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Ordinary Time
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2 - Catechesis

Parish Register



Baptisms:

Janine-Noelle Roger at the Easter Vigil on March 31, 2018.

Marriages:

Jim Koda & Maryann Cela on April 8, 2018. The Rev. Marc Robertson officiated.

Births:

Charles James Gasbarre, son of Joe & Alyssa Gasbarre, on April 7, 2018.

Hollis Byrd Way, daughter of Charles & Landon Way, on April 25, 2018.

New Members:

Ed and Fran Mahaffey

Deborah Santos

Our Condolences:

Catherine Hastay, on the death of her husband, Peter Hastay, on March 1, 2018.

Upcoming Confirmations on June 3, 2018:

Steve & Robin Weech

Elizabeth Hardin & Andrew Lazzaro

Deborah Santos (Reaffirmation)



From the Rector

Ministering to Newcomers



welcome and hospitality:

We are blessed to see new faces at Christ Church Anglican virtually every Sunday. What a joy to welcome newcomers to our parish family! Here are some tips to help us be faithful in our ministry of

venience.” Also note that visitors’ cards are on each of the information tables in the narthex, main entrance, Hebron Hall, and the administrative hallway.

Learn the art of the “hand off.”

A simple but effective way to show hospitality to newcomers is to introduce them to another parishioner. This is especially true if you have Sunday duties. For example, you might say, “I’m sorry I have to go vest for choir, but let me introduce you to a friend of mine...” Ideally, when the service is over, the visitor will be escorted to their car in the parking lot by a member of the parish after having met several members throughout their visit. A simple strategy like this is a discipline of welcoming care that is a blessing.

Eyes open, card in your pocket and the “hand off” – three simple but effective ways of making Christ Church Anglican a more welcoming place!

*Marc Robertson
Rector*

P.S. We have now designated two spaces for our Visitors in the parking lot!

Always be on the lookout.

Christ Church Anglican is not a “neighborhood church,” though we seek to be a church “for the neighborhood.” Our membership comes from all over Chatham County and beyond, stretching to Ft. Stewart in the southwest, Pooler in the west and north across the river in South Carolina. When we gather, the natural tendency is to look for familiar faces and “catch up” with one another, leaving the visitor unwelcomed on the sidelines. Always look for someone you don’t recognize and introduce yourself. If you discover the “newcomer” is a long-time member, don’t be embarrassed! (And long-time member, be gracious and thankful that folks are seeking to be welcoming.)

Have a visitor’s card in your pocket or purse.

Most visitors will not fill out a visitor’s card unless they are given a specific and personal opportunity to do so. We often notice several visitors in church on a given Sunday, but receive no visitor cards in the offering plate. While some visitors wish to remain anonymous, others are simply waiting for a more personal invitation. It’s easy to say to a newcomer, “Would you mind filling out a visitor’s card for us? We’d like to keep you informed. I have a card here for your con-



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The Catechist's Corner

Ordinary Time

The long season of what the Church traditionally calls “Ordinary Time,” or the season after Pentecost, is upon us. It is the season where the Church focuses on the ordinary practices of Christianity to develop our faith in the Lord and serve Him in all areas of our lives. Practices such as prayer, the reading of Scripture, silence, rest, regular church attendance, and charity with our neighbors are some of the ordinary ways of simply living out our Christian walk.



Sunday School Offerings

9 a.m. Sundays Whitefield Center

Psalms

(June 17th—July 1st)

The Psalms, or psalter, is known to be the very first prayer book for worship. Its poetry is rich in beauty, and is meant to draw us towards worship of the Triune God. Come and learn the various types of psalms, and how the psalter connects us to the Gospel.

Proverbs

(July 8th—29th)

Wisdom is highly needed, but rarely sought. We will study sections throughout the book of Proverbs, their place in our life today, and how God's chief wisdom of the cross is heard.

Old Testament Narratives

(August 12th—26th)

Did you ever read portions of the Bible, and think, “This was so bizarre.” Many Old Testament narratives lead us to think these things, and that's okay because you are not alone. Various narratives are often read as bizarre, confusing, and maybe even uncomfortable. How could the Bible contain such stories?! Let's talk about it.

Youth

We are inviting our youth to come join the adults for Sunday School or engage in Gospel Play with our children. Both provide intergenerational formation for the summer!

Children

(Wesley Wing, Classroom Room #5)

Most of our Bible is made up of the Old Testament, which means it is very important for us to explore and read it. Over this season, our children will imagine themselves in significant events within God's redemptive history. In their gospel play, they will wonder how Jesus reveals himself through ordinary and broken human events in the Bible.

Why Do We Do That?

The Bishop's Visitation

As Anglicans, we live in a church that is governed by bishops. The Greek word for bishop is *episkopos*, from which we get the word, "episcopal." It literally means "to oversee" or "watch over," and bishops historically act as the chief shepherds of the church.

