

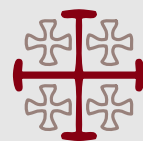


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Announcements

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The Parish Register

We extend our Christian sympathy to all who have experienced the loss of a loved one in recent months, especially:
Chase Warren and children for the loss of
Stephanie Warren Hines
Dick Williams for the loss of his mother
(Celia Williams)
West Baker for the loss of his mother
(Marguerite Baker)

Lost and Found

LOST: Blue Ergo baby carrier
(contact Rebecca Bistis, 912-312-3828)
FOUND: 2 navy & red lawn chairs at Villa Marie after the
Oyster roast and 1 child’s red hoodie.
Contact the church office (355-7730)

Newcomers’ Gathering

Are you new to Christ Church Anglican? Have you been attending worship but haven’t explored membership? Would you like to know more about the church and our ministry? You are cordially invited to a Wine and Cheese Party on Friday, April 26th at the home of Paul and Debbie Webb (6 Windfield Court, 31406) from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

This will be a casual time to relax, ask questions, meet staff members and church leadership. RSVP to the church office (912-355-7730) or email jmalley@ccasav.org.

Come to Our Family Night!

Tuesday, **April 23rd** is our Parish Family Dinner night for Eastertide. Join us in the Fellowship Hall of IPC at **6 p.m.** for fun, friendship, and joy in this wonderful time of celebration. As always, drinks and the main dish will be provided, just bring a dish according to your last name:

A-H Salad; **I-P** Dessert; **R-Z** Side Dish (starch or veggie).

Have You Checked Your Email Lately?

With the decision to print and mail the parish newsletter on a quarterly basis, the church office is now making use of email for more frequent communication to the congregation. Please look for a weekly email (usually on Thursday afternoons) with news about the worship services for the coming weekend and other parish announcements. To be successful with this new method of communicating with the congregation, the church office needs to have correct email addresses for all parish-ioners who use email. If you use email and you are not receiving the CCA weekly emails, please contact the church office to update your email address. Thank you as we work to stay in touch!

Janet Stevenson
jstevenson@ccasav.org
912-355-7730

Announcements

Dear Christ Church Family,

We are so grateful for all of the love, support, and gifts that you have showered on our family—most recently for the occasion of Nathan’s ordination to the priesthood. You have always been such a blessing to our family in the past as well—during the births of our children and Nathan’s diaconal ordination last year. We thank God for giving us such a wonderful community to share our life with, and we are especially grateful for such a beautiful family in which we have been able to discern our calling to ministry.

Gratefully yours,
Nathan and Rebecca Bistis



Support Sought for Coastal Jail Ministries



Thursday, May 23, 2013
8 a.m. Shotgun Start -
4 Man Scramble
Callaway Scoring System
The Club at Savannah Harbor
\$100 per player
Includes: Green Fees, Cart, Range
Balls, and Lunch

For more information, contact Bernice Watson (912-547-5551)
or via email watson2840@gmail.com

Hospitality on the Lawn



Our ministry of Hospitality gives us a wonderful time for fellowship while we witness to those passing by! If YOU have enjoyed it, we need your HELP. Please call to sign up to serve, whether to join the Guild and serve our CCA family quarterly or to periodically provide a plate of goodies for our table. I look forward to hearing from you!

His Servant,
Gay Park, Chairman
898-0801
gpark48@comcast.net

Introducing

Daniel Lavinder



SNAPSHOT:
Daniel and Sarah's favorite
scripture verse:
Psalm 34:3
3 items always in their refrigerator:
sriracha hot chili sauce; rice wine
vinegar; almond milk
Daniel's silly peeve:
a dirty house

The Lavinders are moving to Kodiak, Alaska on the Alaskan Gulf in May! They'll be packing up belongings and babies and driving the some 4000 plus miles to their new home state—a state Daniel has only visited once (in the summer) and one Sarah has never visited. Lt. Daniel Lavinder is being transferred to his 4th post after having graduated from the Coast Guard Academy with a degree in Engineering in 2006. His first two posts before Savannah were in North Carolina and Pensacola, Florida. It was in Pensacola while he was attending flight training school that he and Sarah started attending an Anglican church which introduced the two Southern Baptists to the liturgy. When they moved to Savannah in December 2009, after having visited other local churches, they found Christ Church Anglican to be the most hospitable and they liked the service. Since then, Daniel has taken on lector duties.

Daniel grew up boating on the James River in Richmond, Virginia, where, at the age of eleven, he started thinking about his own mortality—not because of the death of someone close—it was just an awakening. It was then that he came to Christ and was baptized. He and Sarah were introduced to each other while he was attending the Coast Guard Academy and she was at another college. A non-believing mutual friend who knew that they were both Christians thought they would like each other, and she was so right. When they first spoke

on the telephone, each of them went to a friend and confided that they had just spoken to a person they thought they might marry. They wrote letters to each other for several months before they ever met. They wed soon after Daniel's college graduation.

Daniel has a fascinating job with the Coast Guard. He is one of the pilots who fly helicopters carrying Coast Guard personnel on “search and rescue” and medivac missions offshore as well as along the coast and inland. He's the guy you want to see coming when your boat is sinking or if you're at sea needing medical attention. He suspects that his tour of duty in Alaska will continue these duties but will also include a little more law enforcement.

Daniel and Sarah have two adorable children, Nolan (which means “champion”), four, and Felicity (you know what that means!), two. They are expecting another baby girl in July. Meanings of names are important to Daniel and Sarah so a lot of thought will go into the name for the new daughter who will probably be born in Alaska. Although Daniel reports that there is no Anglican church in Kodiak, he knows that he and Sarah will be looking for a Bible-believing evangelical church there. Godspeed, Lavinders! We will miss you.

