

CHRIST CHURCH

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New Members Welcomed!



On May 13, we welcomed new members of Christ Church Anglican. From left: Jason Akpolo, Alec and Jennie Ridley, Michael Cox, Illona Horton, Thomas Cannon and The Rev. Layne Hansen,. Not pictured: Zach and Allie Page.

Confirmation and Bishop's Visit



On May 20, The Rt. Rev. Neil Lebhar and his wife Marcia visited Christ Church Anglican. The Bishop offered confirmation and reaffirmation. From left: Nelson Lawson, Paula Baumgartner, Nikki Schluter, Illona Horton, John Novikoff, Jason Akpolo, The Rt. Rev. Neil Lebhar, Michael Cox, Allie Page, Zach Page (with Eddie), Stephanie Luse, Scott Luse.

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Newsletter Deadline

Just a reminder that the **July** newsletter deadline is **Friday, June 15 by 12 Noon**. Thanks!

Christ Church is a member of the Anglican Church in North America and an affiliate of the American Anglican Council.

Off the Top of My Head ... From the Bottom of My Heart

"Eschatological" is an impressive word that comes from the Greek "eschaton," meaning "last things." The study of "eschatology," therefore, is the study of "last things," and is an important topic in biblical studies.

One of the perspectives of eschatology is in understanding its broader context. Many scholars talk about Christians living in the "already – not yet" time, which is a reference to the period between the first and second Comings of Christ. The first coming is "already" here, but the second coming is "not yet" upon us. As such, we learn to look back to what the Lord has done as well as look forward to what the Lord will do. It is this tension that always accompanies the believer in this world and is a constant reminder that we are sojourners on this planet and this world is not our ultimate home.

There are times in the Christian life when we need to look back, to remember. Jesus tells us to "do this in remembrance of Me," when teaching about the

Lord's Supper, but Paul reminds us that the same Supper is an observance of the Lord's death "until He comes again." Indeed, the Eucharist is both a looking back at that holy moment in the Upper Room as well as a looking forward to the great Wedding Banquet of the Lamb. Every Sunday we are reminded to live faithfully between the "already" and the "not yet." In fact, living in this in-between state is actually the normal Christian life (at least this side of the grave).

We are now in a season where a great deal of energy will be focused on our future. The "not yet" will be a constant element of our life together, filled with expectation and anticipation. In addition, this "not yet" season will often visit us with impatience and frustration as we wait on the Lord, seek His will, and remain thoughtful, prayerful, and deliberate in our decisions. After all, what we decide in this time of our life together will have an impact on generations to come.

Remember that God is in our future. He goes before us. The enemy will do everything in his power to distract us and get us off track. As we remain faithful to the

daily demands of discipleship, however, our ability to follow the Lord's lead will only improve by His grace and mercy.

I have said this a hundred times, but I will say it again: What a joy and privilege to lead you as your priest and pastor in this formative time of our parish. There are unique lessons to be learned in this time! Keep your eyes and ears open to the Holy Spirit and keep your

hearts open to one another as we take this journey together. Just remember: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, nor has it entered into the mind of man what God has prepared for those who love Him" (*1 Corinthians 2:9*).

- Marc

Adult Summer Sunday School

EXPLORE: God's Word · God's Work · In God's World

June 3 – August 19, 10:30 a.m.

Assembly Room (2nd Floor) Administration Building

Have you ever wondered...

- ☐ is God still at work in the world today?
- ☐ is my life meant to be part of something bigger?
- ☐ what is the Bible really about anyway?

In this Sunday school class we'll explore these questions to discover...

- ☐ it is about what God told Adam and Eve to do.
- ☐ it is about God's promise to Abraham.
- ☐ it is about the passion of Jesus.
- ☐ it is about the purpose of the Church.
- ☐ it is about a movement that is rapidly growing throughout the world.
- ☐ it is about the very heart of God... His Word, His work, in His world.
- ☐ it is about the call God has on your life to be part of His work

Join us on June 3rd as we examine new ways to live out your calling right here in Savannah.

