on our part. I hope so some would insinuate through unreasonable [illegible] of power or factious discontent, but in the sole defense of undoubted rights, we should beg the Almighty to bless our endeavors and grant that peace, unanimity, harmony and love with healing in their wings, may again be established between us." Such a prayer for peace and harmony was not answered as he had hoped. Though we believe God ultimately accomplished His purposes even showing, as the psalmist had once testified, His sustaining "love in a besieged city."

As I bring this Address to a close, I must say something about my decision, which was unanimously affirmed by the Standing Committee, not to adjourn but to recess to a date certain—that date being, Saturday, October 16, 2010. (Note, this date was later changed to October 15.) If there is no further reason to meet we can adjourn at the chair's announcement. This will have the unfortunate but necessary effect of causing those newly elected to office, or appointed thereto, to not assume their positions immediately, and for those presently in office to continue until that date. But in consultation with the chancellor and the Standing Committee, it has seemed prudent to at least allow the newly elected Standing Committee members to attend meetings until such adjournment, therein allowing a smoother, even seamless transition. This is, of course, an unusual practice, but then these are unusual times. There are many unanswered questions before us, not least of which is, should this convention pass the resolution demanding the withdrawal of the Presiding Bishop's counsel, "How will her office respond?" There are also questions which may arise from the Global South to South Encounter. Attendant to this last question is the Anglican Covenant. At our Special Convention in October we signaled our support of the Ridley Draft of the Anglican Covenant. Now it is in final form. How will the Global South and those Provinces and dioceses with which we have ongoing or developing relationships through the work of our parishes and our diocesan Anglican Communion Development Committee respond? What exactly does the Archbishop of Canterbury mean when he refers

How Can Those Who Are Young Keep Their Way Pure? Epic Explores Psalm 119: the Big One!

By Dave Wright, Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator

"How can those who are young keep their way pure? By living according to your word." Psalm 119:9

Of all the Psalms, 119 is not one that most students dive into quickly. Its length is enough to deter the average teenager, and the poetic form is not quickly understood. This year at Epic, sixty high school students and leaders spent the weekend digging into this Psalm to gain a better understanding of the value of God's word in our lives. It is hard not to be overwhelmed by the Psalmist's passion for scripture as one reads through all 176 verses. Our Speaker, Dave Little, Youth Minister at All Saint's Anglican Church in Charlotte, NC, took us on a tour through the Psalm and illuminated key sections in order that we might see the truths communicated throughout. Dave challenged our group to live a life that glorifies God by focusing on Jesus and discovering him in scripture.



DAVE WRIGHT

Epic is a weekend that features a blend of expository Bible teaching and contemplative time. Students are given the rarely taken opportunity to spend time in silence and prayer. Such reflection in a world full of noise allows us to hear God's voice as we grow in our understanding

through His word. Stewart Fenters led the Worship music, and on Sunday morning The Rev. Chris Warner led communion. Our student hosts for the weekend were Zach and Hannah Miller from St. John's, John's Island. Epic was created five years ago by a team of our youth ministers

and has since been a special retreat for hundreds of students who have appreciated the intentionally smaller and more in-depth nature of the weekend. Pictures and a slide show can be viewed at <http://www.scyouth.org>.

to implications and consequences to TEC's consent to the Glasspool election in Los Angeles and her scheduled consecration on May 15? What do these consequences mean for The Diocese of South Carolina? All of these, as well as unforeseeable events which can arise quite abruptly, suggest we must carry out our ministry and mission upon an ever changing landscape. We need to give ourselves latitude of maneuver. We did this when we used such language at last October's Special Convention in the resolution that stated we would "begin withdrawing from bodies of The Episcopal Church..." Such language was carefully crafted because we recognized the fluidity of the environment; that is, since anomalous situations were sure to emerge, prudence suggested to us that we draft the resolution to allow for a principled flexibility; and so we did.

In conclusion, I must return to St. Paul and to his willingness, with much inner struggle and grief, to leave a work of evangelism to face the unpleasant demands of protecting the Church and defending the faith. A dreadful choice to be sure! Yet such a time is where some of us in diocesan leadership find ourselves. Nevertheless, it is incumbent upon most of our diocesan membership to stay engaged in the work of ministry, and for priests and deacons to continue equipping God's people for such work, (Ephesians 4: 12ff) remembering that when the apostle wrote to the church in Ephesus encouraging them in their work he also reminded them to put on the whole armor of God that after having done all, they may stand firm. (Ephesians 6:10-20). He who has called us to this is faithful, and so I trust by God's grace stand we shall.