-Dottie Courington

Tour of Homes and Gardens

(Introducing continued)

Who will it be next issue?



This baby picture may give you a hint.

2013 Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens Successfully Completed!

The 78th Annual Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens was presented by the Women of Christ Church Anglican and Historic Savannah Foundation, Inc. in cooperation with the Ardsley Park – Chatham Crescent Garden Club from March 21-24.

*“And whatsoever you do in word and deed,
 do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
 thanks to God the Father by him.”*
(Colossians 3:17)

Using this scripture as the foundation, the Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens affirms the following vision for the Tour:

- That it be a prayerful celebration in thanksgiving for what God has given us, through the beauty of our city in the spring;
- That it be a time of fellowship for all involved, a sacrifice of thanksgiving which expresses our concern for humankind;
- That it be our traditional gift and contribution, with and for the community, in the name of the Church, the body of Christ.

This vision was the basis for all that was accomplished during the last year. The Women of Christ Church Anglican want to express special thanks to Donna Butler for her dedication and leadership while serving as the Chairman of the 2013 Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens. This was a year full of opportunities to trust in God to provide everything needed for the Tour: faithful people to pray for the success of the Tour, committed volunteers to serve as Committee Chairmen and on the Tour of Homes Advisory Board, generous homeowners willing to put their homes and gardens on the Tour, a break in the weather, and a multitude of volunteers to:

- **arrange flowers**
- **process ticket orders and answer phone calls**
- **work as hosts at the Tour sites**
- **sell tickets and merchandise in Tour Headquarters**
- **distribute tickets ordered in advance**
- **give directions as Street Guides**
- **assist presenters and take up tickets at Special Events**
- **deliver signs, balloons and runners for Tour sites and Special Event locations**
- **promote the Tour with advertising**
- **prepare and print the brochure, poster and guidebook**
- **become Friends of the Tour with their donations**

All proceeds from the Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens are distributed to the presenting organizations; Christ Church Anglican uses the money raised by the Tour of Homes to fund missions and ministries.

Learning the Liturgy

Why Do We Do That?

A Primer on the “Anglican Way”

Editor’s Note:

This column will appear in each issue and is intended to help explain various Anglican traditions to the newcomer... or the “oldcomer” who has a faulty memory. For the next several issues, Fr. Marc will explain our use of a “liturgical calendar” with its seasons and traditions. If you have a question for this column, please submit it to the church office or email jmalley@ccasav.org.

Joan Malley, our Parish Administrator, recently investigated “Easter” Google Images on her laptop. Of the first 320 images, only *fourteen* reflected the story of the resurrection. All the rest were bunnies, eggs, baskets, hats, etc., etc. Perhaps we should no longer call it “Easter,” (which has become so secularized so as not to be known for its original meaning), but rather, “The Feast of the Resurrection.” But changing the words is not what is important; it is understanding the event and the church’s observance of it.

In the liturgical calendar, we observe The Great Fifty Days of Easter. Just like Christmas is not observed just on Christmas Day but for twelve days (until Epiphany), Easter is not merely celebrated on Easter Day, but for fifty days (until the Feast of Pentecost).

Much like Lent (or any continuing aspect of the Church Year), the Great Fifty Days of Easter remind us that, as self-examination and self-denial is a discipline we must follow, so Easter is a discipline of joy and celebration. In our contemporary world that is so defined by personal feelings and emotions, we often forget that

the expression of joy can be an act of the will, and not some uncontrollable impulse that visits us now and then. Giving thanks to God, singing joyful Easter hymns, acknowledging the amazing love and mercy shown us in Christ, even when we don’t feel like it, becomes a discipline that supports the biblical promise, “The joy of the Lord is your strength” (Nehemiah 8:10).

Forty days after The Feast of the Resurrection we observe the Feast of the Ascension. This major Feast is often overlooked in the Church Calendar, but it represents a major theological belief of the Church: that our Lord left this earth and took His rightful place in the Father’s eternal Kingdom. Also, it was the physical departure of Jesus that anticipated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost (ten days later). In this sense, the resurrection, ascension, and coming of the Holy Spirit represent one continuous act of God: raising His Son, calling Him home, and sending forth His Spirit to continue the mission of the Kingdom. Similarly, The Great Fifty Days stand together as one continuous Feast, reminding us of our Lord’s victory over death, His rule at the Father’s right hand, and the presence of His Spirit given to all who believe in order that His kingdom might continue to grow and flourish on this earth.

As we are called to maintain a “holy Lent,” may God, by His grace, enable us to maintain a joyous Easter. May the discipline of joy and celebration be ours, and may we discover when we rejoice by faith, God lifts our hearts to that place where true joys are to be found.

-Marc

Vestry Notes

Vestry Notes: Feb 28, 2013

The Vestry took the following actions at their February meeting:

- Recommended the appointment of Joe Park to serve a 2 year term as Vestry Warden. Passed unanimously.
- Recommended the appointment of Chip Welch to serve a 3 year term as Council Warden. Passed unanimously.
- Appointed Jim Stevenson to a one-year term on the vestry to fill Chip Welch’s remaining one year term. Passed unanimously.
- Joe Park has retired as treasurer; Vestry elected Jim Stevenson as treasurer.

The Vestry received an update from the Future of the Church Committee (FCC): The architectural firm of Sottile & Sottile is preparing a booklet for presentation to the Metropolitan Planning Commission on March 12. The Committee is continuing their due diligence on surveys and soil testing and is actively involved in raising funds. Vestry asked FCC to schedule a second neighborhood walk-thru for those who were unable to make the first walk-thru.

Father Marc issued a working draft of the Parish’s Mission Statement and Vision Statement, based largely on input from the Vestry/Council retreat. The vestry along with the council will “fine tune” these statements.

