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Building a Community in Christ
A 12 Week Preaching and Teaching Series

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Announcements

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Parish Register

Confirmations

- Kenneth Goodwin, June 7, 2015
- Anne Marie Grant, June 7, 2015
- Samantha Haley, August 4, 2015
- Lori and Tom Kennedy, August 4, 2015

New Members

- Rich, Angie, Daniel, Adam and Angie Grace Copetillo
- Kenneth Goodwin
- Samantha Haley
- Kim Hebron
- Brenda McNamara and John Trent
- Keith Saunders
- Emily and Warren Thrasher

Congratulations to:

- Betty and Fred Sharp on the birth of their granddaughter, Evelyn Grace Sharp, on June 1, 2015
- Kathy and Craig Shoemaker on the birth of their granddaughter, Alexandra Jamisyn Gralow, on July 12, 2015
- Stephanie and Kris Lynch on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Sloane, on August 3, 2015
- Zack Remick for receiving his Eagle Scout award on August 9, 2015

We send expressions of our sympathy to those who have recently lost loved ones:

- Jeni Ellis-Riggs and Cindy Lynah for the death of their mother, Anne McKinney Ellis, on July 30, 2015



The Rt. Rev. Neil Lebhar visited Christ Church Anglican twice recently for confirmations.

Top photo, L-R: Anne Marie Grant, Bp. Lebhar and Kenneth Goodwin on June 7

Bottom photo, L-R: Fr. Marc Robertson, Brian and Hope Eltomi (from St. Peter's Anglican Church, Tallahassee), Bp. Lebhar, Samantha Haley, Lori Kennedy, Fr. Layne Hansen and Tom Kennedy on August 4

Introducing



There are so many members of our Church that I want to interview that I decided to double up this time and interview Corley and Ginny Nease together. Corley is a retired optometrist. Ginny is a long time and still active licensed clinical social worker and marriage and family therapist. From my own friendships with them, I can tell you that Corley has a quick wit and clever sense of humor,

and Ginny is incredibly sensitive to the needs of others. They will have been married 48 years in December. Corley is undaunted by Ginny's professional skills. He says when she tries to psychoanalyze him, it doesn't work. The Neases arrived in Savannah in the 1960's from Canada/Florida (Ginny) and Lumber City, Georgia (Corley) after having met at Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia. Corley had just returned from a four-year tour in the Army (as a bachelor and an optometrist) in the American Hospital in Paris, and Ginny was a social worker with the Red Cross working at the same Fort Benning hospital. Corley explained that Ginny's work schedule was publicly posted in the hospital so he knew just when to call her to go out. Their first home in Savannah was in the Chatham Apartments on Abercorn. Corley took over an optometry practice on Gaston Street and Ginny began her career in public mental health.

Ginny was born in Canada but since her mother was from Florida, she was named a good Southern name (Virginia, after the State, and Lee, after Robert E.) with hopes that she would choose U.S. citizenship as an adult (she did). But while in Canada, she attended an Anglican private school with mandatory chapel every morning. Her father encouraged her faith early on and she says that Corley has led her to a deepened faith in Christ in more recent years. Corley grew up as a Methodist in Lumber City and when they first moved to Savannah, they attended Epworth Methodist Church (within a stone's throw of 2020) but were drawn to Christ Church on Johnson Square in 1973 by its music ministry. You may know that Corley sings in the choir and has for many years. In late 2003, Corley's faith was tested and energized when he faced a life threatening surgery. He remembers lying on a gurney in the hospital looking at a strange doctor with a

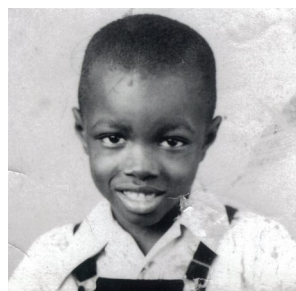
FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: Ginny: Psalm 46:1; Corley: John 3:16 and the surrounding story of Nicodemus

ALWAYS IN THEIR FRIDGE: orange juice for Corley; grapes for Ginny

pony tail and a black leather jacket who had been called in to help him. It was a time to confront the possibility of his own death and in his prayers, Corley saw that "God was in the whole thing." The doctor turned out to be just the right one and Corley was moved by the Christian love shown by other believers as he recovered from a difficult surgery. Since then, Corley's Bible study group has been a source of growth. He recently led the group in a study of Revelation, a book he's been intrigued by for the last 15 years. The choir is another small group within CCA which means a lot to Corley. As a couple, Corley and Ginny are taking a course online from the Trinity School of Ministry.

Ginny and Corley echo the sentiments of many with regards to the CCA journey to 2020 Bull. Like many others they see God's hand in the story and are aware of the new closeness and energy among the Church family. The congregation of today is vastly different from the one they joined in 1973 but the changes are all positive.

As a teenager, Ginny studied for a year in Switzerland. With that experience and Corley's time in Paris, the Neases love to travel. Between them they've visited 29 countries. Ginny comes up with the ideas for trips and Corley makes the arrangements. A trip to Israel and Egypt 4 or 5 years ago was a highlight. Still on their wish list are the North Pole and Krakow. But no matter where their travels or life take them, it's clear that Corley and Ginny are devoted to each other, to CCA and to their Lord.



— Dottie Courington

*Who will be in our next issue?
This photo should
give you a hint!*

Ephesians Study

Building a Community in Christ A 12-Week Study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians August 23 – November 22, 2015

One of the chief blind spots of many Christians in America today is to overlook the significance of the church. We tend to proclaim individual salvation without moving on to explain the prominence of the saved community. Our message is often individualistic good news of a new life rather than corporate good news of a new society.

No one can emerge from a careful reading of Paul's letter to the Ephesians with an individualistic gospel. For Ephesians is the Gospel of the church. It sets forth God's eternal purpose to create through Jesus Christ a new society. This society stands out in bright relief against the sober background of the old world.

On August 23rd, Christ Church Anglican will begin a 12-week study of Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Each week during this series the Adult Sunday School class, the sermon and every Community Group will examine the same portion of Ephesians. For the sake of the glory of God and the evangelization of Savannah and the world, nothing is more essential than for Christ Church Anglican to build authentic community in Christ that will be an example of God's new society in the world.

Copies of the Bible Study *Ephesians—Building a Community in Christ* by John Stott are available in the church office for participants in Community Groups or for those who would like to follow along in their personal study. A donation of \$5 is suggested for each copy.

— Fr. Layne

The schedule for this fall is as follows:

August 23	Introducing Ephesians: Why Can't I Live the Christian Life Alone? (Stott, page 5)
August 30	A Life of Spiritual Blessing Ephesians 1:1-14 (Stott, page 9)
September 6	A Life of Prayer Ephesians 1:15-23 (Stott, page 14)
September 13	A Life of Resurrection Ephesians 2:1-10 (Stott, page 18)
September 20	A New Humanity in Christ, Ephesians 2:11-22 (Stott, page 23)
September 27	A New Ministry in Christ Ephesians 3:1-13 (Stott, page 27)
October 4	New Confidence in Christ, Ephesians 3:14-21 (Stott, page 31)
October 11	Unity in Christ, Ephesians 4:1-16 (Stott, page 36)
October 18	Purity in Christ, Ephesians 4:17-5:4 (Stott, page 40)
October 25	Parish Weekend
November 1	Righteousness in Christ, Ephesians 5:5-21 (Stott, page 45)
November 8	Love in Christ, Ephesians 5:22-33 (Stott, page 49)
November 15	Respect in Christ, Ephesians 6:1-9 (Stott, page 54)
November 22	Power in Christ, Ephesians 6:10-24 (Stott, page 58)



Community Groups

Loving ❖ Learning ❖ Liturgy ❖ Serving

Our Community Groups are the best way to connect with Christ Church Anglican and the primary place where we are formed as followers of Jesus Christ. In our Community Groups we do four simple things (Acts 2: 43- 47):

Loving – We will gather for fellowship and friendship

Learning – We will gather to study Holy Scripture

Liturgy – We will gather to worship and pray together

Serving – We will serve one another, our neighborhoods, the city and the world with the love of Jesus.