Ancient Form of Worship Strengthens Family Time

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

My love affair with the last service of the monastic daily office began at St. Christopher. The use of Compline (related to the Latin word for complete) has been a bed-time tradition at camp since the 1979 Prayer Book reintroduced it into the Episcopal ethos. Since then, I have admired Compline for its simplicity and beauty. Memorable prayers and focus on God's Word and promises at the end of the day have made this brief service an anchor to the camp experience. Compline was also very helpful because the rubrics do not require an ordained person to officiate.

Since God convicted my heart (see "Broken by the Word," *Jubilate Deo*, April/May 2009) of the Biblical necessity of Family Worship, I have been seeking ways to incorporate Anglican worship into the life of my family. It was only natural to turn to Compline when my two older daughters reached reading age. We started with Compline at home as a result of the girls' familiarity with it from summer camp. We initially used it on Saturday evenings as a special night of liturgical family worship designed to prepare us for the rhythms of Sunday's Prayer Book liturgy.

Since that time, I have seen this familiar and prayerful service for the completion of the day as a distinctly Anglican form for family worship.

We incorporated this service into the home worship at Good Shepherd last fall. Amazingly, Compline was broad enough in its appeal to work with singles, married couples, and families with children. The flexibility

Prayer, we have begun producing Compline sheets for our classes. We are also trying to end each class and community group with shared Compline. God is using this to transform our worship life. Rob Ri-

Here are a few suggestions for the congregation or individual who wants to use Compline for family worship:

1. Simplify the service by printing it on one sheet of paper and taking away the options in the service. (See our model at <http://familyshepherds.wordpress.com>).
2. Use the time of Scripture reading for simple Bible study. In the fall, we encouraged people to read a psalm-a-night and discuss it. One couple went all the way through the 150 Psalms.
3. Take the time set aside for open prayer to invite the family to pray for the concerns on each person's heart.
4. Let everyone participate, and as the children get older, allow them to plan and lead the worship.
5. Expose non-readers to Compline, letting them lead prayers that they know by heart like the Lord's Prayer.
6. Do Compline with whoever is able each evening at the same time (for us, right before bedtime). If time is short, don't be afraid to modify Compline so that the practice continues.
7. Many families have benefitted from lighting a candle together to begin Compline. It helps in setting apart the time and the space.

of the service meant that Bible study could be assimilated into the service. My girls love sharing the role of leadership in the actual liturgy. Other families have told me that their children are drawn into this simple service by the opportunity to play a role.

Because many of our members are not lifelong Episcopalians and do not own the Book of Common

enow, in *Visionary Parenting*, spoke of the importance of family worship in making Sunday worship meaningful and normal for children. He asked the convicting question, "How would our children understand the importance of worship if we only do it once a week?" To add to that, Anglican worship has its own language



JOY HUNTER

Janie Wilson, shown above with students from Wilmot Frazier Elementary School, knows that investing in the physical, mental and spiritual well being of young children makes a difference in the community. Wilson is the keynote speaker at the 126 Annual Meeting April 24

“Here am I. Send me.” Isaiah 6:8 Women to Gather April 24, St. John’s, Florence, for 126th Annual Meeting of the Diocesan ECW

Plan to be a part of this special day hosted by St. John’s, Florence. The 126th ECW Diocesan Annual Meeting will begin with the celebration of Holy Eucharist. Sue Brunson, SC ECW Diocesan President, has led this past year with the following theme: Here am I. Send me. (Isaiah 6:8). Janie Wilson, executive director of the African-American Center for Biblical Dialog at St. John’s Chapel, Charleston, will be the keynote speaker for the Annual Meeting. She will incorporate the current ECW theme in her talk on “Stepping Out in Faith.” Also, Carmel Valdemar, public health nurse and wife of the Rev. Fritz Valdemar of Haiti, will be our special guest. She will give an update on the recent earthquake and share information about the nutrition program, “Hope for Children,” she developed as a part of CHAP (Christian Haitian American Partnership). This amazing nutrition program has been the ECW Diocesan Project for 2009-2010.