As the church grew, both in numbers and in geography, bishops needed to appoint representatives to care for the congregations, as they were unable to oversee all of the flock sufficiently. This practice is found in the earliest of missions, as Paul appointed elders ("presbyters" in the Greek, "priests" in the Latin) to take care of local congregations while he pursued his apostolic calling to plant churches amongst the Gentiles.

Over time, the church organized itself where bishops made regular visits to see how life was going in the various congregations under their charge. Today, in our Gulf Atlantic Diocese, we have an annual visitation, normally in early June, from our bishop, The Rt. Rev. Neil Lebharr. These visits can be very formal or quite informal. In Bishop Lebharr's case, he prefers a more informal atmosphere where he can visit casually with parishioners and church leaders. The agenda varies with each visit, given the circumstances of the congregation's mission and development.

This year, Bishop Lebharr will meet with our confirmands and their families prior to our Sunday confirmation service. He will meet the Board of the Whitefield Center and bless the new additions to its second and third floor. He will meet with the Vestry and discuss our parish life and mission, including initial plans for Fr. Marc's eventual retirement. On Sunday, the Bishop will preach and celebrate and enjoy lunch with key leaders from our Statesboro mission.

Please pray for Bishop Neil and his time with us, as well as his ministry as Bishop, including the Global Anglican Future Conference (GAFCON) this June in Jerusalem.

(Please note that the above agenda is subject to approval by the Bishop's office.)



The Rt. Rev. Neil Lebharr

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Altar Guild

Service and History

Altar Guilds are a relatively new ministry for lay people, dating only from the last half of the nineteenth century, though their roots can be traced to the very earliest history of the church. There probably was someone who had to clean and prepare the room and meal for Jesus and the Apostles' last supper and someone had to clean up the room and do the dishes after they left for the Garden of Gethsemane. In a way that was the advent of the Altar Guild.

Throughout the early history of the church these duties were performed by minor clergy, monks, and lay staff, such as doormen or parish clerks, in individual churches. However, the Oxford and Cambridge movements in the nineteenth century emphasized increased involvement of the laity in all phases of the church's life, including liturgical ministries. Thus, the parish clerk lost his job to a group of lay people, mostly female volunteers, who became known as the Altar Guild. In the 21st century we encourage people of all ages, who feel led to serve at the Lord's table, to participate in the Altar Guild.

The Rector is the head of the Altar Guild since ultimately the buck stops with him as far as the canonical responsibility for the ordering and conduct of all services is concerned. However, a rector usually appoints a director or arranges for some other form of leadership. That person should have a deep devotion to our Lord, the ability to work well with others, know what duties need to be performed in the sacristy and work well with the rector. That is true for the members of the Altar Guild as well. All members should be

mindful of the high privilege of serving God in His sanctuary. They should have a sincere devotion as well as a desire to make their work an acceptable offering to the Lord. They must view their part in this ministry as a sacred trust in conjunction with all the other members, of not only the Altar Guild, but of the entire congregation.

The duty of the Altar Guild is to prepare all the things necessary for the celebration of the Eucharist or any of the other sacraments and offices of the church. The preparations are done in a manner so that any service may be conducted in decency, order, and beauty for the worship of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. At CCA we do this in teams of two for the 10:30 service and singly for the 8 o'clock service. New members go through a three-month

training period where they work with a more experienced server until they become familiar with and comfortable doing the prescribed duties. We also have a detailed notebook which is available in the sacristy for reference to any of the duties for any of the services.

We are asking younger members of our congregation to be in prayer about becoming part of this wonderful ministry and to be trained to carry on these ancient traditions. Please contact Sharon Lawson (sharon.lawson@comcast.net), Katie Beaumont (kbeaumont@ccasav.org), or any member of the Altar Guild on any Sunday for answers to questions or for more information.

*Sharon Lawson
Altar Guild Director*



Music Ministry

THE Bells OF CHRIST CHURCH

The Bells of Christ Church will depart the first week of June on their 12th annual Bell Tour. On the 12-day tour they will ring their 98th full-length concert having rung in all the southern states as well as the Midwest.

Last year's tour took the choir to nine churches throughout our own diocese. Gladly, most of these concerts had rooms filled to capacity. Since many ACNA churches now enjoy worshipping in their own buildings, we could ring almost entirely for sister Anglican churches last summer, a first for our church's youth handbell choir.