**WE MUST BE GLOBAL
CHRISTIANS WITH A
GLOBAL VISION BECAUSE
OUR GOD IS A GLOBAL
GOD.**

— JOHN STOTT

Breakfast is Back! First Sunday Breakfasts to resume June 3rd.

On Sunday June 3rd we will gather together for our much beloved fellowship time of breakfast and testimony. Sunday School will begin at 10:30 a.m. and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 11:45 a.m. for a breakfast produced by the Christ Church Anglican Feastmakers!
(\$5 per person, \$15 per family).



77th Annual Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens

To God be the glory for another successful Tour of Homes and Gardens. We faced many challenges this year and God provided richly for all the tour's needs. He graced us with a new Tour Director Anita Simmons-Halter, a new Tour office, a new Tour Headquarters, wonderful weather and a city bursting in bloom.



We are so grateful for the generosity of the homeowners who opened their beautiful homes and gardens, to the Chamber of Commerce for allowing us to use their space, to the special event presenters who gave generously of their time and talents, to the committee chairmen who worked so hard and to the over 650 volunteers who made the tour possible.

We sold over 5800 tickets to all events and the feedback has been very positive. One tour goer stated, "We had a wonderful time in Savannah thanks to your excellent tour. The homes were so well chosen. Some grand, others humble and others so personally appointed. It was an experience of a life time and we are grateful." Another said, "Awesome, awesome, awesome." And the Bonaventure Historical Society said, "On behalf of the Bonaventure Historical Society, I'd like to congratulate you and your colleagues on sponsoring one of the most glitch-free and enjoyable Bonaventure Strolls in recent memory."

Thank you Christ Church Anglican family for supporting the 77th Annual Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens.

— Karen Washburn

Summer Internship Announced

You'll find a familiar face in the office this summer, when Sharon Mays serves as our music and youth ministries intern during her summer break from Samford University.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JUNE 25-29

Please include VBS in your prayers this month. Pray for our teachers, volunteers and the students the Lord is sending us!

Parish Life Announcements



Congratulations to Zack and Allie Page on the birth of their son Eddie Ingalls Page April 30, 2012.

Baptisms at Christ Church Anglican

Ella Grace Hamrick, daughter of Miller and Page Hamrick was baptized on April 22, 2012.

Hospitality Changes Ahead!

For the summer we are going to move our hospitality time to 11:45 and we will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We are looking forward to being able to share more time (and space!) with one another. Thank you to the Hospitality Guild for their graciousness and care of our parish family.



New Mothers Honored

The Women of Christ Church Anglican recognized our new mothers and moms to be at their Spring Meeting. Thank you to all the women who contributed gift cards for the ladies.

Above: Nancy Hauser (with Jack) Allie Page, Blair Kawa
Not pictured: Nikki Schluter, Margaret Williamson Gokturk.

Christ Church Anglican Children's Ministry

Making Memories

The Dennison family, who are Christ Church Anglican missionaries in Uganda, shared a PowerPoint presentation on the "ABC's of Uganda" to the Pre-K-5th grade Sunday School classes on May 6. It was especially meaningful for the children to hear first hand from Charlotte (5th grade) and David (3rd grade) Dennison, as they shared what their lives are like in Uganda. Here were some of the children's favorite parts of the presentation in their own words:

"J for jerry cans because the kids carry super very heavy oversized jar to their house."

"M was my favorite letter in the PowerPoint: Monkey and Mashed bananas."

"N for Nile River because it is water."

"Z for zebra."

Children's Ministry "Graduates"

We have eight 5th graders "graduating" from the Children's Ministry and joining the Youth Ministry! (Contact Katie Beaumont at kbeau-mont@christchurchsavannah.org for more information.) We are going to miss these special children!