Parish Council Has First Meeting

The Parish Council met for the first time on Thursday, March 14th. The meeting opened with prayer and a teaching from Fr. Marc on the pursuit of holiness, preaching the gospel to ourselves and others. Chip Welch, Council Warden, reviewed Parish Council responsibilities. Meg Welch and Emily Stubbs offered a presentation on this year’s VBS plans. Fr. Marc reported on the upcoming Holy Triduum services and encouraged council members to attend. The Parish Calendar from March through June was distributed and discussed.

The next Parish Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 11th.

Future of the Church Committee

A huge thanks to the many, many parishioners who participated in our Design Charrette beginning at the Founders Day Oyster Roast and continuing through the following weekend. (Don’t miss the pictures on pages 12-13). The architectural firm of Sottile & Sottile was thrilled with our response and creativity. They have worked hard since that time in refining their designs, providing some initial cost figures and preparing to submit our preliminary proposal to the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) on Tuesday, March 12th.

The FCC continues to meet regularly with Sottile & Sottile and has begun the work of dividing into sub-committees for fundraising, design and building. Bob Hallock will chair the fundraising/capital campaign committee, Stephen Lufburrow the Building Committee and Laraine Montgomery Papa and Adam Ragsdale the Design Committee.

Recent developments in our petition to the Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC) indicate the need to present our application first to the Zoning Board of Appeals, which meets next on April 25. As a result, please do not plan to attend the MPC meeting on Wednesday, April 3, as CCA will not be on the agenda.

Continue to be in prayer for this process. God willing, we will go before the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 25 and, if necessary, the MPC in May.

Please continue in prayer for our committee and for the future of Christ Church Anglican. These are exciting and challenging times!

-David Reeves, Chair

Parish Life

To the faithful congregation of Christ Church Anglican:

Thank you for giving me the privilege to be a part of your church community during my visit with my sister. It has been a very unique opportunity to see first hand a community of people standing in their faith, trusting in the Lord while embracing the possibilities for greater good within their church, community and city!

Thirty-three years ago my husband and I decided that our life was lacking purpose and something more was needed. We embraced a Christian faith that was not familiar to us. When I was pondering this move, I asked the priest what made this faith something I would want to participate in. He told me it was the community, an all-encompassing sense of belonging. After five years of contributing, participation and working at belonging, we left that church.

Over the next 13 years we investigated New Age religion, Buddhism, Evangelism and read endless numbers of books on faith. At the same time our lives were turbulent with many ups and owns (mostly downs). Nothing was making life better for us. Ten years ago I took a walk every day and during those walks would repeat “Oh Lord I open my heart to you come sit in my heart and show me what I need to know.” I prayed for change.

On one of my visits to Savannah I had the opportunity to sit-in on the Alpha Course for three sessions. I went home and told my husband we needed to re-embrace our Anglican faith. But times had changed and the church was not the same. It didn’t have that special something that I had experienced at Christ Church. The church we went to was going through turbulent times, as was the whole Anglican Communion, over policies and changes that we did not like. We stopped going to church.

In 2010, my sister and brother-in-law had medical issues and as my husband was unemployed, we decided to come to Savannah to help them for a month or so. We attended Christ Church each Sunday and found the people warm, welcoming and the general atmosphere seemed special. We enjoyed the liturgical service, the sermons seemed to speak to us. We felt something very tangible

among the congregation, spiritually something we had never experienced before, something very strong almost as though you could put your hand out and touch it.

We left Savannah driving cross-country giving us ample time and opportunity to discuss our faith, what it meant, our trust in God and our being lost for so long. We resolved to re-open our relationship with God, trusting in him and his purpose for us.

A year passed and nothing had changed externally (my husband was under-employed and we were just getting by). Internally a lot was happening, we prayed together and separately, we counted our blessings each night at the dinner table and we strove to communicate more openly with each other. In the meantime, my husband kept applying for more appropriate work sending out 5-10 resumes per week. In January 2012 he had two interviews for jobs and was hired. Our prayers were answered.

In December 2012 we returned to Savannah for Christmas and as we walked along the concourse at the airport, my husband said “We are home”! Home was not my sister’s house nor was it the city of Savannah, home to us was the community of faithful, committed people who make up the congregation of Christ Church Anglican. Your faithfulness through the difficulties you have faced, your clarity of purpose, your example as to why we need Christ in our lives is and will always be very, much appreciated. God Bless!

Sandra Cantwell
(Sharon Lawson’s sister)

Parish Life

Eucharist Formation Dinner



If you want to grow in your understanding of the Eucharist and of our Jewish heritage, please make plans to attend our next Eucharist Formation Dinner. On Saturday, May 4, we will gather at St. Andrew’s REC from 5 to 7 p.m. We will enjoy a light supper within the context of an abbreviated Jewish Passover Seder. We will then move into the Nave and connect the Passover to the Eucharist.

This Eucharist Formation Dinner is offered for the following:

- **Children in 1st through 5th grades** – This class will be your child’s preparation to receive their First Communion on Mother’s Day Sunday, May 12th, at the 9 a.m. service. We ask parents to accompany their child to this teaching.
- **Students in Middle and High School** – This Eucharist Formation Dinner will be our First Saturday gathering for the month of May. Katie Beaumont will organize the students to assist with this teaching. If possible, we invite parents and all youth leaders to participate in this teaching.
- **SCAD and AASU Students** – This event is as great opportunity to grow in your relationship with CCA and in your understanding of the Anglican way of following Jesus.

Registration begins on **Sunday, April 14th**. Please contact Katie Beaumont with any questions or offers to assist (kbeaumont@ccasav.org.)

Opportunity for Service

Do you like being in the peace of the Holy Spirit? Do you like having a relationship with God? Do you enjoy behind the scenes of a ministry of serving the Lord? The Altar Guild may be the calling for you.