Considered the top youth bell choir in the southeastern United States, the bell choir has chosen to reach out this summer to the Diocese of Pittsburgh and stops along the route to and from PA. During the daytime, the choir will visit the Carnegie Science Center and Planetarium, the Pittsburgh Zoo, the historic Kennywood Amusement Park, the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, and possibly even enjoy some river tubing. In the mornings, the routine includes daily devotionals and in the afternoons, it's a high-flying intensive routine of setting up a whole truckload of bell equipment, followed by an hour-long warm up, a quick dinner, a full-

length concert, and then tear down and loading up the truck again. Whew! Hard work, but always worth it with the smiles on faces, the standing ovations, and the hearts touched by the power of our youth ringing to the glory of God.

The End-of-Tour **HOME CONCERT** will be **Friday, June 15 at 7 p.m.** (reception following) at Christ Church Anglican. Do come and show your support of these fine and talented youth as they return home with their musical skills finely honed after a 2-week tour together. It's a great event for the whole family and a great one in which to invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come along with you. We'll look forward to seeing you there.

In Christ,
Mark K. Williams
Parish Musician



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FINAL ORGAN PIPES CARRIED INTO THE CHURCH

Let every instrument be tuned for praise.

This April the timing and the manpower to transport and install the final pipes into the Christ Church organ all came together in God's wonderful timing. "You could see the Lord's perfect provision through the entire week of work as the pipes were cut to length, polished, transported, and installed in the two large organ cases in the balcony," said Mark Williams, the organ's builder. "Interestingly, on the day of the installation Bryan Kerr and I arrived at the church with the last set of large organ pipes, some of them 12-15 feet in length, and we asked God for helpers to assist us carry them into the church. We needed to move the pipes up the winding set of balcony stairs and into the musician's gallery to finally lift them into place in the organ."



Bryan Kerr and Milton Nickles process into the church with the largest organ pipes.

Who walked into the nave answering our prayer? Milton Nickles, Lauren Kenard (Cartularo), Kerr, and Tina Williams; many of the very volunteers who had given of their time to assemble the instrument over the past three years just miraculously showed up in the nave to give a hand. Some were at the

church for voice lessons with Tina and some at the church for other reasons, but it was clear that the Lord had assembled the team at that time and in that place for the final work of bringing the large instrument to completion. (Credit to Bob McWilliams and Joseph Marshall not present but who gave of their time as well in the moving of the instrument into the building.)



Organ cases in the balcony of CCA.

This organ instrument is filled with history. The two opposing organ cases in the balcony are reproductions of organ cases designed by Arp Schnitger (Northern Germany 1648-1719). Schnitger designed organs for both Buxtehude (Bach's mentor) and J.S. Bach himself. The organ pipes were crafted in Holland by the historic pipe maker Jacques Stinkens Orgelpijpenmakers. Williams shared, "I wanted the organ cases to be of classic design in our classic church building but the sound to be English, true to our heritage as Anglicans—happily, both were successfully accomplished."

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Additionally, voicing on the Williams Organ (Opus 3) has continued on a weekly basis over the past two years, adjusting each stop on the organ and each chorus of sound to most effectively lead the congregation in song and to allow the instrument to be raised to its full potential. The musical demands on the organ are large: instrument solo offerings, accompanying choirs and soloists, and most importantly its role in leading congregational song. “Not a week has gone by that some enlarging or refining of the instrument’s 61 stops has not taken place,” said Williams. “It’s been a very long but also a highly rewarding process bringing a large English organ into its full potential in the acoustics of our historic nave.” Tonal finishing of a large organ is often a process of two to three years after an instrument of this size has been installed as one plays and listens from day to day, organ literature, hymns, service music, and accompaniments...a high demand on a single instrument. “It’s why the organ is often called *The King of Instruments*,” finishes Williams.



Great shot of the balcony. See Mark Williams for a tour.



Men's Ministry

Plans are in the works for upcoming Men's Ministry events! Look for details in future bulletins and eblasts this summer.

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Whitefield Center News

Grab the Reins and Hold On!

Gadsden Students Receive Books from Whitefield Grant

The Whitefield Center provided over 200 high quality children's books to needy Gadsden students recently through a Grant from a national organization know as "First Books." This grant allowed Whitefield to obtain the books at less than half the retail cost.

Pictured at top right are Dorothy Nisbet (center) Whitefield's full-time Gadsden coordinator and Savannah Classical tutor, sorting some of the books with additional Gadsden staff. Center photo are Gadsden students with new books.



Gadsden Financial Literacy Students Graduate

Twenty-five Whitefield Financial Literacy students graduated in April and were awarded a 99.9% 1-ounce American Eagle Silver Dollar! Their exam covered topics such as types of bank accounts, budgets, debit and credit cards, Federal Reserve, U.S. Mint, stocks, bonds & mutual funds. An area that students seem most fascinated by is the explanation of the Gold Standard. That and similar topics allow them to appreciate the significance of being awarded an actual Silver Dollar for successfully completing the 9-week course.