Jackson Biemiller

Milton Nickles

Will Cohn

Kelly Gavin

Luke Hughes

Mary Petersen

Scottie Petersen

Ella Stubbs

Thank Yous

- Spring Sunday School teachers, assistants, and substitutes—

Holly & Ken Vaughn

Emily Stubbs

Ashlee Vaught,

Joan & Wayne Cribbs

Cindy James

Deborah & Trey Evans

Sarah Petersen,

Marian Thomas

Landon Way

Jane McNeal

Kayron Stephens

Sharon Lawson

Amy Cobb

Gloria Harrison

Del & Rick Muller

Diane & Joe Saturday

- Wray Williamson for her continued leadership and oversight of our Art Sundays and the beautiful artwork she does for the children to color and decorate. The artwork always correlates with what the children are memorizing that quarter.
- Veritas Academy for use of their projector during the Dennisons' "ABC's of Uganda" presentation.

Vacation Bible School

We are still in need of volunteers for Vacation Bible School. Contact Emily Stubbs at 507-8754.



Words of Encouragement

In Isaiah 6, we read that "the Lord [is] sitting on the throne," amidst swirling circumstances, which is evidence of his confidence, calm, and stability. I am reminded of this passage as we are experiencing God's blessing during these swirling circumstances of our church life, as evidenced by the confidence, calm, and stability of our Children's Ministry volunteers. Be encouraged... Building off the foundation laid by so many in the past, our children's ministry, by God's grace, is stable and growing both in quantity and quality. We are blessed to have volunteers continually increasing their investment in the lives of the children! Here is some evidence of God's work to strengthen our church body:

- The spring Sunday School quarter marked the first time that teachers have taught for MORE than a quarter!
- Some Sunday School *assistants* have even committed for a full quarter to build relationships with the children in their classes and to better assist the teachers!
- This will be our first summer Sunday School to function more like a regular quarter, in which teachers will be teaching for most or all of the Sundays during the summer quarter!
- 5th graders' art work from Art Sunday will be sent home with them for their parents to display. This is the first time we have had the opportunity to do this, and it is an exciting first in our Children's Ministry as we continue our Benchmark memory work program. Vacation Bible School teachers are taking on more responsibility, helping the leadership to be spread more widely.

Upcoming Events

June 3—Summer Sunday School begins Rising Pre-K-1st Grade will meet in Room 10 of the Axson (education) Building, in the hallway from the chapel to the church. Rising 2nd-5th Grade will meet on the first floor of the Whitaker Street building.

June 25-29—Vacation Bible School

Needs—Time/Treasure/Talent

Sunday School Nursery Volunteers— We are looking for several new nursery volunteers for the Sunday School hour, from 10:30 to 11:45. The commitment would be for one month at a time, so that the children can get to know their "Sunday School teachers" better over the course of several weeks. It will be so much fun to lead our babies and toddlers in a simple song, a Bible story, and a coloring activity! Please contact Becca Bistis at 912-312-3828 or rebeccabistis@gmail.com to sign up for this ministry, and let us know if you are available to help out with our immediate need of volunteers for June, July, or August.

Attendance—The Children's Ministry is in need of someone to help from either from home or the church office by transferring children's Sunday School and nursery attendance from a hard copy to an Excel spreadsheet. This would be a quarterly responsibility that would require comfort using Excel.

Christ Church Anglican Men's Spring Hike

There are times in life when you realize afterward how blessed you were to be part of something incredibly special. It is not evident in the midst of the experience because you are consumed by the challenge.



The Christ Church Anglican men's spring hike turned out to be nothing less. Twenty-one men from their early twenties to their eighties, gathered at Turkey Pen Gap near Hendersonville, NC, to begin a hike through Pisgah National Forest.

From noon Thursday through noon Sunday, just 72 hours on the trail, these men hiked 42 miles, most with packs in excess of 30 pounds, on terrain that undulated from 2500 feet above sea level to over 4900 feet. The air at these elevations differs dramatically from the air we are accustomed to in the low country. Despite dedicated training back home, many men found the breathing difficult from the onset. Through pangs of anxiety, doubt, exhaustion and pain, men received or offered immense courage and grace. Obstacles were met head-on; men carried other men's packs along with their own, or ran to take water to men farther up the trail. Faith and friendships were deepened, and lives changed. Everything seemed above mere human capability.