CCA Community Groups are scattered across the city. They usually meet on a weekly basis in people's homes. Our groups will be similar in substance but different in style, so we encourage you to try out a few groups and find one that feels like the best fit for you. To visit a group, contact the leader of the group from the list below to let the leader know you are interested in attending. For more information about this ministry, please email Tom Kennedy at costaken.78@gmail.com. If you are interested in forming a new Community Group, please speak with Fr. Layne.

- **Sandfly Community Group**
Monday at 6:30 PM
Led by Clark and Carol Smith
Contact Clark clark@e412ministries.org
- **Isle of Hope Community Group**
September – June
Led by Richard James
Contact Richard richardjamesmd@gmail.com
- **LaRoche Avenue Community Group**
Sunday Evenings 6:30-8:30 PM
Led by Paul Webb
Contact Paul ptwebb@aol.com
- **Burnside/Beaulieu Community Group**
Every other Wednesday evening at 6 PM
Led by Marc Robertson
Contact Marc mrobertson2@me.com
- **Wilmington Island Community Group**
Mondays 7-9 PM
Led by Warren Thrasher
Contact Warren wathrasher@comcast.net
- **Westside Community Group**
2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6:30-8 PM
Led by Jim and Janet Stevenson
Contact Jim jajstev@comcast.net
- **Ardsley Park Community Group**
Wednesdays at 7-9 PM
Led by Lance Levens and Linda Savage
Contact Linda lsavage621@aol.com
- **Young Women's Community Group**
Wednesday at 6:30 PM
Led by Liz Albert
Contact Liz lalbert47@aol.com
- **Wilmington Island Women's Community Group**
Thursdays at 6:45 PM
Led by Ellen Kohut
Contact Ellen ellie358@gmail.com
- **Men's Community Group (Starland District)**
Every Thursday at 8 AM
Led by Layne Hansen
Contact Layne lhansen@ccasav.org
- **Men's Community Group**
Every Monday at 6:30 PM
Led by Geoff Bowden
Contact Geoff geoffrey.charles.bowden@gmail.com
- **Middle High Youth Group**
Wednesday at 6 – 7:30 PM
- **High School Youth Group**
Wednesday at 7 – 8:30 PM
Contact Matthew Robertson mrobert4@samford.edu

Parish Weekend

Don't Miss It!



October 23 – 25, 2015

All Parish Retreat

“He Restores My Soul”

Led by The Rt. Rev. Roger Ames and his wife Gretsie

**Epworth by the Sea
on St. Simons Island, GA**

No charge for children or teenagers.

Robertson Inn: \$195/adult (2 per room)
 \$290 (single room)

Turner Lodge: \$215/adult (2 per room)
 \$310 (single room)

Includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals.

Bishop Roger Ames served for over 20 years at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Bath, Ohio before he was elected the first Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of the Great Lakes. His passion is to see a spiritual renewal sweep throughout the whole Body of Christ. He is currently spearheading a pilot program in his diocese called “Fresh Fire” to re-fire the ministry of healing and restoration in the local parish to reach the wounded and broken with the Gospel. Gretsie has led Women's Conferences, Retreats and Bible Studies for years; her passion is to see women grow more deeply in love with the Lord and become free to joyfully serve others in Christ's name.

The beauty of Epworth by the Sea lends itself to both quiet reflection and group activities. We hope you will join us for what promises to be an important weekend in our spiritual growth as a community in Christ.

Early Bird Registration

Register between August 23rd and September 6th and receive a \$10/person discount on the price of the weekend. A non-refundable deposit of 50% of the total cost will be required to qualify for the discount. All registrations end Sunday, October 11th, with full payment due that day.

Why Come?

This weekend is being designed to include inspirational teaching on healing and the Holy Spirit, fun, relaxing times together, good food and lots of prayer. Kelly Bringman is organizing our Saturday afternoon activities and Matt Robertson is using his usual creativity to come up with an entertaining Saturday evening for all ages.

Can You Help?

You sure can! Call Joan Malley in the church office (912-355-7730) or email her at jmalley@ccasav.org.



Bishop Ames has a wonderful sense of humor!

New Service Opportunities



Acolyte Ministry Starting this Fall!

What is an Acolyte? The dictionary defines “acolyte” as “a person assisting the celebrant during worship.”

I grew up serving as an acolyte in my home parish. It was a formative experience for my faith, as well as a meaningful ministry of service. I learned a lot about worship and found being a part of those leading worship a helpful way to pay attention, learn, and grow in Christ.

With the leadership of Jill Luse, we will re-introduce the Acolyte ministry at Christ Church Anglican this fall. Here are some basic questions you may have about this ministry:

Q. Who may serve as an Acolyte?

A. Middle Schoolers, High Schoolers, College students and adults may serve as an Acolyte. 4th and 5th graders may serve as Junior Acolytes.

Q. What are the duties of an Acolyte?

A. Duties of Acolytes will be explained in detail at our Acolyte Training. In general, Acolytes will carry the processional cross, torches (once they are purchased), and assist in preparing the Table for Communion.

Q. What is the time commitment for this ministry?

A. Acolytes will be expected to be present and vested 20 minutes prior to worship. They will need to attend at least one training session per year and brief, “special” trainings prior to the seasons of Christmas and Easter. All of these training sessions will occur on Sundays after our 10:30 worship. Depending on the number of people who sign up for this ministry, Acolytes should expect to serve approximately once per month.

Q. What if my child sings in Choristers or in the Parish Choir? Can they still serve as an Acolyte?

A. The duties of an Acolyte can normally mesh with the singing responsibilities of a Chorister or Choir member. In those rare circumstances where this may be more than can be handled, a change of the Acolyte schedule will be encouraged.

ACOLYTE ORIENTATION will take place from 9:15 – 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 16th, in the adult classroom in the Wesley Wing. Parents and potential Acolytes will be expected to attend where a review of the Acolyte Ministry will take place and questions can be personally answered by either Jill or Fr. Marc.

ACOLYTE TRAINING will take place on Sunday, August 23rd, immediately following our 10:30 a.m. service. Lunch and sign-up will be provided for Acolytes and their parents, followed by basic instruction. The training will conclude by 1:30 p.m. Attendance at this training session is mandatory for participation in this Ministry.

THE ACOLYTE SCHEDULE WILL BEGIN ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH.

— Fr. Marc

Family Altar Guild Getting Underway

The Altar Guild of Christ Church Anglican is a quiet ministry of service that prepares the sanctuary (the area immediately around the Holy Table) and the chancel (the area where the pulpit and lectern are located) for Sunday worship. This quiet but important ministry involves basically the preparation and “clean up” for worship, especially focusing on the vessels and hangings used.

In a world where an understanding of and an appreciation for things sacred is rapidly diminishing, participation in the ministry of the Altar Guild is a helpful means where we re-learn the wonder and beauty of worship in practical terms.

One of the most exciting ways for a family to experience this notion of the “sacred” is to become an Altar Guild Family. Here parents and children join together to help prepare the Lord’s Table for worship. Sharon Lawson, our Altar Guild Chair, and Fr. Marc have been in prayer and discussion about this idea for many months, and they both feel it is time to offer this ministry to the parish.