Carmel Valdemar, of Haiti, will be our special guest.

A vote will be taken to select the Diocesan Project for 2010-2011. Nominees are the following: CHAP “Hope for Children” (nominated for a second year), Water Mission International (a ministry of providing clean, safe water), and Fostering Hope (support/services for improving the lives of foster children in Horry, Marion, and Georgetown Counties).

A slate of ECW Diocesan Board nominees will be presented at the meeting. Also, Kathy Grier, York Place, will be available to share information about this special home for children. There will be a silent auction of Haitian art, and an opportunity to visit with women from all over the Diocese of SC. Please bring parish ECW banners to add to this festive day.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 24. The registration form, directions, etc. are available at www.stjohnsflorence.org and www.dioceseofsc.org. Please contact Kathy House, Florence ECW Deanery Director, (843) 679-9100, mhouse2@sc.rr.com or Kerry Rathbun, registrar, (843) 317-1630, krathbun@sc.rr.com with any questions.

Meeting the Needs of Women In and Outside the Church ECW Evolves; Empowered by the Spirit

By Sue Brunson, ECW President

This is a year of evolving roles of the women of the church and how the view of ECW is transcending to meet the critical needs of our women, both in our churches and outside of church walls. To fully embrace that the kingdom of Heaven dwells within us, that through the saving grace of Jesus Christ we may live in faith, love and joy. That is the Word and we are to proclaim it. The women of the Diocese of SC must be Christ focused and anchored in the authority of Jesus Christ. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to spread the “Good News” of our Father’s love and saving grace for our lives. The “extension of Thy kingdom” is our mission so how are we working toward it: in a word, relationship, in a phrase, as sisters in Christ. Redefining the style of ECW has proven to be highly effective and abundantly blessed.

Our Beloved is all about relationships, Godly relationships. Ruth and Naomi have been much of our theme for the year with sharing of testimonies and witnessing to the everlasting meshing of people and circumstance that have revealed a supernatural transforming in our lives. God’s word can be read by listening, loving and gleaning hope, from our sisters in Christ. By God’s word we live in faith. Our economic times have helped us to see that when jobs are lost and money is tight, our testimony can never be taken because we own it, all of it.

The ECW Winter Retreat at Camp St. Christopher was sold out. Bishop Mark Lawrence led our study of Ruth with the promotion of: As we know our God, recognize our people, embrace our testimony and heed the call of Isaiah 6:8..... “Here am I. Send me!” Snow at camp, hiking with our Bishop, the study of God’s word, the laughter, the friendships, the skyline, the Holy Spirit moving among us.....priceless!

Our ECW Diocesan Project was CHAP, Christian Haitian American Partnership. The nutrition program of CHAP, “Hope for Children” led by The Rev. Fritz and Carmel Valdemar fed and nurtured the bodies and souls of Haitian children. God’s hand is clearly seen in Haiti. His provision, grace, love and joy are seen clearly among the faces of so many children with nothing of this world. Holy mystery of Haiti revealed: Haiti softens hearts and stirs souls.

Deanery Gatherings were incredible and



SANDY PACK

The sold-out ECW Retreat included a hike through St. Christopher’s grounds with Bishop Lawrence.

very well attended. Ministry outreach, Bible studies, altar guild ideas, sharing, bonding, stepping out in faith, inspiration and blessings make up the Deanery Gatherings.

The 126th ECW Annual Gathering is April 24th, at St. John’s Parish in Florence. This day of inspiration and beauty features special guest Carmel Valdemar from Haiti and Mrs. Janie Wilson as keynote speaker. This is a day of rejoicing and celebration. Our new project will be voted in for the year. All are welcome. Isaiah 6:8 was our theme this year. The 2010-2011 scripture theme is Isaiah 60:1. Truly it represents the women of our Almighty and everlasting God. “Arise, shine for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.” Sweet sisters, we are part of a “Divine Adventure” together!

Note: This article originally appeared in the Diocesan Convention Report.

People News

❖ CR “Dick” Banks, (89) a member of St. Matthew’s, Fort Motte, and a well-known figure in the Diocese, died March 11. Banks was a photographer for many conventions, a delegate to the Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina Provincial Synod in the 1940’s and a delegate to the Diocesan Convention annually from 1942 until his health no longer allowed him to continue. Please keep his family and loved ones in your prayers. Read his obituary at www.diosc.com, search: “C.R. Banks.”