A trip like this demands you take only what you absolutely need in food, clothing and supplies (I can't help but recall in Luke 9:3 Jesus' instructions to the Twelve who were sent to cast out demons). For many men the transformation began before we ever left Savannah....what is it I truly need? My favorite shirt? My favorite food I can't live without? Every man was responsible for his own breakfast and lunch. Some were asked to carry portions of the community dinners, others the communal stoves or fuel bottles used to cook, while others carried the water filters so vital to having ample hydration for hiking and hot water for meals....and that treasured cup of coffee or tea at sunrise.

Each man enjoyed the natural beauty of the mountains and wild flowers in his own way, often times in raucous laughter and good natured ribbing, and other times hiking alone in quiet meditation over a verse of scripture provided by Father Layne. Water and fire are prominently noted in scriptural accounts of the Holy Spirit. All three were prominent on this journey. Late in the day we longed to soak our feet in the cold mountain stream, to experience the miraculous easing of muscles that strained mightily to complete the steep climbs and rapid descents. There were those brave (or crazy) souls that would sit, splash or lay in the river to completely experience the amazing rejuvenation of the swift flowing water.

It's hard to imagine that freeze-dried food could taste so good, but after a long day on the trail our bodies welcomed the calories and protein that had been thoughtfully selected by the hike leaders. The special times came not only from the communal food cooked on the stoves, but from the sharing that took place around the fire after the meal. Settled in this magnificence of God's creation, with the stirring of the Holy Spirit and the glow of the fire dancing on the faces gathered in a circle, men felt free to share what was on their mind and their heartfree to share in each other's triumphs and shortcomings, joys and concerns.

Gathered again in a circle Sunday morning, with the soothing sound of rushing water in the background and the sun of a new day breaking through the fresh spring green of the canopy above, 18 men shared God's Word and the Lord's Table placed on a pile of stone draped in fair linen. There was no mistaking the powerful presence of the Holy Spirit. Men were so moved, not a dry eye could be found. Strong men struggled through the emotion to speak.

With deepened faith and renewed spirit, we hiked with new purpose and finished strongly. It was hard to contain the smiles of accomplishment as the packs were unbuckled and laid on the ground for the last time. For some the accomplishment was physical, for others mental. No doubt something was accomplished spiritually within every man.

It did not matter that everyone did not complete the hike. Something is to be celebrated for everyone that was willing to take but one step on this journey. Indeed, this was no ordinary trek. As for me, I can't wait for the next one.

— Bob McWilliams



Save the Date

Christ Church Anglican Autumn Men's Hike

September 27 – 30, 2012



christ church anglican youth

SUMMER YOUTH CALENDAR:

Summer has arrived and with it comes many great opportunities for the youth of our church to get together. So, if you are a rising 6th - 12th grader, put these dates down on your calendar and jump into the fun! Don't forget to check out our new online calendar by going to our Facebook Page.

JUNE -

3rd - Summer Sunday School Begins
 5th - Senior Night (A special "good bye" to our graduates)
 8th - Youth Bell Tour Begins (GA, TN, and AL)
 17th - Youth Bell Tour Ends w/ Final Home Concert at Bull Street Baptist
 21st - High School Girls Small Group
 21st - 1st Guys Night Out! (Every 3rd Thursday - Fun and Fellowship for all ages)
 24th - Special Missions Talk in Sunday School w/ Brian Dennison
 25th - 29th - VBS w/ Middle School Class, Topic - "What is Truth?"
 28th - High School Girls Small Group

JULY -

1st - Middle School Girls Lunch after Sunday School
 19th - Guys Night Out!
 23rd - 27th - Camp Araminta in FL
 26th - High School Girls Small Group
 29th - Middle School Girls Lunch after Sunday School

AUGUST -

1st - 3rd - 1st Annual Summer Youth Week
 9th - High School Girls Small Group
 13th - Sand Gnats Game (\$1 Mondays)
 16th - Guys Night Out and High School Girls Small Group
 19th - Last Summer Sunday School and Middle School Girls Lunch after Sunday School
 21st - High School Girls Small Group
 30th - High School Girls Small Group

"GUYS NIGHT OUT" TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER!