I commit one Sunday a month at a maximum, to set the Lord’s table for the church service. I truly love and enjoy this service because I help prepare the Chalice which holds the wine. We also place the Eucharistic elements for the congregation to ingest as a way to renew our walk with the Spirit and once again show His promise in our walks as Christians every week. Wow, how important and beautiful this event is to take part in.

I enjoy working with the gentlemen and ladies of Christ Church Anglican who have guided and mentored me this past year of how to properly set and dismantle the Eucharistic elements that are placed on the altar for our priests, deacons and congregation. I also am happy to continually grow in this ministry. What is most wonderful is that you come shortly prior to the service to set the altar and at the end of the service you help remove the elements from the altar and before you know it, you are off to Sunday School!

These men and women who serve in this ministry are extremely supportive and we all do our best with the gifts that God has given us and what has been asked of us. I chose the Altar Guild because of the fond memories that I had as a young girl going to church with my grandmother at St Frances of Assisi Episcopal Church in Levittown, New York. I remember her reverence that surrounded her service by carefully taking out the special linens for various services, the setting of the table and her washing of the materials at the end of the service, explaining to me what she was doing. I treasure those memories and now my mother loves to hear me say that I have Altar Guild duty this Sunday as her own mother did. We also hope that you too will pray about serving on the Altar Guild as it may be a fulfilling ministry for you as it is for me.



-Heather Ford

Mission and Outreach

Home MISSIONS at Christ Church Anglican

A note from your home missions group: Kayron Stevens, John Albert, Steve Dantin, Sally Lufburrow, Kacey Ratteree.

What are Home Missions? Ministry here in Savannah to the least, last, and lost in which everyone can play a part: young, old, small...ALL!

ALL can be part of this exciting opportunity to show the love of Christ and the unity of the body to souls who may have never seen this and give them hope. How? Volunteer your time, contribute funds or provide for special needs.

Each newsletter I will give glimpses of specific ministries. Take a look and pray for these groups and ask, "How can I help?"

HUGS provides counseling services to the disadvantaged: Treatment programs, vocational rehabilitation, life skills. Each session costs 10 dollars; 8 weeks are what most need. You could provide a scholarship for a chance for someone to get help that they have so long needed.



Savannah Care Center was founded in 1985 and is located on 34th Street in front of the abortion clinic and next door to the mosque. The Center serves the needs of teens and women in Savannah who find themselves in unplanned pregnancies. They offer free pregnancy tests, peer counseling, baby

clothes, diapers, baby formula, baby food, parenting and nutrition counseling, literacy classes, Bible Study, pregnancy support, post abortion counseling, sexual integrity classes. Opportunities for service include client advocacy, reception, building maintenance, data entry, filing help, fund-raising (walk for life in April, schedule Baby Bottle Campaigns in churches), house cleaning (at the center), and instructors for parenting classes, Bible Study, Sexual integrity classes.

Donations needed: diaper bags.

Gwen Jenkins, Director, may be reached at 912-236-0916 to answer any questions.



Woman to Woman, one of the Isaiah 58 ministries of Christ Church Anglican, is located at The Baptist Center (as is Hugs), on Wheaton Street downtown. We are helping women find Gods purpose for their lives, live safely, independently, and free from addictions.

Feed women in body, mind, and spirit, praying for those who need help, those who minister to them and for everything needed to serve these women. Collect articles for women: clothing, toilet articles for women, makeup, Bibles, large print, towels, wash clothes, coats, blankets, etc.

We also have a Bible Study on Mondays at 11:30 a.m. for the women. We look in the Word for what God says about them and their circumstances, how He loves them and has a plan for their lives. They learn that there are consequences for the past but power to live a new life and have a future and a hope. We need large print Bibles.

Contact Linda Sawyer at 912-233-4561 to volunteer or get more information.

OASIS is

- Water in a shower
- Water in the desert
- A washing machine
- Lockers for storage
- All of the above

ANSWER: E

Curious yet? Speak to one of our volunteers: Diane & Joe Saturday, Jon Maire, Linda Sawyer, Laurie Noonburg, Kayron Stevens, Cindy Jones, Nelson & Sharon Lawson.

There will be more highlights of ministries we support and opportunities for service each newsletter.

(For questions or ways to volunteer or to give donations or articles needed contact Kayron at 912-344-6600; Kayron@comcast.net)

-Kayron Stevens

Mission and Outreach

India Revisited

On March 2, forty-two CCA parishioners gathered in our home for an India dinner. Frank and I, and Rachel McGinnis, shared our October mission trip experience in India. A delicious dinner was prepared by Chef Greg Malley. At the end of the night and after church the next day, the many comments from our guests affirmed that this was a very special evening, and very informative about India and the plight of its people. Through our pictures and report, we tried to show the real India, a country with more human need than any other. Their deepest need, however, is to have a relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and "to know the truth that will set them free."

A letter from Bob and Joanie Smith on their thoughts for that evening follows:

Dear Melly, Frank and Rachel,

What a marvelous, informative and heart-touching evening we spent with you Saturday night!! We have new people to pray for whom Jesus loves - especially the young couple you stayed with and the unbelievably poor and ill-treated sub-caste who mean so much to that young family...to think that they continue obeying God's commands when they see no one in ten years who confesses belief in our Lord Jesus! Oswald Chambers said "It takes far more conscious drawing upon God to take that step of duty." Thank you for revealing your hearts to all of us and for taking that huge step to go to such a dangerous and non-Christian country.

We will continue to pray with you, for you and for those dear people.

*Love and Prayers,
Joanie and Bob*

*In His name,
Melly McNeal*

How To Pray For Unreached People Groups

If you wish to join the Smiths in praying for unreached people groups, the following suggestions as to how to do that is from Fr. Layne:

Persistent, intelligent, intensive and focused prayer is the single largest element that is lacking in reaching the 10/40 Window countries with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Although we are not all called to preach, Mathew 9:38 makes it clear that everybody is called to pray.