❖ After 19 years in the Diocesan Office, Linda Bunting, Human Resource Manager, retired March 12. “It’s been a great job,” says Linda.



“I will miss the people. It’s been like a family.” Linda will be moving to a log home she and her husband own in the foothills of Georgia. Her husband, Michael, a US Army officer serving in Kuwait, will finish out his service in October 2011.

The new Diocesan Human Resource Manager will be Susan Burns, who currently serves the Diocese as Ministry Team Assistant.

❖ The Rev. Joe Gibbs, who currently serves as an Associate at St. John’s, John’s Island, has been called to the Cathedral Church of the Advent, Birmingham.



Gibbs will be working under the Very Rev. Frank Limehouse, Dean of the Cathedral. “I have loved my time in the Diocese of South Carolina and will always be grateful for the formation I have received and the many friendships I have made here,” says Gibbs. “I know that the ministry of the Gospel will keep us knit closely together. The ministry of the Diocese and our Bishop will remain in my prayers.” Joe and his wife, Amy, are expecting their third child in September.

❖ Please keep the family of Sharon Harper, who serves as St. John’s, Charleston’s, worship leader in your prayers. Sharon’s son, Will (age 29) died suddenly in his sleep on January 29. Sharon has served many churches in the diocese over the years and has served as the worship leader for many women’s retreats, including the annual ECW retreats..

❖ Chelsea Lawrence, daughter of Bishop and Allison Lawrence, and Jason Hamshaw, Youth Minister at Prince George, Winyah, Georgetown, were married on January 8, 2010.

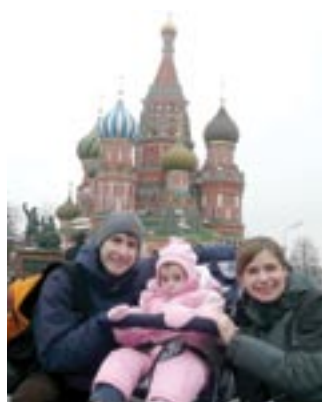


❖ The Rev. Chad Lawrence, son of Bishop and Allison Lawrence, was ordained to the priesthood on Sunday, January 10 at St. Helena’s, Beaufort. Chad serves as the curate at St. Helena’s.

❖ On February 10 the Rev. David Dubay was installed as the Rector of Holy Trinity Church in Charleston. Please keep David and the parish family at Holy Trinity in your prayers as they continue in ministry together.

❖ Please keep the family of the Rev. Michael Ridgill, Rector of St. Bartholomew’s, Hartsville, in your prayers. Michael’s brother Herman Ridgill died Tuesday, January 26, after a long battle with cancer.

❖ With the adoption of their second daughter Elena “Ellen,” the Dickinsons have become a family of four! Keep Ellen and the entire family in your prayers during this time of transition. Peet is the Dean of the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul.



New Devotional Receives Rave Reviews

John Barr's *Waylaid by Light*

The Rev. Dr. John Barr, Rector of Holy Comforter, Sumter, has just published, *Waylaid by Light*, an excellent new devotional with 45 readings. Hear what people are saying out it:

The Rt. Rev. C. FitzSimons Allison, Retired Bishop of South Carolina, says:

"I was mugged by reality" was Irving Kristol's answer to the question why he had radically changed his mind. Similarly John Barr, III, helps us to have our hearts changed by sending us deeply and daily into the Gospel of John where we are *Waylaid by Light*. God's light is so much more than natural, so graciously different from what we would naturally expect. This light waylays and redirects us from the cul de sacs of doubt, despair, skepticism, and self-centeredness to an evermore abundant life and productive trust.

Substantial scholarship is unobtrusive and blended with years of pastoral experience to disclose hope and trust with convincing authority. My favorite is on John 5:30-47. 'How can we really know?' This guide is a chance for each of us to be *Waylaid by Light*, the Light of the World that continues to shine in our darkness."



Whitney T. Kuniholm, President of Scripture Union/USA, says:

"John Barr loves God's Word and he wants to help you and your congregation do the same. That's why he's written *Waylaid by Light: The Gospel that John Wrote*, an undated guide that divides the Gospel of John into 45 short readings, and provides a helpful explanation for each. Originally created for the members of his own church, The Church of the Holy Comforter in Sumter, SC, *Waylaid by Light* is a perfect Bible reading companion for any Christian, from any denomination, who wants to take a memorable journey through the fourth Gospel.