If you or your family would like to serve in this ministry, please contact Sharon Lawson (sharon.lawson@comcast.net). She will be glad to answer your questions and equip your family for this rewarding ministry.

Whitefield Center Update

The Whitefield Center:

The Genesis of a Developing Eminence

No longer just the “old yellow house across from *Elizabeth’s*,” the Whitefield Center is becoming known to the neighborhood and community at large by its name. On July 26th, an update was given to the congregation regarding all aspects of the Whitefield operation and ministry, including building usage, maintenance, and future plans. This article will concentrate specifically on just Whitefield ministry...the initiatives that are generating its reputation.



Hope Academy is a GED and high school diploma attainment school for adults 18 and over. Currently, 20 students are enrolled. The presentation of a biblical



worldview and personal relationships with the students it serves are at the forefront of Hope. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, with supplementary days set aside each month for reading and writing practice, tutoring, and testing. As a bonus, the first Saturday of each month is a Career Assessment and Learning Styles Seminar. All components of workforce prepared-



ness and social skills are incorporated in Hope Academy instruction. Hope’s ultimate goal is to assist its graduating students to either obtain post-secondary education, gainful employment, or improve the status of employment. The Hope Academy is a partnership with Savannah Christian Church and is directed by Brian and Heather Flood under the auspices of the Whitefield Center.



Elementary Reading Tutorials take place at two



schools that serve the Thomas Square neighborhood: Gadsden Elementary and the Savannah Classical Academy. The Gadsden program is coordinated by a full-time, on-site volunteer

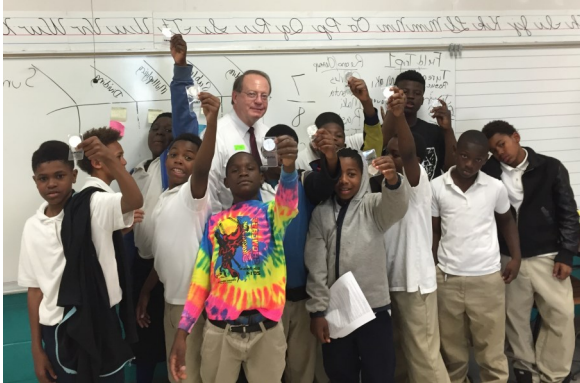
and the tutoring takes place during school hours. The tutor/student ratio is one to one. As many as 100 students are tutored during the course of a year. Tutoring takes place Tuesdays through Thursdays in one hour sessions. The goal is for the student to be reading on grade level or beyond within nine weeks.

Tutoring at the Savannah Classical Academy takes place after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 p.m.; Steve Dantin coordinates the program. The tutor/student ratio averages one to three or four. In addition to reading help and phonics, homework assistance is also provided. This program serves 25 students. CCA members who serve as Tutors in this program are: Ted Benton, Warren Thrasher, Bruce Jamieson, Heather Ford, Lori Kennedy, Debby Smith, and West Baker.



Whitefield Center Update

Financial Literacy is taught in a “hands-on” manner at



Savannah High and at the Fresh Start Middle School at East Broad Elementary. Both schools serve the Thomas Square neighborhood. Students are taught the very, very basics of personal financial management. At the conclusion of the eight week course each semester, they are expected to be able to explain the various nuances of a personal budget, checking and savings accounts, debit and credit cards, differences between stocks and bonds, basic investments, how money receives its value, the gold standard, and much more. Steve Dantin is involved in teaching both of these initiatives with assistance from representatives of the Savannah branch of Consumer Credit Counseling. The program serves 15 students at Fresh Start and 25 students at Savannah High.

The Fresh Start middle school program offers particu-



lar challenges as these students are all male between the ages of 11 and 14 and all have previously been expelled (not suspended) from school. These students are offered

the incentive of an American Eagle silver dollar for successfully completing their financial literacy test. Upon their successful completion of this test, Savannah High students are offered a small financial incentive to open a personal checking account. Supplementing the Financial Literacy instruction is training and coaching in personal social skills and workforce preparedness.

Calvary Chapel Food Pantry serves east side Thomas Square residents on Saturdays at its Gregory Street location across from Oelschig's nursery. Calvary Chapel has been a Whitefield partner since its inception. CCA member Kayron Stevens assists in coordinating this program along with Michelle Wood of Calvary Chapel. Here again, relationships are not only mandatory, but the key to ministry. Volunteers are involved in the lives of each person/family served, offering various areas of personal counsel and sharing the Gospel with each person served. On a given Saturday, over 150 persons may be served and over 1,500 pounds of food distributed.

Williams Court Senior Advocacy serves senior citizens weekly, every Tuesday, at the Williams Court Apartments, just two blocks from the Whitefield Center. Williams Court is a retirement community for low-income seniors. This program is coordinated by CCA member Kayron Stevens and is centered around a weekly Bible study that residents cling to with great anticipation. As are all Whitefield programs, it is relationship centered, enabling volunteers to assist and advocate in the lives of the residents. Handicapped transportation, assistance in taking prescribed medication, and basic financial instruction may be components of serving various individuals at Williams Court. This initiative serves up to 35 persons each week.



IRS Income Tax Return Preparation Assistance takes place January through March for eligible Thomas Square residents at the Whitefield Center. This program is coordinated by John Albert and each of its 15 volunteer tax preparers are IRS trained and certified. Some of the CCA tax preparers are: Bill Sprague, III, Warren Thrasher, David Reeves, Jim Gardner, Jim and Janet Stevenson, John Albert, Liz Mays, Bob Hallock, Nelson Lawson, and Bruce Jamieson. Over 60 Thomas Square area residents were served this tax season – Whitefield's first year.

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Whitefield Center Update

Whitefield Vacation Bible School and Day Camp

began its inaugural annual run this past June. It served 11 Elementary Tutorial students from the Savannah Classical Academy and operated 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. for one week. The program capacity for the camp was 15.



Students spent the mornings in Bible school and study coordinated by Kayron Stevens and assisted by Michelle Wood of Calvary Chapel, Heather Ford, Tracy Clatterbaugh, and Wray Williamson. Matt Robertson and the CCA youth were invaluable in providing recreational activities. Each student was given a Bible at the VBS, and four students accepted Christ during the course of the week. Lunch was provided each day and was coordinated

by Linda Sawyer, Gloria Harrison, and Cindy James.

Afternoon day camp activities were directed by Steve Dantin, Heather Ford, and



Linda Sawyer, and included field trips and “behind the scenes” looks to The Savannah Bee Company, Leopold’s Ice



Cream, Tybee Island Marine Science Center, Old Roundhouse Museum, Oatland Island Wildlife Refuge, and the historic Savannah Theatre. The week concluded with a family cookout at Whitefield coordinated by Joe and Gay Park, and an evening live musical stage performance at the Savannah Theatre.



Yes, the Whitefield Center, in a physical sense, is just an old house; a nice and receptive old house, but an old house nonetheless. It does not possess the functional architectural attributes of a standard “community center”. But, as the months have gone by, I’m learning it really is becoming much more than that. It is iconic.

To adult students trying to get a high school diploma and change their lives, it really does represent *Hope*. To elementary students it represents “the place where our tutors come from.” To Williams Court seniors, it’s the name that’s announced over the loudspeaker signaling them that Bible study is beginning. To the parents of VBS and Day Camp participants, it’s the place where “my child can’t wait to get to” in the morning.

Additionally, to Art March enthusiasts and SCAD students, its that new gallery where not “everything” is accepted as art, but the place doesn’t charge them. To seven area churches, it’s where an interdenominational prayer meeting is held every Monday night to pray for the city.