1. Ask the Lord for specific Scriptures when praying for a particular group.
2. Pray for the leaders of that group who exercise the most influence to have their spiritual blindness taken away.
3. Pray that the group will become disillusioned and dissatisfied with their false gods.
4. Pray that doors will be opened for missionaries to take the Gospel to the group.
5. Pray for protection and safety for missionaries and that they be anointed with the Holy Spirit.
6. Know that persistent prayer weakens the hold that evil has on people.

*Taken from "Pray for the Unevangelized"
by Joy Damson*

Mission and Outreach

Medical Mission in Guatemala

This last January, I made my 17th trip with a medical mission team to Guatemala. The 125 member team provides free medical, dental and surgical care to the indigenous people who live in and around San Cristobal Alta VeraPaz, and who, for the most part, have no other options for medical care. During our week there, 1627 lives were changed! This includes 122 surgeries, 842 medical and dental clinics in the hospital, and 663 clinics at outlying communities. Meet some of this year's patients:

Albinia & Victoria



On Tuesday, Albina, 39, who was on her 38th week of pregnancy came to the hospital. She was very concerned because she had faced many challenges during her pregnancy and nearly suffered a miscarriage on several occasions. Her last pregnancy was 11 years ago. She was given a sonogram, which showed that a C-section was warranted. The next day, her healthy six pound baby girl was born. Albinia said that because her baby faced many risks during her pregnancy, she had decided to name her Victoria.

Juana Quiix, lives near San Cristobal. More than six months ago, she was diagnosed with tumors in both breasts. They were causing her severe pain, and keeping her from being able to work at home, where she brought in much-needed income for her family. She was able to get the surgery that she needed to remove the tumors, and reports that the pain is gone and she is feeling better every day.

My fellow cooks and I serve the team through their stomachs! My job is to prepare a menu, order food supplies, and to oversee the food preparation. Our main objectives are to provide a sanitary place for cooking and eating (keep the team healthy) and to provide meals that are tasty and nourishing (keep team morale high).

Despite a few supply challenges, we prepared three meals a day, plus some treats, like breakfast coffee cake, "Hammy Biscuits," and a cookie, affectionately named "Brookie" by team members. Brookies were created by

modifying brownie mix and baking it as cookies. They were a big hit!

Bob Lockhart, reflecting on his second year with the team says it best... "As a cook, there is an incredible feeling of satisfaction to watch 100+ people eating a tasty meal, laughing and chatting after a hard days' work. It really is fulfilling."



He goes on to say, "This year, I felt less awe and wonder at seeing everything for the first time. I felt more a sense of a team doing badly needed work. In my heart there was less a sense of discovery and more a sense of serving others. Service is where life is lived, if you think about it for a moment. It doesn't necessarily have to be in Guatemala or any specific country; it can be as simple as putting your neighbor's newspaper up on their front doorstep in the morning. Doing for others – no matter what – makes your life better. Serving others is the best! It changes me in ways that little else can. It can do the same for you. If you have never done any kind of humanitarian trip – why not consider one? I am one of the most risk-averse people on the planet, and I love it."

"Medical care is only one aspect of quality of life. HELPS international has put out a video to illustrate the full circle of how they work to improve quality of life. Their focus is on sustainable help: making the families stronger, not just the non-stop handouts that accomplish little other than to destroy dignity. It is worth 8 minutes of your time to watch the video: <http://vimeo.com/11993896>. Alicia Harris, who is interviewed in the film, is our amazing team leader."

If you would like to help, or get more information, please email c.macdonald.mail@gmail.com. My team will be going to San Cristobal again next January. However, HELPS sends out nine other teams to different places at different times, so there's a date to fit every schedule! Nurses, doctors, and all kinds of handy people are always needed.

-Carol MacDonald

Mission and Outreach

The Lord is Equipping Leaders in Uganda

During our recent mission trip to Uganda we saw afresh how the Lord is raising up and equipping leaders in Uganda. In urban and rural area, in schools, churches and marketplaces the author of leadership is fashioning leaders devoted to Him.

There are leaders in the movement of Youth Alpha, a fast paced, zany way to share the Gospel that captures the attention and hearts of young people in schools and clubs.

The Lord is using the new Archbishop, the Most Rev. Stanley Ntagali, to build partnerships in new areas, focusing on teamwork in ministry and mission.

The Lord is equipping Lay Readers in the Diocese of Masindi-Kitara to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit.



Carol Teaches Healing Prayer in Masindi

The Lord is blessing twenty-five Anglican missionaries in various parts of Uganda to live and work in obedience to Him. On retreat He has impressed them with His heart and love for them as they follow His call.

The Lord is mending the hearts and lives of people in war-torn Kitgum in northern Uganda and using Global Alpha Training to build eleven teams to launch Alpha in their congregations.



Kitgum GAT Participants Learn and Laugh

The Lord is equipping Christian leaders in various disciplines at Ugandan Christian University for leadership in East Africa. Through graduate studies He is equipping Ugandan clergy in Muslim Evangelism and raising the awareness of bishops to reach out to Muslims with the love of Christ.

The Lord is the best, brightest, most capable leader. He is an encourager, friend, counselor, coach and father who knows the hearts and minds and strengths of each one. He is intentionally leading in great power to spread His Kingdom to the ends of the earth. Amen and amen!

-Carol and Clark Smith

Oyster Roast and Design Charrette

Cecilia Clements & her Mom Theresa



The Ragsdale & Bringma clans found plenty to eat!



Villa Marie was filled to capacity for the beginning of the Design Charrette on Founders' Day



Everyone joined in the drawing and discussion!