"The big reality (in the Gospel of John)' says Barr in his introduction, 'is that God has broken into this world personally.' Barr returns to that idea in several of the 45 meditations, and it leads his readers to an inescapable conclusion; because God did enter the world personally, we can meet him today, too. That's the big reality in his excellent guide. If you are looking for a Bible reading resource that will help you grow closer to God, one that blends thoughtful exposition, practical application and insightful prayers, look no further than *Waylaid by Light*."

Copies are available for \$8.00, plus postage. Visit <http://www.holycomforter.net> to learn more.



JOY HUNTER

Above, clergy process in to the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul for a service of Holy Eucharist and a renewal of baptismal vows.

Called to Three Things: Clergy Renew Vows

By Joy Hunter, Editor

"Priests, deacons and bishops are called to three things," said Bishop Lawrence, in a sermon preached March 30 at a service of Holy Eucharist and renewal of baptismal vows. Be "a person of prayer, a person of the word and a person of the community."

Recalling Evelyn Underhill's

writing, Lawrence urged those gathered to consider the "awestruck recognition of the presence of God, then do the work." He told them of a study which claimed the average minister spends less than 15 minutes a day in prayer. "The earth languishes for lack of prayer," he said.

When reflecting on being "of the Word," he asked, rhetorically, "How many of us read substantive theology?" He urged those present to study, not that their preaching might be "erudite," but that it would be "simple."

In speaking about being "of the community," he urged them to listen.

"Be people who listen. I've learned something about Bishops. They love to talk, talk, talk, talk. They don't realize that no one's listening." "Be a living sacrifice," he said.

Over 80 clergy attended the event held at the Cathedral of St. Luke and St. Paul in Charleston.

To view a photo album of the gathering, visit www.dioceseofsc.org. Choose "About us," and "Photo Albums."



JOY HUNTER

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Ancient Form of Worship

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Compline is shared during one of Good Shepherd's Community Groups. Above, from top, clockwise are Patterson Fralix, Mary Foster Gaillard, Peyton Fralix and Ann Claire Gaillard.

and rhythms. Compline is the perfect tool for Anglican worship at home.

I believe the return of family worship to Anglican homes is a part of the Biblical reformation currently happening in the church. In the post-Christian culture of America today, our children will only know and live the faith if it starts at home. Amazingly, God is using the ancient forms of Anglican worship around the country to anchor rootless young people in the "faith once delivered to the saints." Let's begin that appreciation of liturgy and heart for worship in our homes.

Parishioner Donates Fire Truck to Dominican Republic

By Fred Gebler, All Saints, Hilton Head Island

What began with a casual discussion between a parishioner of All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island and The Rt. Rev. Julio C. Holguin, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic, has resulted in plans for the donation of an emergency response vehicle to this developing nation.

During the conversation, it became known that the Bishop is an honorary member of one town's fledgling fire department, which does not have a single fire truck available for emergency response.

The parishioner, who wishes to remain anonymous and who owns a Ford F-700 fire/rescue truck, which he had been using as part of his pine plantation operation in Bailey's Harbor, Wisconsin, realized that he could make a significant contribution to this island nation. Therefore, he explored the possibility of providing routine maintenance on the vehicle and shipping it by land and sea to the island nation of the Dominican Republic.

The vehicle has only 12,500 miles on its odometer, and its tank carries 750 gallons of water, which can be replenished from any nearby pond or other water source. The truck is perfectly suited for service in the Dominican Republic since it is not too large, nor too small for emergency operations there. It is also equipped with flood lights, making it ideal for rescue work. The donor has affixed large decals

emblazoned with the seal of The Episcopal Diocese of the Dominican Republic onto the vehicle's two doors.

As a Lenten observance project, All Saints Episcopal Church parishioners donated \$7,500 to help defray the cost of outfitting the fire truck with new hoses, couplings, and a new ladder, as well as the cost of shipping the vehicle to the Dominican Republic.

The Rev. Richard C. Lindsey, Rector of All Saints, has stated: "In a country that is bereft of decent firefighting equipment and with so many of its citizens living in high density housing in areas that are highly combustible, this gift will be a relief for one community. It will definitely save property and lives."