And, as its Executive Director recently learned by speaking to a civic gathering consisting of citizens from all over the county, it represents “that church who took a stand for the Gospel, lost their original property because of it, and continue to ‘bear witness to the Truth’.”

The ongoing needs of the Whitefield ministry are great. Additional volunteers and finances are always, always in great demand. If you sense a calling to volunteer in any of the ministry areas, please contact Steve Dantin at sdantin@whitefieldfoundation.org or at 912-484-8843.

Home Missions

2015 Tour of Homes Grants

The Home Missions Committee of CCA is charged with reviewing applications from qualified local non-profit organizations and providing funds within the amount available from Tour of Homes net revenues. Serving on this committee are Kacey Ratterree (Chairman), Karen Cooper, Dn. Steve Dantin, Fr. Layne Hansen, Dn. Sally Lufburrow, Ramona Petersen, Kayron Stevens and Debbie Webb. The organizations funded by this committee are in Savannah and serve community needs right here in town—some in our Church neighborhood. Applicant organizations meet criteria relating to their witness to God, to the uniqueness of Jesus as “the way, the truth and the life,” and must affirm a clear mission of service to God, through evangelism and discipleship.

This year, the Tour blessed our committee with more than \$47,000 to distribute. All of the 2015 applicants will receive funds. Most of these have CCA members either on their boards or as volunteers in other capacities. They are briefly described below:

- **The Barnabus Center for Counseling** offers Christ-centered, Biblically-based counseling, workshops, marriage and family therapy.
- **The Bread of Life Food Pantry**, a ministry of Calvary Chapel of Savannah, offers prayer and counseling to those who come to their facility on President Street Extension, as well as prepared food bags.
- **The Children’s School of St. John’s Church** is a Christian faith-based pre-school, with curriculum and mission centered on Holy Scripture and supporting families in faith and obedience to Christ.
- **The Fresh Air Home**, a project of the Froebel Circle, offers a camp at Tybee for at-risk children; the purpose is to build character and help them grow spiritually and morally, through activities that include age-appropriate Bible studies.
- **His Love Ministries, Inc.**, spreads the life-changing message of Jesus Christ through visits to and bible studies in correctional institutions, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and treatment centers.

- **Heads Up Guidance Services (H.U.G.S.)** is a faith-based provider of counseling and vocational guidance for those with mental and behavioral illnesses as well as those suffering from addiction; its location at 706 Wheaton Street maximizes service accessibility to those in need.
- **Kairos Prison Ministries** offers Gospel-focused study and counseling, by trained laity and clergy, to those in the local prison systems, through weekend Christian “short courses.”
- **The Living Vine Christian Maternity Home** is a residential program for pregnant women in crisis.
- **Savannah Baptist Center**, located on Wheaton Street in the same building as HUGS, reaches the poor and needy in Savannah on two levels: spiritual, through ministry; and physical, through assistance with basic needs (showers, laundry) which are difficult for the homeless to secure.
- **The Whitefield Foundation and Center** seeks to transform lives and people in the Thomas Square area through Christ-centered workforce preparedness and education. More than 75 volunteers are involved in providing service.
- **Young Life** brings the gospel to young people through weekly programs for high school students, run by trained adults who guide the youth in Bible studies and service activities that help people in need.

We hope to bring these providers closer to our CCA community this year. Stay tuned!

The Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens is a blessing which allows us to give back to the community which supports the Tour. Thanks to everyone in our congregation who volunteers for this event, as it returns so much to those in need. Debbie Webb is the Chair of our 2016 Tour – won’t you make plans NOW to commit to this event?

— Kacey Ratterree,
Home Missions Committee Chairman

Global Missions

2015 GLOBAL MISSIONS DISTRIBUTIONS

The Global Missions Team proposed distributions to support missions and missionaries totaling \$25,250; this amount is a combination of proceeds from the 2015 Tour of Homes and CCA Operating Fund line items. Serving on the Global Missions Committee are Claudia Thomas (Chairman), the Rev. Layne Hansen (Staff Liaison), Anissa Goeken, Dirk Hardison, Cindy Jones, John Novikoff, Clark and Carol Rogers Smith, and Susan White. The Parish Council recommended and the Vestry approved distributions to the following recipients:

Brian and Mary Dennison – after seven years of full time service in Uganda, they have returned to the US and will be in transition under the SAMS Board through December 2015

Guy and Summer Benton – full time missionaries in Cambodia under SAMS

Bp. Mike and Linda Chapman – returned to the US after years of fulltime service in Peru and are now in transition under the SAMS Board through December 2015

Henry and Wendy Clay – Henry is now the Director of Staff Care and Development for the Navigators, a mission-sending agency

Dave and Jen Cox – fulltime missionaries in Romania under Reach Global

E412 Ministries (Clark and Carol Rogers Smith) – fulltime home-based missionaries who teach in this country and around the world, offering discipleship training to lay people and clergy

Nathan and Kiri – fulltime missionaries in the Middle East under Anglican Frontier Missions

New Wineskins Missionary Network – work with missionaries, including hosting a huge Anglican missions conference every 3 years

Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders (SAMS) – missionary-sending agency

Love for the Least – relief for suffering in the Middle East managed by the Rev. Jerry and Stacy Kramer

MERE ANGLICANISM 2016

Many people at Christ Church Anglican have attended a yearly conference held in Charleston, SC each January entitled Mere Anglicanism. This conference now fills up very quickly with people coming from all over the U.S. The 2016 Mere Anglicanism conference will take place from Thursday evening, January 28—Saturday afternoon, January 30. The following information from the conference website describes the vision of *The Cross and the Crescent: The Gospel and the Challenge of Islam*:

“One of the greatest challenges for Christians at the dawn of the 21st century is the power and influence of Islam. As the world’s two great missionary religions, Christianity and Islam are often at odds with one another, and the tension can at times feel palpable. How are we as Christians to respond to the threat and challenge of this growing and energetic religion? What should be the Church’s reaction in light of the Lord’s Great Commission to make disciples of all men? What does the Apostle Paul mean when he reminds believers that “the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds”? Join us this year at Mere Anglicanism as we explore *The Cross and the Crescent: The Gospel and the Challenge of Islam*.

Originally founded by Anglican Christians who were concerned with the renewal of their own tradition in North America, Mere Anglicanism recognizes that we are at our best when we are in service to the whole Church of God. Our goal is to help clergy and lay leaders to develop a strong, robust, and intellectually satisfying faith, so that we can once again effectively speak to our culture in a way that deserves a hearing.

Whatever your tradition, we warmly invite you to come and join us for this year’s conference as we learn how to respond to the challenge of Islam.”

Please go online and read about the speakers for this important conference at www.mereanglicanism.com.

Note: At least 13 people from CCA have already signed up to attend the 2016 Mere Anglicanism conference and most are staying at the Hampton Inn, next door to the Music Hall. You may register online if you are interested in going.

Global Missions

SAVE THE DATE—NEW WINESKINS FOR GLOBAL MISSIONS 2016

RIDGECREST, NC APRIL 7-10, 2016

The New Wineskins Missionary Network helps Anglicans in the US to be more knowledgeable, active, and effective in fulfilling our Lord's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. New Wineskins:

- Raises mission vision and awareness
- Highlights unreached people groups around the world
- Encourages prayer and care for Anglican missionaries
- Sponsors the New Wineskins for Global Mission conferences

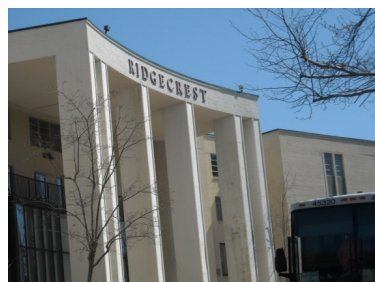
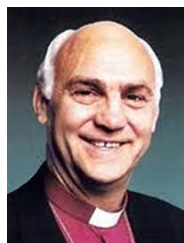
New Wineskins has been in existence since 1974. In addition to its ongoing support for Anglican mission work and missionaries, it hosts a triennial conference that is now a gathering of missionaries and Anglican clergy and lay people from the U.S. and around the world.