Madelon Dillard, Vanessa & Lynn Tootle & Dn. Greg Malley chow down!

Oyster Roast and Design Charrette

*Sottile & Sottile at the open design studio Friday & Saturday:
Craig Clements, Anthony Cissell, Christian Sottile.*



*Once again, for all ages!
Cindy & Emily Grace
James; Blair & Eames
Kawa, Fr. Marc.*



A good crowd attended the Presentation at the Christian Revival Center.



The Neighborhood Walk with Christian Sottile took place Monday.



All ages participated!

Music Ministry

Christ Church Anglican's Music Ministries
presents its Fifteenth Annual

Spring Concert

Parish Choir, Choristers, Folk Group,
and Handbell Choir



Sunday, April 27, 2013
3:00 p.m.

Christ Church Anglican
Meeting at Independent Presbyterian Church

No admission charged, child-care provided, reception following.
For More Information Call 355-7730

Children's Ministry

It's that time again!

Vacation Bible School is "Upward Bound"

June 24-28, 2013

Now Registering: Before May 1st \$20.00, After May 1st \$25.00 Scholarships are always available so please don't hesitate to ask! Registration forms are available on the CCA website

Nursery Update

We had 2 productive training meetings with Nursery Volunteers several weeks back. Thank you to Committee Members Heather Ford, Jennie Ridley, and Mary Pitcher for their servant leadership at these meetings. Our goal is to saturate our nurseries with the love and knowledge of Christ and to encourage and equip our volunteers. May the Lord be pleased to turn the investment of our volunteers and leaders for the good of the children and for His glory!

Here are a few emphases from our meetings:

1. Prayer over each child each week will be a priority when they are in the nurseries.
2. Children, especially in the Under 2 Nursery, will be shown a monthly Truth Statement poster to reinforce God's love for them as their language skills develop.
3. Beginning at about 18 months, all children in our nurseries will be taught an age-appropriate Bible lesson/story during both the church and Sunday School hours.

Hear from invested individuals who attended the trainings:

"It's exciting to be a part of a church that is so dedicated to their children's ministry. The number of volunteers that participated in this training is a testament to the commitment level of our congregation and we're all excited to put this new curriculum and plan into action!"

-Jennie Ridley,
volunteer and committee member

"I came away so excited, hopeful and inspired with the response to our new curriculum."

-Mary Pitcher,
volunteer and committee member

"I adore the prayer for our little ones in the nursery. I often feel so guilty about leaving our small ones behind as we go on to worship, but I feel very good about letting our little ones go into arms as they pray for them."

-Elizabeth Ragsdale,
parent and volunteer

Thank you to Sarah Lavinder for her faithful service on the Nursery Committee. She and her family will be relocating to Alaska in early May.

Children's Sunday School Spring (March-May) Benchmarks

3 & 4 Years Old	Answers to Shorter Catechism Questions # 11-15
Pre-K-Kindergarten	Blessing from Numbers 6:24-26
1st- 2nd Grade	Books of the New Testament
3rd-5th Grade	John 1: 1-5, 14

Dates to Remember

May 12	Benchmark Presentation
June 24-28	Vacation Bible School

Youth Ministry

Looking Back 2nd Annual Epiphany Progressive Dinner

In early February our youth visited four different CCA homes for a special Epiphany celebration. At each home we had a traditional House Blessing, led by Fr. Layne, and presented symbolic gifts of bread, wine, oil, and salt.



Youth gather to give gifts and share in the House Blessing at the Copetillo Home.

We were then treated to a food course by each family, progressing to each house, and each course, as the evening continued. By the end of the evening our stomachs were full and our hearts were blessed by the hospitality and fellowship shared that night.

A special thank you to Fr. Layne for His vision and leadership for this night and to the 4 families that invited us into their homes (Copetillos, Webbs, Harrisons, and Sawyers)! We intend to do this again each Epiphany in hopes to get to know the people of our parish, blessing each home as we go.



“Room for dessert, boys?” Zach, Adam, and Jason in the Sawyer Home.

Winter Sunday School on the Gospel of Mark

As our study on the Gospel of Mark comes to a close, we have been reminded of the beauty of the gospel message and the power of Christ’s love demonstrated on the cross. Next time you see one of the youth, reach out to them and ask them what they learned about Christ in our study. However, don’t be surprised if they turn around and ask you what you are learning in Sunday School as well.

Scavenger Hunt

Consider 20 youth and youth leaders scavenging around downtown Savannah... looking for random itemslike toilet seat covers, old newspapers, and restaurant napkins ... Picture them dancing, singing, and doing kung-fu in front of various strangers and local hot spots ... and all this is done to win the title of Hunt Champions! Not only was our evening an absolute blast, but we got to see a side of each other that may never be shown again. Congratulations to Zach Remick, Samuel Benson, Geoff and Nathaniel Bowden who’s team won first place, winning the most points for doing the wackiest things!

Looking Ahead Spring Sunday School - 1 John

This spring we will be looking at the New Testament book of 1 John, covering such topics as: living a repentant lifestyle; the freedom of obedience; opposing forces in the battle; our Christian identity and belonging; and a life called to love. Join us each Sunday from 10:45 - 11:45 in the Administration Building Basement for a time of study, discussion, and small group sharing.

SAVE THE DATE

April 6 th	1st Saturday Service Day
May 4 th	1st Saturday Social (Seder Dinner)
May 23 rd	Senior Night
June 1 st	1st Saturday Social (Beach Day)
June 7 th to 16 th	Youth Bell Tour Mission Trip
June 24 th to 28 th	VBS (Middle School Class / High School Volunteers)
July 22 nd to 26 th	Camp Araminta in FL
Late July	Youth Week (Dates pending the start of school sports, TBA)

Youth Ministry

A NoteTo Parents (Part 3 of 4)

Parents who disicple their teens

In our previous newsletter, we talked about how one of the most important things any parent can do is love the Lord. Often, this naturally rubs off on their children over time. We talked about making Christ a priority, being actively involved in His Church, considering the actions you model for your child, and living in the power of the gospel.