After being delivered to Hilton Head Island on a flatbed

truck, the fire truck was placed on the All Saints common, where it served as a backdrop to Palm Sunday Services.

The fire truck will soon be driven to the port of Jacksonville, FL, where it will be transported by ship to the Dominican Republic.

As a Lenten observance, All Saints' members raised \$7,500 to outfit the fire truck with new hoses, extenders, and a ladder, as well as to cover the cost of shipping the vehicle.



St. Paul’s, Summerville
Tea Room and Gift Shop
April 19-30

St. Paul’s, Summerville, will hold its Spring Tea Room and Gift Shop Monday through Saturday April 19-30 from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Both of the popular soups (St Paul’s Okra with Ham, and Tomato Bisque) will be available as well as the perennial favorites Spring Mix Salad with Poppy seed Dressing, Curried Chicken Salad Plate, and Shrimp Salad Plate. Sandwiches include chicken salad, a ham wrap with chutney, and peanut butter and jelly. The house specialty, of course, is the delicious Tomato Pie served with a spring mix salad. The Gift Shop will offer handmade jewelry, note cards, scarves, wood crafts, and pottery, and much more. All proceeds from the Tea Room and Gift Shop are used to fund the outreach and mission projects supported by St Paul’s. St Paul’s is located at 316 West Carolina Avenue in Summerville. For more information, visit www.stpaulssummerville.org.



St. Philip’s, Charleston
Tea Room and Gift Shop
April 19-23

St. Philip’s, Charleston, will hold their Tea Room and Gift Shop April 19-23. The Tea Room will serve lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parish hall, located at the corner of Church and Cumberland Streets. Lowcountry luncheon favorites will return, such as “Charleston Receipts” okra soup, classic chicken salad and shrimp salad. Desserts, made by parishioners, include Hummingbird Cake, Coconut Cake, Huguenot Torte and a wide variety of others. The gift shop will be open and filled with homemade baked goods, preserves and other lovely St. Philip’s specialty items. The sanctuary and grounds of the church will be open for tours. Proceeds from the Tea Room will benefit St. Philip’s world and home missions, St. Philip’s choirs, and junior and senior high youth ministries. For more information, visit www.stphilipchurchsc.org.



Grace Church, Charleston
Tea Room and Gift Shop
May 31-June 11

Grace Episcopal Church, Charleston, will hold its 19th annual Tea Room May 31-June 11, serving lunch Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. during Spoleto Festival USA. The money raised goes to about 20 local charities. Visitors are invited to visit the Church Mouse Boutique, a gift shop selling everything from handmade linens and homemade jams to gently used books and collectibles. The shop will be open from 10:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. The menu features crab soup, ham biscuits, sandwiches, shrimp remoulade, chicken salad and other favorites, all made fresh daily in the church kitchen. Live piano music will be offered. Grace Church is located at 98 Wentworth Street, near the College of Charleston. For more information, visit www.grace-churchcharleston.org.



All Saints, Hilton Head
Garden Tour
May 15

On Saturday May 15 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. All Saints Episcopal Church on Hilton Head Island, will present its 23rd Annual Garden Tour at six of the finest private gardens in the area. Tickets cost \$30 and include a lunch in the church’s parish hall. In addition, a “Garden Boutique” and a “Heavenly Confections” bake sale will be held in the parish hall. A variety of original works of art with a gardening theme will also be available for sale. All proceeds from the event are donated to local charities. Tickets will be available at the church on the day of the event. The church is located at 3001 Meeting Street, off of Main Street. For more information, call (843) 681-8333 or visit www.allsaints-hhi.org.



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Calendar Notes

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

Healing Conference Church of the Resurrection April 24-25
The Church of the Resurrection will be hosting a Healing Conference April 24 and 25 for church members and the wider community. Presenters, Conlee and Signa Bodishbaugh, will teach on Transforming Lives Through Jesus Christ, He Came to Make us Whole, Hearing God’s Voice and Ministering Wholeness to Ourselves and Others. The cost is \$30 per person. You may pay at the door.

Administrators’ Luncheon, May 4
The next luncheon gathering of parish administrators, financial administrators and secretaries will meet at St. George’s in Summerville from 12 noon until 2 p.m. There are two main topics: we will discuss emergency preparedness and Polly Sosnowski, Diocesan Sexual Abuse Prevention Trainer will also address the group. RSVP to Beth Warren at St. George’s, Summerville (843) 873-0772.