Pictured above are the Gadsden Students receiving their Whitefield Silver Dollars. Standing are Gadsden Principal Dr. Renee Evans and Whitefield volunteer Instructor, Kristi Rail, Comptroller for Critz Buick, Inc.

Whitefield Center News

Urban Hope After-School Program to Occupy 2nd Floor!

Whitefield is delighted to announce that its Summer Camp partnership with Urban Hope is not only continuing and expanding, but that there will now be a full-time Urban Hope after-school development program beginning in the fall. This initiative will occupy the 2nd Floor, Monday thru Friday, from 2:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

Grace Ashtin School to Begin in Fall!

The Grace Ashtin Christian School for girls will commence at Whitefield in August and will occupy the upstairs classroom (over the garage). The Ashtin School is under the direction of Dr. Kim Albright and will include in its curriculum abstinence education, workforce preparedness, and social skills. The school will serve girls from 6th grade through high school.

Hope Academy Offices Move to Church Building

As has been announced, Hope Academy concluded its GED instruction this past December so that its directors could concentrate on full time refugee ministry. As Executive Director, I made initial contacts with CCA personnel to ascertain the feasibility of Hope Academy moving their office from the classroom at Whitefield to CCA's main building. The Vestry agreed to such a move, and Brian and Heather Flood (Hope Directors) are now housed in the lower level of our educational building. This allows the upper classroom at Whitefield to be available for the Grace Ashtin School in the fall.

Alpha Phi Alpha Now a Whitefield Partner

Alpha Phi Alpha, a service fraternity of African-American professional men (doctors, lawyers, judges, and businessmen), now meets at Whitefield monthly. APA's mission mirrors that of the Whitefield Center, in that it concentrates on the education, workforce preparedness, and social skills of African-American young men. APA accomplishes its goals through one-on-one mentoring.

Sankofa Now a Whitefield Partner

Sankofa, a 25-year-old Savannah organization that serves African-American young men through the Arts and Sports, now meets at Whitefield monthly. Sankofa accomplishes its goals through the provision of various artistic and sporting activities.

*Steve Dantin
Executive Director of The Whitefield Center*

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Whitefield Center News

Newly Restored Whitefield 2ND and 3RD Floors a Reality!

If you have not already seen the “Better Homes and Gardens” version of the newly restored 2nd and 3rd floors of the Whitefield Center, run, don’t walk, to avail yourself of this opportunity! The accompanying photos do only a little justice to the actual beauty of this renovation!

Hats off to John Albert who not only spearheaded this endeavor, but wrote the grants to local foundations to fund the project, and put in many hours of personal labor to prepare the space to be restored.

Joe Rowe Construction was the general contractor.



*2nd Floor Before
and After*

Whitefield Center News



3rd Floor renovations and the 2nd Floor tutoring room.



Volunteer

Whitefield Center Volunteer Needs

Summer Camp Instructors: Fine Arts and Gardening

Commitment: 3 hours, Mon, Wed, and Thurs beginning 6/4 to 7/27

Additional Reading Tutors for Savannah Classical in the Fall

Commitment: 90 minutes per week

Additional Financial Literacy Instructors for Gadsden and Savannah High Schools

Commitment: 90 minutes per week

Full time Administrative Assistant for overall Whitefield Operations

Contact: Steve Dantin (sdantin@earthlink.net)

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Tour of Homes

83 years of Graciously Opening Doors in Savannah



Thank you to all who volunteered your time, talent and energy to make the 2018 Tour of Homes and Gardens a success. While we do not have all the financial information yet to provide you with bottom line numbers, we can tell you that the overall impression we had was that

our guests had a wonderful time on the Tour. Many are already making plans to return in 2019!

The flower arrangements were a big hit with everyone. People were amazed that they were done by the Women of Christ Church Anglican. Without exception, all said that they thought we had them done by florists! Kudos to our "flower teams." The special events were well attended and appreciated. Our street guides were awesome! They did a spectacular job keeping the masses on the designated routes and that was not always an easy job. Our House Docents were great! People said they felt welcomed and blessed to be shown through these homes by such joyful and gracious volunteers. I would be remiss if I did not also add that many guests were astonished that everyone they saw working on The Tour was a volunteer.

All in all, Susan White (my fearless co-Chair) and I are very pleased with the Tour. The weather was amazing, the ticket sales were robust, home owners were happy and guests were satis-

fied. Susan and I ask that you begin to plan your time for next year's Tour, March 28th-31st, 2019. We know how busy life can be and with enough time to plan we can usually meet our commitments. Please, make The Tour of Homes and Gardens part of your yearly giving of time and talents. It is a once a year endeavor to raise funds for many worthy local and international needs that reflect the words of Jesus, "...to the extent that you did it to one of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me" (Matthew 25:40.) Christ is present in our work through The Tour and He is certainly present in those who receive the fruit of our work.