One temptation for parents who are stressed out, burnt out, or bummed out, is to take their kids to the youth leader or to the church in hopes that they’ll “get fixed.” As a youth director, there’s just one big problem with this well-intentioned strategy: *It doesn’t work.*

Our youth ministry spends a grand total of about three to five hours a week with your child. That is only true if they are regularly active on Sunday mornings and involved in most everything else we do. Our level of influence increases when they also participate in all the seasonal trips and events or if they desire to deepen the relationship outside of our regularly scheduled programs. Most don’t... and even those who do are only influenced by us maybe six hours a week tops.

With 168 hours in a week, the average youth is with us less than 3% of their time. Not much discipleship can happen in 3% of their time.

On the other hand, they live with you. They are in and out of your home, they wake up in a bed you bought them, and they are eating your food. Whether you think so or not, you are still the main influence in the life of your child – not TV, not their friends, not Facebook. It’s you.

Most parents disbelieve this. Popular opinion is that teens are most influenced by celebrities, peers, or music. But according to cultural statistics, when students are asked who influences them the most, they are discerning and honest.

- Teens state that their parents are their biggest influence when it comes to decisions they make about sex.
- Teens say the same about their view of alcohol.
- Teens usually practice the religion practiced by their parents

Therefore, we should not be surprised when God calls the parents to be the primary disciplers in the life of their child (Deut. 6.) As a Youth Director it is an honor to come along side you in this effort...but, don’t underestimate the significance of your role as the parent. Your child primarily learns what it means to follow Christ as His disciple by your influence. The most important thing any youth ministry needs is parents who love the Lord and are discipling their own kids.

Blessings,
Katie Beaumont, CCA Youth Director

Support our Youth!

The Bells of Christ Church



Home Concert
Returning from their Outreach Tour to Williamsburg and Washington D.C.
Sunday, June 16
3 p.m.
Bull Street Baptist
(corner of Bull and Anderson)
followed by a Reception hosted by Bull Street Baptist Church

Adult Ministry

Sunday School



Gospel Christianity III

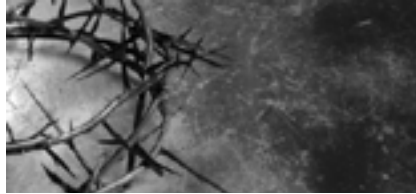
Dates: April 7th – May 19th

Location: 2nd Floor
Administration Building

*...know that a man is not justified
by observing the law, but by faith
in Jesus Christ.
Galatians 2: 11-16*

Gospel and Community, will
examine the topics of Gospel
Character, Love & Friendship,
Self-Control & Emotion, Patience
& Suffering.

This series of classes is recom-
mended for adults interested in be-
ing *confirmed*, for those wanting to
become *members* of Christ Church
Anglican, and for those in posi-
tions of *leadership* in the parish.



1 John: Christian Holiness and Love

Dates: April 7th – May 19th

Location: 3rd Floor Whitaker
Street Building

*This is how we know what love is:
Jesus Christ laid down his life for
us. And we ought to lay down our
lives for our brothers.
1 John 3:16*

Please join this seven week study
of the book of 1 John. We will
study topics like: A Repentant
Lifestyle; The Freedom of Obedi-
ence; Our Christian Identity and
Belonging; and a Life Called to
Love.



Neighborhood Fellowship Leadership Training

Dates: April 7th – May 19th

Location: 4th Floor Whitaker Street
Building

All Neighborhood Fellowship
leaders and **assistants** are asked to
attend our first Neighborhood Fel-
lowship Training, April 7th through
May 19th.

This 7 week training will cover all
aspects of leading a group in detail:
The vision for community life and
Neighborhood Fellowships; the
structure of Neighborhood Fellow-
ships; group leadership dynamics;
and pastoral care.

Please call Fr. Layne to confirm
your participation.

Special Plenary Sunday School
World Missions Sunday
April 14th at 10:45 AM
IPC Chapel

Adult Ministry

Men's Beer Tasting Encore

Another Men's beer tasting featuring the best of
American Craft Brews will be held at Solana's (5 Mul-
berry Bluff Drive, Dutch Island) on Friday, May 3rd,
starting at 6 p.m.

At our last tasting we enjoyed pairing English and
German beers ranging from lagers to stouts. For this
coming tasting I am focusing on the best American craft
brews and will again run the gamut from lagers to IPAs
to stouts. There is a great selection of American craft
brews and this promises to be a great evening of food,
fellowship and drink, all carried out in the most adult
responsible way possible.

The requirements are only slightly different from last
time. Attendance will be guaranteed only upon pre-pay-
ment of the event. (As several men promised to come
to the last tasting and pay at the door and didn't show
up, we have to change the way we do things!) I will go
buy the beer the week before the event and I will only
purchase enough for those men who have paid. Contact
me by email (summervale@mac.com) or call me at
912-856-0373 to reserve your spot. Deadline: Wednes-
day, April 10th at noon!

The last time, the food provided by each man was
great and the variety was a delight to the eye and the pal-
ate. So once again, each participant is asked to provide
something to eat that would go with beer...nothing that
you would pour from a bag or a box! Please feel free to
have your wife/friend/fiancée help you fix the food if
needed.

We will start at 6 p.m. and end probably around
9-9:30. David Solana has graciously agreed to host us
again and I hope you will be able to join us. Our last
tasting was a great success because we got to spend
good time just enjoying one another's company outside
of church. So join us and get to know some of the men
whom you see at church but may have never had the
chance to really get to know. The cost for the beer tasting
is \$15 per person. If there is any leftover beer, it will be
shared at the end of the evening. Come join us!