Finding Freedom April 30-May 2
Are you looking to experience the healing presence of God the Father, Christ’s love more fully and the freeing power of the Holy Spirit? St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant, has a weekend retreat called Finding Freedom that is just right for you. Through the focal points of teaching, worship, and prayer ministry times, each participant will have the chance to look more in-depth at his or her past and present so that the Kingdom of God can be released into his or her life now and into the future.

Our next weekend retreat is April 30 – May 2, 2010 at St. Andrew’s. We are limited to 80 registrations, so you will need to sign up quickly online. Learn more, visit www.wearestandrews.com.

Be Responsive to the Holy Spirit, St. Augustine’s May 20-23
St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church in Wedgefield, SC, will host a Mike Flynn conference, “Being Responsive to the Holy Spirit for Life and Ministry,” May 20-23. The cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Topics covered include: Demonstrating the Spirit’s Power; Developing a Healing Ministry Without Blowing up Your Church; The Seven Steps in Developing Lay Ministers; Having Faith for Healing; and Growing in the Spirit’s Power. To register, send your check, along with your name, address, email and telephone number to: St. Augustine’s Episcopal Church, ATTN: John R. Spann, PO Box 247, Wedgefield, SC 29168.

Never Too Late Church of the Resurrection May 21
Rob Rienow, author and cofounder of Visionary Parenting will be at Resurrection, Surfside, Friday, May 21 from 6-9 p.m. for a special conference called, “Never Too Late: Encouraging Faith in your Adult Child.” The mission of parenting does not end when our kids become adults! Come and learn how God can use you in powerful ways to encourage your grown children to follow God and grow in faith. The conference is presented free of charge.

Visionary Parenting Church of the Resurrection May 22
God blessed you with children for a reason. Come discover it! Rob Rienow, author and cofounder of Visionary Parenting will be at Church of the Resurrection, Surfside, May 22 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. for a workshop for parents. Discover God’s purpose for your family. Learn how to reach your child’s heart. Come away with practical tools. This conference for parents/grandparents of children ages 0-18 is offered free of charge. An on-site lunch is available for \$15 per family. Child care and children’s activities are available. Learn more by visiting www.resurrectionsurfside.org.

To learn more about the following events visit the diocesan calendar at www.dioceseofsc.org .	
Cursillo 158 St. Christopher April 15-18	United Thank Offering Spring InGathering May 16
Golf Tournament Old St. Andrew’s, Charleston April 17	Being Responsive to Holy Spirit St. Augustine’s Wedgefield May 20-23
St. Paul’s Tea Room St. Paul’s, Summerville April 19-30	Never too Late Resurrection, Surfside May 21
St. Philip’s Tea Room St. Philip’s, Charleston April 19-23	Visionary Parenting Resurrection Surfside May 22
Annual Meeting Diocesan Women St. John’s, Florence April 24	<i>Jubilate Deo</i> Deadline June 4
Healing Conference Resurrection, Surfside April 24-25	HIV/AIDS Healing Retreat Kanuga July 11-14
Finding Freedom St. Andrew’s, Mt. Pleasant April 30-May 2	Growing Leaders Student Camp St. Christopher June 14-20
Administrators’ Luncheon St. George’s, Summerville May 4	New Wine St. Andrew’s Mt. Pleasant June 24-27
Fusion Youth Ministers’ Networking St. Paul’s, Summerville May 6	Family Ministry Retreat June 30-July 3
Be Still Contemplative Retreat St. Christopher May 7-9	Christian Marriage Conference St. Christopher July 30-August 1
Garden Tour All Saints, Hilton Head May 15	

Church Periodical Club

Sunday, May 2, 2010, is the designated in-gathering date for the Church Periodical Club (CPC). Please consider supporting this ministry in its mission to spread the Good News through the printed Word and related materials. Currently we have ten diocesan seminarians who receive funds to assist with the purchase of their books. Various local and worldwide missions for adults and children are also recipients through your support. The only way the Church Periodical Club is able to fulfill these requests for the spread of the Gospel is through your donations. “Bless, O Lord, the Church Periodical Club that it may be an instrument for the spread of your Word throughout the world.”

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