People from Christ Church Anglican have been attending the New Wineskins Conferences since 2007. Every three years Anglicans who are in global mission work or support missions in their home parishes attend this three day conference. Speakers come from all over the world as well as from the various sending agencies through which most of our missionaries receive support such as SAMS and Anglican Frontier Missions.

At the 2016 conference, attendees will hear reports and stories about what God is doing around the world.



Guy and Summer Benton, missionaries we support in Cambodia, and Bishop Ken Clarke, who was with us in February for our Global Missions Sunday and Oyster Roast, will be speaking.



Hundreds of participants from 34 states and provinces in the U.S., Canada, and 53 other countries have attended previous New Wineskins conferences, who are still bearing fruit as churches are mobilizing youth, sending mission-

aries, and reaching out to Muslims, Hispanics, Jews, refugees and international students in their area.

One of our CCA participants, Jon Maire, wrote the following:

"The New Wineskins Conference in 2010 was for me a very deep and meaningful time of worship, reflection, and inspiration - all nestled in an incredibly beautiful part of God's creation. A good opportunity to know more about what is REALLY going on in the world and to have fellowship with some amazing saints."

*From L-R:
Jon Maire,
Margo and
John
Novikoff,
at a New
Wineskins
Conference*



This conference will inspire you for home and global missions. It has inspired much work among international students and people from many cultures who now live and work in our neighborhoods. To read more about the conference, visit the website at www.newwineskins.org/categories/tags/new-wineskins-conference and join others from CCA and around the world who will be there.

— Claudia Thomas, Global Missions Team Chairman

From the Rector

The Church is an Anvil...

Much consternation and alarm has coursed through the Bible-believing churches of this country in the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision to legalize same-gender marriages. I have read the excellent and thoughtful response of the College of Bishops to our congregation, and our own Bishop Lebharr has put forth a wonderful pastoral letter to the diocese, which you can find on our diocesan website: gulfatlanticdiocese.org.

There is little I can add to the wisdom of our Bishops, both of our Diocese and our Province, but as your pastor, who lives with you daily and worships with you every Lord's Day, I realize it may prove helpful to hear a few thoughts from me.

Theodore Beza was a Protestant Reformer (born 1519) who was a solid theologian and a compassionate servant of Christ. When the French Monarch of Navarre decided to bring legal action against Protestants in his domain, Beza was called before him to explain himself. This famous quote from Beza before the king has echoed throughout the annals of history: "Sire, it belongs in truth to the Church of God, in whose name I speak, to endure blows and not to inflict them. But it will also please your Majesty to remember that she is an anvil that has worn out many a hammer."

It is my intent to be that faithful anvil of the Gospel in an ever-changing sea of cultural confusion and preference. The only hope of humanity is for faithful Christians to love and serve others while ever pointing to the unchanging Truth of Holy Scripture, which informs both their love and their service.

With that in mind, I will simply remind us of the biblical teaching on marriage: Christian marriage is not a contract of convenience, but a covenant of commitment. As such, it brings before us three things.

First, marriage is an act of fidelity. The husband and wife make solemn and profound pledges of fidelity to one another. Why is this so? Because marriage was created to reflect the faithfulness of God to His people. We live in a world where loyalty and fidelity are words quickly disappearing from our lexicon, and even more quickly disappearing in human relationships. Contracts are broken at the snap of a finger, promises go unkept, and the results

are deeply destructive. Christian marriage stands as an anvil against the blows of a narcissistic culture bent on seeking pleasure at every turn, even if it is ultimately self-destructive. So faithfulness in marriage is essential. We as Christians have not done well in instructing our married parishioners about the seriousness of marital loyalty, nor have we helped our members see the joy and blessing that comes from such sacrificial love. As a result, marriages of professing Christians end in divorce as often as marriages of non-professing persons. What we have discovered, however, is that couples who actually live out their profession (pray together, read Scripture regularly, engage in worship weekly, and actively serve the community as an expression of their faith) have much lower divorce rates.

Second, the expectation of those outside of Christian marriage is that they will pursue a life of abstinence. Like fidelity, abstinence is not a word (or a behavior) that is applauded in today's culture, especially when it comes to human sexuality. And yet, we have great campaigns to rid our lives of high fructose corn syrup, trans fats, and other damaging foods, but we indulge our appetites without constraint when it comes to sex before marriage, sex outside of marriage, same-gender sex, or virtually any form of sexual expression whatsoever. The Cross of Christ shows the saving power of God, and as such stands as an anvil in today's culture, taking blows from every pleasure-seeking hammer there is. Through sacrificial love, God redeems sinners through the death and resurrection of His son. As such, the Christian sexual ethic reflects the same sacrificial love, as those who are married engage in sexual relations only with their spouse, and those outside of marriage abstain from sexual behavior altogether. This is a good and healthy thing. Why? Because it brings us closer to the very nature of God Himself, Who is the divine example of sacrificial love.

Third, Christian marriage is defined as the union of one man and one woman in a holy covenant that reflects the very nature of God. This definition now stands as another anvil in today's "marriage *du jour*" mentality. The cultural confusion of our day seems to say that marriage can be re-defined by anyone who has some form of authority. While Christians are to honor the State (see Romans 13), this honor is informed by a higher authority that has exclusive rights to define reality for our well-being and ultimate joy. If some governmental authority

From the Rector

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defined me as an aardvark, it would not make it so. True, the culture might therefore treat me as an aardvark, and I would have to struggle with a world that was misinformed about humans and aardvarks, but simply stating something to be so, even in legal parlance, does not make it so. For the Christian, the definition of many essential elements to human life and joy are clearly stated in Holy Scripture. No King, no government, and no other authority can re-define that reality.

And so Christ Church Anglican will continue to pursue being the people of God according to the Word of God. I say we will “pursue” it, for such a lofty goal is still far beyond us. But simply because God’s will for humanity has not yet been fulfilled does not mean we abandon this noble cause.

So we invite all human beings - wherever they may be in their struggle in life, whether it is with sexuality or greed or selfishness or anger or pride or any other aspect of life that separates us from God’s good intentions for us - we invite them to come join us, to “taste and see that the Lord is good,” to engage in the Christian adventure, to give one’s self unreservedly to Jesus Christ, and discover His incredible love and power to those who believe.

— Fr. Marc

Parish Suppers Being Planned!

Once it was clear we would be moving to our new home at 2020 Bull Street, the Parish Council and Vestry began to think about the opportunities our new home would bring us. One that carried a lot of energy was “Parish Suppers.”

Plans are underway to meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month, with a shared meal and a brief and varied program. Much is dependent on the completion of our kitchen, but look for further announcements!

Why Do We Do That?

This article normally explains a certain action or ceremony within our Anglican Tradition, helping the newcomer and worshipper understand why we do what we do.

“In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Then you will know that you are nothing. It is only when you realize your nothingness, your emptiness, that God can fill you with Himself. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence.” – Mother Theresa

We live in a very noisy world. Traffic, conversation, music, television, and other elements of sound permeate our existence every day. Even when we have an opportunity for quiet, many of us stick “ear buds” in our ears to fill our lives with even more sound. Noise is so much a part of our world that a few moments of silence seems unusual.