-Dn. Greg Malley

Neighborhood Fellowships

For the past month we have been organizing Neigh-
borhood Fellowships in various parts of Savannah.
Seven fellowships have been formed with over 100 adult
parishioners joining. When adding this number to the
ongoing Small Groups in the Church, we have over half
our members in a Small Group. Why is this important?

At our annual meeting last month, a new form of
leadership was unveiled which was characterized by a
smaller Vestry (Elders of the Church) and a new larger
group - the Parish Council (Ministry Leaders). The pur-
pose of this change was to promote more efficient and
effective ministry in Christ Church Anglican. This was
the 1st Step in Re-Forming our church for the future.
The 2nd Step is instituting Small Group Fellowships as
the primary place where we live out our commitment
to the Lord and one another as the Body of Christ with
teaching, fellowship and prayer.

The Fellowships we have formed meet in homes at
least twice a month. Most will go through May and then
recess for the summer. We will plan some social gather-
ings over the summer months to keep folks connected. In
the fall, we anticipate some groups will continue, but a
number of new groups will form whereby members can
choose a group that best fits their needs. Group Lead-
ership will be a key part of making sure our people feel
their investment in time will be well worth the effort.
As a result, Leadership Training will begin in April in
preparation for the fall (see the Adult Sunday School
article on the opposite page).

You can join a Neighborhood Fellowship at any time.
Below are the contact people for each Fellowship:

Isle of Hope: Vicky Posey 665-1746

Midtown: Linda Savage 238-4971

Richmond Hill: Bruce Jamieson 495-0539

Skidaway: Sally Lufburrow 598-0936

Southside: Amy Cobb 927-7727

Westside: Janet Stevenson 233-7730

Wilmington Island: John Albert 897-5908

-John Albert

The Financial Page

From the Church Office

Giving Statements for the first quarter will be mailed in April to all who have pledged and to those who give regularly by check. This will be an opportunity for all parishioners to “check up on themselves” and see if their giving is timely...and if we have recorded it accurately! Our church donation software was recently upgraded and we have faced a fairly large learning curve at the beginning of 2013. Your statements have a slightly different look to them as well. Please do not hesitate to call Joan in the church office (912-355-7730) if there are any corrections (or explanations!) needed.

If you have already started giving to our “Building Fund,” thank you! These donations are deposited into a bank account designated for that purpose. As we can’t take one check and deposit it into two different accounts, it is a tremendous help if donors write separate checks if one of them is for the Building Fund (this is the same way we handled our donations for The Gospel Defense Fund). Please clearly mark the memo line “Building Fund.” Thank you!

February Financial Report

Christ Church Anglican - Savannah GA										
Income/Expense Statement as of 2/28/2013										
	Account Name	February Activity	Monthly Budget	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	% of Budget YTD	Annual Budget			
Income										
	Total Income	69,551	50,841	114,017	101,384	112	817,100			
Expense										
	Total Provincial Giving	5,167	6,208	5,167	9,416	55	67,500			
	Total Missions	0	0	0	0	0	67,500			
	Total Worship Ministry	45	175	141	350	40	2,100			
	Total Music Ministry	330	1,237	482	2,129	23	13,445			
	Total Evangelism	1,455	875	1,455	1,250	116	5,500			
	Total Discipleship	1,722	2,413	1,744	3,636	48	17,905			
	Total Personnel	40,329	40,725	78,857	81,444	97	494,891			
	Total Administrative Expenses	4,867	6,643	11,912	12,786	93	82,435			
	Total Expense	53,914	58,276	99,756	111,011	90	751,276			
	Difference	\$15,637	(7,435)	14,261	(9,627)		65,824			

The Parish Calendar

April

- 1Church Office Closed
- 6Youth First Saturday Service Project
10:30 AM
Lector Training
IPC Nave
- 711:45 AM
1st Sunday Brunch
IPC Fellowship Hall
- 116 PM
Parish Council Meeting
65th Street Office
- 186 PM
Finance Cmte. Mtg.
65th Street Office
- 196:30 PM
Men's Movie Night
Stephen Lufburrow's home
- 236 PM
Family Night
IPC Fellowship Hall
- 256 PM
Vestry Meeting
65th Street Office
- 265:30 PM
Newcomers' Wine & Cheese
Webb's Home
- 2710 AM
Choir Rehearsal
IPC Nave
- 283 PM
Spring Concert
IPC Nave

May

- 36 PM
Men's Beer Tasting
David Solana's home
- 45 PM
Communion Sedar & Instruction
St. Andrew's Church
- 511:45 AM
1st Sunday Brunch
IPC Fellowship Hall
- 96 PM
Parish Council Meeting
65th Street Office
- 119 AM
New Member Workshop
65th Street Office
- 129 AM
Children's Benchmark Presentation
IPC Nave
- 199 AM
Welcome New Members
IPC Nave
- 236 PM
Vestry Meeting
65th Street Office
Youth Senior Night
3rd Floor Whitaker Bldg.
- 269 AM
Baptisms
IPC Nave
- 27Memorial Day; Office Closed
- 31Benton Wedding Rehearsal
IPC Nave

June

- 110 AM
Samuel Kennedy Ordination
St. Andrew's Church
5:30 PM
Benton Wedding
- 29 AM
Bishop's Annual Visit & Confirmation
IPC Nave
- 7Bell Choir Tour begins
- 136 PM
Parish Council Mtg.
65th Street Office
- 163 PM
Bell Choir Home Concert
Bull Street Baptist
- 206 PM
Finance Cmte. Mtg.
65th Street Office
- 24VBS begins!
IPC
- 276 PM
Vestry Meeting
65th Street Office



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