Do not let the opportunity to be part of the 2019 Tour slip by. YES, it is hard work, but it is also FUN. If we all commit to at least one day of The Tour the work will be less hard and still fun. Now that sounds like a great deal!

*Maryann Cela
2018 Co-Chair*

"...to the extent that you did it
to one of these brothers of
Mine, even the least of them,
you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:40.

Kairos Prison Ministry

Life Changing Weekend

Kairos Prison Ministry is an evangelical Christian ministry conducted in state prisons under the direction/approval of the local prison warden. It is structured to be a denomination-free evangelical mission to the incarcerated. Each incarcerated attendee must apply to the prison chaplain to be given the opportunity to attend the weekend which begins at 3 p.m. on Thursday and ends at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Some men wait for months to get a chance to attend the weekend since it only happens twice a year and the number of inmates who may attend is limited to 42. The reputation of the positive life changing quality of the weekend is well known among the prison population and the administrative staff.

Nationally, the recidivism rate of prisoners returning to prison is 89% while the recidivism of the men who have completed the Kairos weekend is 11%. Kairos is a very effective program and the witnesses offered by the participating inmates have been astounding. This is a Holy Spirit endeavor which clearly pleases the Lord as indicated by the number of men who decide to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior as a result

of this weekend. After the weekend is completed the inmates have a Tuesday prayer and praise session, and once a month there is a reunion group for all the men who have completed the Kairos weekend at some time. These meetings are part of an ongoing ministry run by past Kairos attendees to strengthen and maintain the Christian commitments made by the inmates because of their Kairos experience. The various men who make up the Kairos teams come from churches in and around Savannah. These men are some of the finest Christian men I have ever worked with. I highly encourage men from Christ Church Anglican to give this ministry a try.

*Greg Malley
Deacon*

*Photo taken Saturday, March 24th at
Rogers State Prison in Reidsville, GA. Can
you find Jon Maire in this photo?*



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SAM Mission

Statesboro Anglican Mission Update

The members of the Statesboro Anglican Mission (SAM) are growing in faith and fellowship together, and we earnestly desire your prayers. Most of us are members of Christ Church Anglican, but as Statesboro residents, we are praying and preparing for opportunities to serve our local community. Please consider showing your support by joining us in Statesboro at one of our upcoming events, or keep in touch with us through our Facebook page: [StatesboroAnglicanMission](#).

Father Marc first convened a meeting of members of Christ Church Anglican and Anglicans living in Statesboro in 2017. Statesboro residents continued to meet and build community over the past year, and the group has grown to seven committed members and their children. We meet in members' homes for fellowship, prayer, and study on Wednesday evenings. We have completed a study on the Beatitudes and *The Anglican Way*, and we are currently reading *Life Together*.



In addition to weekly meetings with our core small group, Statesboro Anglican Mission has begun to meet for Sunday evening Holy Eucharist services. In addition to Ash Wednesday services in Statesboro, one led by Bishop Roger Ames in 2017 and one by Father Marc Robertson in 2018, we have also held three services at the Statesboro YMCA since February 2018. These meetings have had more than 20 individuals in regular attendance. Please pray that these gatherings will continue to grow, and that God will continue to bless Statesboro Anglican Mission's fellowship and life together.



Lauren Bayliss & Jamie Scalera

Global Mission Updates

Dave and Jen Cox: Romania (Children: Jonathan, Joel and Emma)



Dave and Jen Cox in Romania

Dave and Jen Cox have been serving as missionaries in Bucharest through Reach Global for 22 years, coming home every 3-4 years for a few months. **We are happy that they will be visiting CCA on June 10. Dave will be the guest preacher and speaker in Sunday School that day.**

They are engaged in disciple making and in training people for cross-cultural mission, often with other mission groups in Romania. The Cox's newsletter, *Gateway to Joy*, is always filled with the amazing things the Lord is doing and stories about the interesting people who have been touched by their ministry.

The Coxes have visited with us several times through the last 10+ years that we have been sending support for their work and two of their children even accompanied our cross-generational mission trip to Juarez in 2008. Come on June 10 to hear Dave preach and to Sunday School to be encouraged by an exciting description of their work and vision for future work in Romania, surrounding countries, and the middle east..

Guy and Summer Benton: South East Asia (Children: Pirum, Quinn, and Nora Grace)

Mission Mobilizers with SAMS

CCA began supporting Summer Twyman eight years ago when she was serving as a social worker in Cambodia for young women coming out of sex trafficking. About four years ago Summer met and married Guy Benton and they continued to work in Cambodia through the summer of 2017. They have two biological children and adopted a Cambodian boy who Summer had fostered for several years.