The same is often true in modern worship. Running commentary, music (usually loud) and wordy sermons, dominate the worship landscape of modern Christianity. Noise is such a part of our worship that if there is a quiet pause for more than a few seconds, people begin to get fidgety, wondering if “something is wrong.”

In our Sunday worship at Christ Church Anglican, silence is a part of our worship. We want God to speak, and in order for us to hear, we need to slow down, empty our minds with all of the “clutter” of the day and be still. Be very still.

We do this at one specific point in our liturgy: immediately before the Confession of Sin. It isn’t long, just about 10-12 seconds or so, but it can be very important. It is a time to get settled, to prepare to listen. Here may be when the voice of God is heard most clearly, when certain sins we have forgotten or have hidden away may become apparent, or when God may simply speak, because He delights to be in communion with His people.

In the coming months, cherish the moments of silence. Anticipate them. In so doing, you may invite such moments into your life at home or at work. You might discover God speaks more frequently than you ever imagined. You just couldn’t hear Him because of the noise.

— Fr. Marc

Music Ministry

COME, JOIN THE PROCESSION!

YOU ARE INVITED to join or to try out a Christ Church Choir! We'd love to have *you* join the procession. Our times together are filled with music making, fellowship, learning, loving relationships, and worship of our living God!

Requirements for participation are a commitment to regular attendance, a desire to learn and to grow in skill, and in the case of a singing choir...the ability to consistently match pitch. We will train and equip you with all the rest you need to know.

Here's a preview of our MUSIC MINISTRY'S exciting plans for the 2015-16 season.

PARISH CHOIR (High School and Adult Choir)
Meets Wednesday evenings
(6 p.m. supper, 7-9 p.m. rehearsal)

This fine and loving choir leads the congregation in musical worship each Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service. The choir also sings the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, presents a major choral work with orchestra each year, and participates in the annual Spring Concert. This year, the choir will be presenting "A CONTEMPORARY MASS" with orchestra including music by Andrew Lloyd Webber, Leonard Bernstein, and John Rutter. We would love to have you join us!



CHILDREN'S CHOIR
(Choristers: grades 2- Middle School)
Meets Wednesday afternoons
(4:30 p.m. rehearsal, 5:30 p.m. supper)

Our children's choir is in a rebuilding phase and frankly, we need your help. At Christ Church we are seriously committed to families and their children and to continuing the heritage of children's choirs offering their voices, time, and talents to the Lord. This year, our children's choir will work toward presenting a fun new musical titled, "Oh, Jonah". We have a minimum requirement of 12 singers to pull the musical off successfully and so we would ask your child be a part of it all! An hour of

rehearsal each Wednesday followed by an all-church or choir dinner is the plan. Choir in your child's life will provide them a treasure of memories and experiences and a pattern for church participation for many years to come. We'd love to have your child be a part of these exciting new plans and to star in our musical, "Oh, Jonah!"



THE BELLS OF CHRIST CHURCH
(Youth/Young Adult Bell Choir: 8th grade—young adult)
Meets Mondays evenings (7-8:30 p.m.)

Ringling monthly in worship and taking its 10th annual tour, this merry band of ringers is the finest youth bell choir in the Southeast! If you are a youth or young adult with a basic grasp of music reading, we'd love to have you and to train you up in this powerful and joyful musical tradition.

THE FOLK GROUP (Instrumental ensemble)
Meets every other Sunday after worship (12:30-1:45 p.m.)

Having produced two fine CD's to date, this talented and diverse musical group is always looking for that capable guitarist, brass, woodwind, or string player who would like to offer their gifts in worship.

THE COMPLINE CHOIR
(auditioned ecumenical choir; High School—Adult)
Meets Sunday evenings (7:30-9 p.m. rehearsal;
Compline 9-9:30 p.m.)

This fine ecumenical choir sings the Office of Compline every Sunday night of the year. Singing Gregorian Chant, Anglican Chant, original composition, historic hymns, and Psalmody, this choir would love to have you audition and become a member of its ranks.

If you are interested in serving in our church's Ministry of Music, please do not hesitate to inquire. Contact Mark Williams, our Parish Musician, at 912-344-7101 or williams4950@bellsouth.net. We would love to have you join the procession!

Organ Update

IT WILL LOOK AS GOOD AS IT SOUNDS AND SOUND AS GOOD AS IT LOOKS... LORD WILLING.

You may have noticed the large new organ console in our church's balcony. I have been asked many questions this summer about our new organ project, and am excited at your loving interest. Here are four of the best questions I have been asked and their answers.

Question #1: Does the organ kit you are using come with a manual?

No, sadly, there is no digital organ builder's manual; in fact there is no organ kit you can buy. Our new organ is a complete custom instrument from top to bottom. I have been concept designer, parts and materials procurer, and custom organ builder all rolled into one and it has been quite a ride as well as an honor to have been entrusted with the task.

To further answer the question, you can have a custom organ like the one I am currently building, or you can purchase an off-the-shelf organ of similar size from an organ company for about \$450,000. Know, however, that it would take the organ company anywhere from 12-16 months between ordering the instrument and the instrument's delivery. Given this, know that I have been at construction of our new instrument for about nine months now and should have the organ completed in under 12 months of work.

Question #2: How did you get this job?



Tons of wiring work!

For this church musician, who has been dabbling at organ construction since High School, this will be my third successfully completed instrument. I felt a Godly appointment to build our new organ...that my past collection of experiences had led to a calling

upon my heart to do so.

Ours will be a marvelous new organ that should serve us for many years. The new organ will be bold and beautiful, it will sound as good as it looks and looks as good as it sounds, and it will be honoring of God. Our new instrument will incorporate every element of fine organ



Mark at the drill press.

design that I know, and it will come in at a total cost of about \$19,000 which has been lovingly funded by interested church members.

#3: I hear that you have been building our new organ in your garage at home. Yes?

Yes, I have been at the construction of our new organ working out of my home garage that is, for better or worse, the same temperature as the temperature outside come Winter or Summer...so please be patient with me...it's hot outside!



Organ cases under construction.

Question #4: How far along are you to have a working instrument in worship?

I would say that I am two thirds complete on our new organ project and have several important items to complete prior to having a working instrument in worship. My estimate, if things continue at their present pace, is that we will have a working instrument in worship by late August/early September.

Now, to finish answering that first question, the one about the organ kit manual that I am following. Yes, there is a manual...it's the one that I am creating for our new instrument as I go along!

I look forward to a day when we have a glorious new organ that sings along with us in our worship and praise of the living God.

— Mark K. Williams, Parish Musician

WCCA/TOH News

Save the Dates and spread the news....

September 26

Women of Christ Church Anglican welcomes... Kathy Burnsed, author of *Beating the Clock: Managing Time God's Way*. Kathy will be our speaker for the WCCA's kickoff fall breakfast at 10 a.m. on September 26th. We invite you to come and bring a potluck dish (breakfast casseroles, bagels, muffins, fruit, etc.) and a friend! WCCA will supply the drinks.



If you'd like to get a discount copy of Kathy's book, she has made them available to us for \$10. Please give your money or check (made out to WCCA) to Karen Cooper before August 30th to reserve your copy.

Please join us for this wonderful opportunity to hear Kathy speak on managing time. RSVP by September 19th to Heather Ford at hwhite33@hotmail.com or call (912) 713-8602.

November 21

One of our very own and finest, Chip Grefsky, will teach a class on situational awareness and safety on November 21st! Come at 10 a.m. ready to learn! Stayed tuned for more information to come on other events for this 2015-2016 year!

Mark 1:17- "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." Let us come together this year ready to glorify God with our time together, in His word, serving Him and spreading the Good news!