Beginning on June 21st and continuing every 3rd Thursday of the month, the 6th - 12th grade youth group boys will be getting together for a "Guys Night Out!" From shooting baskets to kayaking, these nights will be a chance for our guys to hang out with other men in our church and learn what it means to be men after God's own heart.

MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRL LUNCHES

Over the summer the middle school girls will be going out to lunch after Sunday School. This will be a perfect way for us to get to know each other better on a day when most of us are already downtown. We can eat and build up our friendships all at the same time... who wouldn't want to come? So if you are a rising 6th grade through 8th grade girl don't miss out on these special lunches happening all summer long.

1ST ANNUAL SUMMER YOUTH WEEK - Aug. 1st - 3rd

This summer we will introduce Youth Week! This local 3 day event will be a combination of both Mission and Fellowship. We will spend 2 days serving in a local ministry, working as a team, and getting to practice what we learn about each Sunday. Then to finish off our time together we will take a day trip to "Splash In The Boro" in Statesboro, GA. Save the dates in your summer calendar and be on the look out for registration to open up this June.

ONLINE YOUTH CALENDAR ON FACEBOOK

Have you ever forgotten the date or time of a youth event? Well, worry no more. The entire Christ Church Anglican Youth Calendar can now be found online by visiting our Facebook page. Not only will this help you plan in advance with dates running all the way through June 2013 (put it on your calendars in advance), it will also be a quick resource for that last minute confirmation on event details. Check it out! While you're there, "like" us on Facebook too.

If you have any questions, ideas, or desires to volunteer with the Youth of Christ Church Anglican, please contact Katie Beaumont (ktbeaumont@christchurchsavannah.org.)

Premier Bell Choir Returns Home After 6th Tour!

The South's premier youth handbell choir, **The Bells of Christ Church Anglican** will be performing their summer tour final HOME CONCERT at Bull Street Baptist Church (17 East Anderson Street, Savannah) at 3 p.m. Sunday, June 17. 2012 marks the group's 6th consecutive year of summer tours.

The auditioned 14-member bell choir, now in its 14th year, is made up of College and High School students who have produced two professional recordings to date. Ringing on 12 octaves of handbells and chimes, the group has performed in Washington D.C., Colonial Williamsburg, by invitation at the international music festival Spoleto in Charleston and throughout the southern United States.

Their 1.5-hour-long concert includes some of the finest bell repertoire in the genre and includes a history of bells and handbells. We guarantee that the program will be joyous and entertaining for the whole family.

Any further questions may be addressed to Mark K. Williams, Director, at williams4950@bellsouth.net cell: 912-344-7101.



Such Joy. Such Fun!

I recently visited our Youth Bell Choir as they were rehearsing for their upcoming tour this June. I was greatly moved by what I saw. There was a room full of young people from our church, all committed to being at practice once a week in the midst of their busy school schedules, playing their instruments with such joy and fun! Not only were they having a great time, but the music was quite advanced and beautifully executed. This is an extraordinary group of youth. I am honored to work with them as their youth director and quite excited to join them on tour this year. We can be quite proud to say these are the youth of our church and thankful for the example that they set of serving the Lord with such excellence. Thank you Bells of Christ Church. Well done!

— Katie Beaumont
Director of Youth and Family Ministries



Quotes from concertgoers and reviews.

"If I'd known you were this good, I'd have brought more people!"

"Not your ordinary bell choir. Serious fun."

"Brilliant, absolutely brilliant!"

"You guys are amazing. It's like an orchestra...of bells!"

"Truly remarkable, I am so glad I came."

"You all made me want to get up and dance!"

2012 VESTRY

John Albert , Senior Warden
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Jim Gardner, Chancellor
Frank McNeal, Clerk

Marc Biemiller
Terry Franz
Scott Glass
Bob Hallock
Carol Kuhn
Stephen Lufburrow
Linda Savage
Bob Sisk
David Solana
Lynn Tootle
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Chip Welch

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The Reverend Layne C. Hansen, Assistant Rector
The Reverend Gregory J. Malley, Deacon
The Reverend Sally Lufburrow, Deacon
The Reverend Nathan Bistis, Deacon
The Reverend Bob Lefavi, Priest Associate

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