The Bentons have a new assignment through SAMS, the Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders, in New Zealand. Guy and Summer are mobilizing youth and young adults for global mission partnering with the Anglican Diocese of Wellington and Church Mission Society New Zealand. They will be focused on service to South East Asia. This vibrant young couple will be a significant force for encouraging and supporting new mission workers.



The Benton Family based in South East Asia

Please keep these and all of the missionaries we support in your prayers. - *Claudia Thomas*
Chair of Global Missions

18 - Life Together

Introducing

The day Cindy and Richard James decided to begin attending Christ Church Anglican in 2009 was a good day for the CCA family. Richard has been active on the Vestry and is the Parish Council Warden and Cindy has been quietly accumulating service responsibilities ranging from teaching Sunday School and leading Little Church to participating in the first class of Stephen Ministers this year. She held the office of VP of the Women of Christ Church Anglican (WCCA) and will be stepping into the job of President this summer. I have had the pleasure of getting to know Cindy this past year both through the WCCA and as my prayer partner in the Stephen Ministry program, and I thought it would be great for the congregation to get to know her a bit better as well.

Cindy grew up in a small town close to Richmond, Virginia. Her life took a sudden shift when her father was killed in a tragic work accident when she was eight years old. That tragedy is one of the defining moments of her life. Her world was turned upside down and family relations shifted and the tremors her father's death created still reverberate to this day within the extended family. Her mother is Cindy's hero. She brought up three girls on her own. She always put her girls first, and she was always there for them. She was dependable and taught Cindy life lessons by example that Cindy applies to her own life.

Cindy and Richard met in high school; they were friends first and then at some point in turned into something more. She graduated college from Mary Baldwin with degrees in Education and History. She and Richard were married in 1991 and they soon began their lives moving around the world as Richard finished his medical education and residency with the army and then assumed active duty. These different postings took them from Bethesda to Hawaii to Germany and finally to Savannah in 2000.

While living in Hawaii, Cindy taught kindergarten at a Buddhist school which she found very interesting. She enjoyed learning about the Asian cul-

ture but she wasn't as crazy about the fact that she was told she had to bow to the large statue of Buddha. She felt, like Daniel during the time of Nebuchadnezzar, that she was betraying our Lord, but ultimately, she believed that God knew that Buddha was in no way a God to her and that He would forgive her!

Cindy's favorite posting was in Germany. Kaitlyn was born there and they had many friends and took advantage of living in beautiful Bavaria. She began work on a Masters Degree in HR, thinking she would work in school administration. This is not something that has materialized yet, but who knows? Back in Bethesda in 1998, Meredith was added to their young family. In 2000, Richard was posted to Savannah and they lived here for six years, falling in love with Savannah. They knew when Richard was called back to Bethesda in 2006 that they would be back.



In 2008, the second major defining moment of Cindy's life occurred when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She was young and fit with no family history of the disease and completely unprepared for the shock of the diagnosis. The treatment and surgeries that followed took up the next year of her life, and it was at this point that Cindy says she truly turned to God and that her faith solidified. The miracle that occurred at the completion of her treatment was another surprise diagnosis: she was pregnant and in time gave birth to a very healthy girl, Emily Grace.

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2009 brought the James' back to Savannah and this time to Christ Church Anglican. From the first time Cindy visited she knew she had found her church home. She spoke with Richard on the phone after her first visit to CCA, before he joined her in Savannah, and told him she had found their church! Since that first visit, Cindy has quietly become a committed and hard-working member of the church, lavishing the church with the gift of her time and talents. All while still being a devoted mother to two teenage and now college age

girls and one girl that we have all watched grow from a tiny baby to the talented and vivacious eight-year-old that is Emily Grace. What exactly does she do with her time and talents? As mentioned before, she teaches Sunday School to children as well as leads Little Church.

She has been on the Board of the WCCA and is stepping into the role of President. She is a regular volunteer with the Isaiah 58 lunches and she is part of the first group of Stephen Ministers and has given almost every Sunday afternoon to this endeavor since January. And she is a loving and supportive wife to Richard who has a schedule that takes him away from home several nights each week. She is a busy lady!

Her "me" time is centered around physical fitness. She plays tennis with the Savannah Tennis League, she ran a full marathon in 2011 for the first Rock 'n Roll Marathon in Savannah. She loves Orange Theory, a crazy fitness center that pushes you to the limits of yourself physically. Her favorite thing to do is to simply spend time with her hubby. She also loves to kayak, go on the boat and read. And speaking of reading, she is currently following a program with yours truly to read through the Bible in a year. So far, so good!

She felt led to become a Stephen Minister, and she clearly has a compassionate heart. She hates to see people hurt and wants to do what she can to help people heal. Her life experiences have prepared her to be someone who can walk along someone with empathy while God heals their hearts.

Her favorite Bible verses are Proverbs 3:5-6 and Deuteronomy 31:6. Look them up! They give her

strength and patience especially during hard times.