— Heather Ford, WCCA President

Tour of Homes Announcements

Once again, another successful Savannah Tour of Homes & Gardens has come and gone. We are so happy to say that over \$62,000 will be distributed to ministries here and abroad. We couldn't have done it without the tireless dedication of our wonderful staff, committee chairmen and volunteers. Without all of you, none of this would be possible.

The 81st Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens will take place March 31-April 3, 2016, and we are excited about all the work that has already begun! Former WCCA President Debbie Webb takes over as our new

Tour Chair. We are thrilled to have her excellent leadership skills, creativity and enthusiasm for the Tour. Sadly, former Tour Director, Laura McCarthy, has taken a full time position in South Carolina. We are so sad to see her go but at the same time, we are proud of her and the work she has done for the Tour. We are happy to announce the hiring of Mollie White, last year's Tour Chair, as our new Tour Director. Mollie and Debbie are hard at work with sponsorships, new marketing ideas and forming Tour committees. They have



also begun working with Historic Savannah Foundation and the procurement committee to acquire the finest houses to showcase in our beautiful city. We look forward to the plans God has for the Tour this next year as we welcome visitors with the beauty of blooming azaleas and historic homes and gardens.

Stewardship & Finances

Understanding Stewardship

Webster defines the word as “the activity or job of protecting and being responsible for something; the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” What's your definition of stewardship? For some of us, the word stewardship conjures up thoughts and feelings of challenge and commitment, even obligation. For others, it brings to mind feelings of compassion and a caring community. Much of our understanding, thoughts, and feelings about stewardship come from our past experiences growing up in a church culture where challenge and commitment was the main focus. Like it or not, I am beginning to realize that the world we now live in is more and more becoming an unchurched culture. A culture where people are motivated more by caring communities and compassionate people, than by challenges and commitments (which tends to come later in our Christian pilgrimage).

The challenge for church leaders today is how to bring these two cultures (the church and the unchurched) together into the one body our Lord calls us to be. All equally sharing in good stewardship of all He has so graciously given to us. In order to effectively build up our stewardship here at CCA, we must somehow build a motivational bridge between key leaders, the grassroots members of our congregation and the unchurched.

The Good News is that God's word speaks to all groups. Our understanding of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is that he did this out of his love and compassion for us, not out of his commitment to us. The Bible does not say, “that God was so COMMITTED to the world, that he gave his one and only son.....”, no, it says “for God so LOVED the world, that he gave his only son.....”. The Bible does not say we are committed to Jesus because he was first committed to us. It says, “we love because He first loved us.” In the gospel of John, Jesus does not ask Peter, “Are you committed to me?” The question to Peter is, “Do you love me (compassion)? Then tend my sheep (community).”

On the other hand, God's promises await those who are obedient. He challenges us to give him the privilege to prove himself and has promised to bless us in return. “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this says the Lord God Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.” (Malachi 3:10). Will you trust the Lord and take on the challenge and then sit back and wait on the promise of blessings? We must all come to understand that true Christian stewardship begins when we say with confidence, “I Believe.”

— Paul Webb, 2015 Stewardship Chair

CCA Budget Category Descriptions

It won't be long before it's time to start the Operating Fund budgeting process for 2016. In order to help parishioners understand how the budget is developed, here are the key budget categories for both Income and Expenses.

Income

- Budgeted Pledges - specific pledges from church members
- Donations - non-pledge checks from any source
- Plate Offering - cash collected primarily on Sundays
- TOH Proceeds - CCA portion of expected Tour of Homes proceeds to be given to Missions (75% Home/25% Global)

Expenses

- Outside Giving - 10% of our budgeted income (pledges, donations and plate offering); 50% of this amount goes to our Diocese, the Gulf Atlantic Diocese
- Worship Ministry - supplies for Worship and Altar Guild
- Music Ministry - music purchase, licensing & dues, Bell Choir Tour, instrumentalists, instruments and instrument maintenance, supplies
- Evangelism - newcomers, hospitality, Founder's Day, advertising, PR and special events
- Discipleship - staff training, nursery, Christian education, small groups, youth, VBS, lay leadership development, pastoral care and Parish Weekend
- Personnel - salaries & benefits for Rector, Assistant Rector, Parish Administrator, Parish Musician, Assistant Parish Musician, Facilities Manager, part-time Administrative Support, Nursery workers
- Administrative Expenses - postage, copy machines, computers, paper, cell phones, audit fee, and office supplies
- Property Expenses - utilities and security
- Operating Expenses - insurance, phone service, furniture & fixtures, Whitefield Center repairs & utilities

If you have any questions about the CCA Budget, please contact Jim Stevenson, CCA Treasurer, at 912-233-0579 or jajstev@comcast.net.

Electronic Giving Coming Soon!

Look for more information in the Sunday bulletins. We expect to have the E-Giving system available for all pledges and donations to CCA in October 2015.

Anglican Campus Fellowship

ACF Summer Update

By God's grace, the first year of Anglican Campus Fellowship (ACF) at Georgia Tech has ended with tremendous success. Fr. Collin Setterberg, our first ACF Campus Minister, reported that all his major goals for ACF at Tech were achieved. Of critical note, ACF is now an official chartered entity within the Student Life community at Georgia Tech. I am also pleased to share that ACF has received its tax exempt status from the Federal Government. This ministry, birthed right here at CCA, is growing up!

On Sunday, October 4th, Fr. Collin will be at CCA. He will preach at both services and also speak at our First Sunday Breakfast. This will provide an opportunity for Fr. Collin to meet us and to share personally about what the Lord is doing through this strategic ministry. Between now and Fr. Collin's visit, I need to identify a small group of men and women who will commit to pray regularly for Fr. Collin and for God's work in and through the ministry of ACF. Please speak with me if you are called to such a ministry. I have also included the latest 'ACF at Tech' update from Fr. Collin for your encouragement.

— Chip Welch, Director, Anglican Campus Fellowship



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On Sunday, October 4th,
Fr. Collin Setterberg will be the guest preacher
at Christ Church Anglican and will also speak at
our First Sunday Breakfast. Fr. Collin is the
Anglican Campus Fellowship student minister
serving at Georgia Tech.

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We've had a good last month here with ACF at Georgia Tech!

Leadership

Team Mtg: We are privileged to have four students who will serve in various leadership capacities this year.

They joined Katie, William and me for dinner and we spent time planning and praying for the fall. They are excited about welcoming and serving their fellow students in the name of Jesus. Please pray for Alex, Sam, Annabelle, and Fendall. Pray that it would be a blessing for them to serve and that God would take us deeper in his Son and with each other.



L-R: Fr. The Rev. Collin Setterberg,
ACF Campus Minister at Georgia Tech,
with Archbishop Foley Beach

International Flavor at last FASET Orientation: We had a few folks with international backgrounds intrigued by the "Anglican" sign last Thursday, which was cool as our leadership team prayed for a more global reflection of the body of Christ just a week or so prior! The Anglican church is in the 3rd largest Christian community worldwide, and is especially strong in Africa. So we enjoyed welcoming a couple of Nigerian students with: "Bawoni Oremi" and "Ek'abo!" (Hello friend and Welcome!)

It's interesting to think about how God welcomes us in Christ and the best way to translate that message of welcome to students today. The Apostle Paul seemed to be mindful of this - "Grace and Peace" is how many of the letters of the New Testament begin. Paul combines two cultures - Greco-Roman and Hebraic - to create a truly unique greeting to the nascent communities of those who trusted in and worshiped Jesus as Messiah and God the Son. Please pray for wisdom in how to best welcome students from various backgrounds this fall and for connections to the international community at Tech, which is vast.

Final preaching for the summer: I preached at Jesus our Shepherd on July 19 from Eph. 2. It was a sweet time with this wonderful fellowship of believers in Norcross. They have a heart for evangelism and missions, so it was especially fun to share stories from campus and connect with this body.

Thank you for your faithful support and prayer for us and for our students here in Atlanta! Grace and peace to you—

— Collin, Anglican Campus Fellowship, Georgia Tech

Children/Youth Ministries

Children's Ministry Open House

OPEN HOUSE

Parents of Pre-K through 5th grade students are invited to CCA's Children's Ministry Open House on Sunday, August 23rd, from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. We will gather in the large Children's Ministry Room located on the basement level of the Wesley Wing. Come meet other parents

and learn about our new Children's Sunday School Curriculum from Hillsong Kids. We also hope to introduce you to our new Nursery Attendant that day!

Children's Sunday School Curriculum

At Christ Church Anglican we want kids to lead **BiG**, expansive lives for Jesus. We want them to grow up to be **BiG** people of Faith, Hope and Love. To have influence in every area of their **BiG** lives for Jesus. Believing in a **BiG** God and making a **BiG** difference for Him.

BiG is a children's ministry curriculum developed by the Children's Ministry Team at Hillsong Church. Each Sunday morning our Children's Sunday School is packed full of Biblical teaching and worship, giving kids tools to apply what they learn in their everyday lives.



We believe Sunday School is to be enjoyed, not endured. With Hillsong Kids **BiG**, your children will want to come back week after week because they will love it! Join us every Sunday morning from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.

Youth Ministries

The CCA Youth Ministries held several events over the summer and helped with the Whitefield Center's Vacation Bible School and Day Camp (see page 10). Plans for the fall include using the same Ephesians study for Sunday School classes as the rest of the congregation on Sunday morn-

ings and separate mid-week meetings for both Middle School and High School Youth Groups. Jill Luse and Matt Robertson continue in their roles as Youth Leaders for our parish.

Youth Ministries Sponsors BBQ Cook-off

The CCA Youth Ministries coordinated all the details for the church's first Annual BBQ Cook-off on July 11th! There was a great turn-out, quite a few contestants and lots of delicious barbeque. Paul Webb was voted the best BBQ Chef!



L-R: Matt Robertson is assisted by Janelle Nickles and Isabella Ragsdale in announcing the winner of the BBQ Cook-off; Paul Webb accepts a Chef's apron as his prize!



Lots of parishioners gathered for fellowship and good food at the BBQ Cook-off event!



L-R: Neal Stevenson and Daniel Copetillo catch up at the Cook-off; Carol Rogers Smith and Gay Park enjoy a quick hug!

Parish Life Calendar

August 2015

- 16** 9:15 a.m. **Acolyte Orientation Session**
Wesley Wing
- 1—4 p.m. **Parish Fall Kick-off Picnic**
Wesley Gardens
- 20** 4 p.m. **Tour of Homes Board Meeting**
6 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting**
2020 Bull Street
- 23** **Ephesians Sermon Series Begins**
9:15 a.m. **Sunday School classes begin**
12:30 p.m. **Acolyte Training**
Wesley Wing
Early Bird Registration begins for Parish Weekend
- 26** 7 p.m. **Parish Choir Rehearsal begins**
Tucker Room
- 27** 5:30 p.m. **Parish Council Meeting**
6:45 p.m. **Parish Council/Vestry Dinner**
7:15 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**
Hebron Hall

Men's Conference Planned

Registration is underway for the 2015 Georgia Anglican / Episcopal Men's Conference set for September 25-27 in scenic Blue Ridge, Georgia. St. Luke's Church – "The Parish Church of the Mountains" – will host the conference.

"When Christ and Culture Collide: Confronting Secularism with the Gospel" is the title of this year's event. Men, lay and ordained, from all states and denominations are welcomed. Speakers will include the Rev. Canon Philip Ashey, chief operating and development officer for the American Anglican Council and a former instructor at Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry, Ambridge, Penn, and Richard C. Baker, attorney, Mauck & Baker, Chicago.

Registration forms are available at <http://www.stlukesblueridge.org/Men's%20Conference%20Brochure.pdf>.

For more information, call W.A. "Tony" McConnell, conference publicity chairman, at (706) 632-8245 or email stlukes@tds.net.

September 2015

- 6** 9:15 a.m. **First Sunday Brunch (Tentative)**
Hebron Hall
Early Bird Registration ends for Parish Weekend
- 7** all day **CCA Office Closed—Labor Day**
2020 Bull Street
- 10** 4 p.m. **WCCA Executive Committee Meeting**
Hebron Hall
- 14** 7 p.m. **Handbell Choir Rehearsal begins**
Choir Loft
- 16** 4:30 p.m. **Chorister Choir Rehearsal begins**
Tucker Room
5:45 p.m. **Parish Supper**
Hebron Hall
- 20** 12:30 p.m. **CONNECT**
Whitefield Center
- 17** 4 p.m. **Tour of Homes Board Meeting**
6 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting**
Hebron Hall
- 24** 5:30 p.m. **Parish Council Meeting**
6:45 p.m. **Parish Council/Vestry Dinner**
7:15 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**
Hebron Hall
- 26** 9:30 a.m. **WCCA Fall Meeting**
Hebron Hall
- 27** 10:30 a.m. **Parish Choir Dedication**
Nave
Registration begins for Parish Weekend

Parish Life Calendar

October 2015

4	9:15 a.m.	First Sunday Brunch Hebron Hall
7	5:45 p.m.	Parish Supper Hebron Hall
11	10:30 a.m.	Welcome New Members Nave <i>Registration for Parish Weekend ends</i>
15	4 p.m. 6 p.m.	Tour of Homes Board Meeting Finance Committee Meeting Hebron Hall
18	12:30 p.m.	LEARN Whitefield Center
21	5:45 p.m.	Parish Supper Hebron Hall
22	5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Parish Council Meeting Parish Council/Vestry Dinner Vestry Meeting Hebron Hall
23	6 p.m.	Parish Weekend begins
24	all day	Parish Weekend continues
25	1 p.m.	Parish Weekend concludes Epworth by the Sea

Women's Conference Planned

Christian Healing Ministries (CHM) in Jacksonville, FL will host "**Captivate**," an annual women's conference, from **October 1-3, 2015**; the focus of this event is worship, teaching and ministry. The teachers are Judith MacNutt (known to many CCA members) and Graham Cooke. Read more about the conference at CHM's website (www.christianhealingmin.org) under Events or speak with Wray Williamson, Claudia Thomas, or Susan White.

November 2015

1	9:15 a.m.	First Sunday Brunch Hebron Hall
4	5:45 p.m.	Parish Supper Hebron Hall
5	4 p.m.	WCCA Executive Committee Meeting Hebron Hall
6-7		Diocesan Synod Tallahassee, FL
12	6 p.m.	Finance Committee Meeting Hebron Hall
14	6 p.m.	All Parish Banquet Hebron Hall
18	5:45 p.m.	Parish Supper Hebron Hall
19	4 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:15 p.m.	Tour of Homes Board Meeting Parish Council Meeting Parish Council/Vestry Dinner Vestry Meeting Hebron Hall
21	9:30 a.m.	WCCA Bread of Life Food Pantry Hebron Hall
25	6 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service/Reception (Joint with St. Andrew's) 2020 Bull Street
26-27	all day	CCA Office Closed-Thanksgiving 2020 Bull Street

The deadline for our Advent Newsletter is Monday, November 2.
Please submit all articles and pictures to Janet Stevenson at jstevenson@ccasav.org.



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