At the end of this year of getting to know Cindy, I can honestly say, I am a big fan! She is a great mom, wife, sister-in-Christ, and we at Christ Church are blessed that she is a part of our church family. Please keep Cindy in your prayers as she steps into her new roles as President of the WCCA and an ac-

tive Stephen Minister, and continues in her various ministries.

Susan Moore

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Design Committee

Back in Business



The Design Committee, which was formed at the beginning of our building-wide renovations in 2015 and tasked with overseeing the esthetic appropriateness of the changes being proposed for our new/old building, has been re-commissioned. The committee is tasked with reviewing any proposed physical changes to the church building.

All ideas for changes are to be made in the form of a brief written proposal; stating idea, scope of work, approximate size and approximate cost. The Committee will review the proposal at its regular meeting, write a report as to the consideration given it, then send both, at the direction of the Rector, to either the Vestry or the Parish Council for final approval. The committee will have no authority over finances for the proposed projects. Nor will it adjudicate issues of building maintenance and engineering as those are the jurisdiction of the Property Committee.

Any ideas should be submitted with four copies, addressed to the Design Committee, signed by the proposer, have contact information, and delivered to the church office. Members of the committee are: Sharon Lawson (Chair), Katherine Reeves, Nancy Solana, Bryan Kerr (*ex-officio*).

Sharon Lawson
Design Committee Chair



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

*"Now you are the
body of Christ,
and each one of
you is a part of it."*

—
1 Corinthians
12:27

Are you or someone you know possibly gifted and called to help fill one of these roles? If so, please contact Richard James (CCA's Council Warden) to explore this further.

- * Nursery Coordinator
- * Ushers
- * Little Church Volunteers
- * Whitefield Center Website Coordinator

Stephen Ministry

“Life Together” Milestone Achieved

Part of our new Parish Vision involves becoming a more caring community of faith. One of the major areas of development in our congregation is “Life Together” and a specific focus in this area is to “develop a shared... responsibility for shepherding and pastoral care.” Stephen Ministry is a significant way to do just that.

By the time you read this article, ten parishioners (plus our Rector) will be completing fifty hours of training in Christian care-giving. The purpose of Stephen Ministry at CCA is to “provide Christ-like care to those who are hurting.” While there are many elements in our vision that look outward in mission and outreach, it is also important to look inward, to maintain a sense of health and wholeness in our own community, and Stephen Ministry is a significant step to invest in such health and wholeness.

Stephen Ministry is a national, ecumenical Christian ministry of one-on-one care. For over 45 years, this ministry has trained tens of thousands of Stephen Ministers who have offered care to hundreds of thousands of people in the name of Christ. Each Stephen Minister is assigned one “care receiver.” They are not allowed to have more than one, so they can focus their care and concern faithfully and prayerfully. Confidentiality is a cornerstone of Stephen Ministry, and continuing education and supervision keeps every Stephen Minister skilled and accountable. Stephen Ministers are trained to come alongside people facing life’s challenges and to give them support through the most difficult times. Stephen Ministers are not therapists or counselors. Instead, they are caring people who provide a loving, listening ear to people in need of encouragement, helping them grow and recover in Christ. Stephen Ministers stay with their assigned care receiver as long as it takes to get to that place of wholeness and health. It can be as short as several months, or it can sometimes take well over a year. Whatever time it takes, the Stephen Minister is there.

On June 3rd, the Bishop will commission our first ten Stephen Ministers, and the process of assigning them to those in need will have already begun. Please pray for this important ministry, for our new Stephen Ministers, for the calling and training of future Stephen Ministers, and for those who will find such a ministry just what they need to face their future with hope.



From left to right: Cindy James, Anna Sisk, Fr. Marc Robertson, Susan Moore, Beccy Reeves, Jerry Reeves, Bob Sisk, Maryann Cela, Paul Webb, and Helen Marshall.

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Women's Ministry

WCCA YEAR AT A GLANCE

Renew. Mary and Martha Guild. The Savannah Tour of Homes and Gardens.

As we head towards summer, it is a good time to recap the activities of the Women of Christ Church (WCCA) for this past year. Our main thrust this year was the very successful Renew meetings. We had eight meetings on the first Saturday of the month at Wesley Gardens. On an average 30 – 40 women attended.

During these meetings we have devotions, a teaching or a speaker and group time to digest together what we have heard and learned. We have grown as a community of women, getting to know one and other better than the often-superficial coffee hour "hellos." It is this knitting together of ourselves which creates the community that is so important when we have difficult times as well as rejoicing together when life is especially sweet.

We were blessed to have "our" teacher, Maureen Ross, and her friends come from Ireland to teach and minister to us in February, during our now annual Renew retreat at Wesley Gardens. It was wonderful to see many women from outside our church joining us as we drank in the benefits of going "Deeper Still." As a group, we went deeper with Jesus, deeper in our faith, deeper in our knowledge and understanding of the scriptures and deeper in prayer and healing.

The WCCA has also been working and will be working in the next month or two on firming up

the leadership and procedures for the newly formed *Mary and Martha Guild*, which encompasses Hospitality, Food for Friends, Funeral Receptions and Wedding Coordinator. As discussed during the Annual Picnic, we are looking for women to be "vice" chairs for each of these committees.

If you feel called to be in leadership in this area, please speak to myself or to Cindy James and we will get you plugged in. As our dear Pastor always says, "we cannot have more ministry than we have leadership." If no one feels the call, then that area will not be served.



Announcement of the Mary and Martha Guild Committee Chairs : Left to right, Cindy James, Gay Park, Helen Marshall and Susan Moore, WCCA President.

We had a wonderful Annual Picnic on April 22. We tried something new and had the picnic after church. It was a great success with just over fifty women in attendance. As a point of reference, at our more recent picnics we counted around 35 ladies, so it seemed that this approach worked for many. We heard reports from the Mary and Martha Guild committees and gave gifts to new mothers Alyssa Gasbarre and Landon Way. We heard a brief word from Ruth Senyoni, wife of the chancellor of Ugandan Christian University, about the role of women in missions, and then were blessed to hear Heather Flood tell us about her experiences working with refugee women from the middle east here in Savannah under the umbrella of Hope Academy. It was completely unplanned to have Ruth speak, and yet her story wove into the fabric of Heather's talk. It was almost as if the Lord had planned it all in advance....

Women's Ministry

Of course, most of the women of the church stepped up and volunteered their time and talents for our annual Tour of Homes and Gardens. What a blessing it was to watch the guests and the volunteers enjoy the spectacular weather and beauty the Lord provided for this year's Tour. We will be meeting soon to review where the proceeds will be given, never forgetting that our ability to bless diverse ministries here and abroad rests with the countless hours and dedication of this church to the Tour and what it serves. Thank you!

We look forward to a restful summer break and that we will come back in the fall invigorated to move forward with a dynamic WCCA under the leadership of incoming president, Cindy James. It has been a great joy to serve these past several years with the WCCA and I look forward to supporting Cindy in her new role.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Susan Moore
WCCA 2018 President



Ruth Senyoni from Uganda



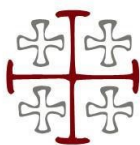
WCCA Picnic April 22, 2018

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Reminders



*Who is this cutie?
Learn more about her in
the Fall Ordinary Time Newsletter.*



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"Bringn' gravy back!"

THIS SEASON AT CCA

Whitefield Center Workday

Saturday, June 2nd 8 AM

The Bishop's Visit

Sunday, June 3rd

Preaching, Breakfast, Confirmation

First Sunday Breakfasts

First Sundays

June 3rd, (No July Breakfast), August 5th

9 AM Hebron Hall

Thomas Square Association

Third Mondays

5:30 PM Fire Station #5

Compline

Sunday Nights 9 PM Nave

Youth Ministry

Saunders on the Move

There are such mixed emotions of joy, sadness, and excitement for our Youth Assistants Jane and Keith Saunders. By the end of May, Jane and Keith will be moving to Maine with future plans towards Hawaii. We are so grateful for their service towards our young people. Both displayed such love for them and the Gospel in building relationships, making meals, and sharing faith.

Jane's servant heart in making various types of meals that exposed such a variety of foods, but also her vulnerability and openness in conversations with youth will be sincerely missed. One of Keith's goals was to build relationships with the young guys of the group through work projects, and being active outside. It was great to see this happen over last summer, and how the Gospel was being expressed on the ground with them. Personally, I have grown to truly love this couple, and it was such a blessing to partner with them in our youth ministry. Please join me in expressing gratitude towards these servants of the Lord, and pray for God's continual blessing on their life together.

Youth of CCA

Over the course of Ordinary Time, the Youth Ministry of Christ Church Anglican will focus on three main areas of formation; Fellowship, Outreach, and Rest. We are excited for our upcoming Bell Choir Tour in Pittsburgh, PA. This trip will expose our young people to our greater province, service towards various churches through music, and deepening their relationships with each other in Christ.

During this summer, we hope to offer various service projects partnering with the Whitefield Center and Isaiah 58. We want to help our youth ministry practically experience what it means to be for the neighborhood, the place God has placed us to serve. Finally, anyone working in youth ministry knows that youth wrestle with anxiety and feeling overwhelmed. We hope this season of Ordinary Time can be restful for our youth; in our fellowship, service, and relaxing with families and friends. Pray for our youth. Pray for rest, opportunity, and growth.

*Joe Gasbarre
Parish Catechist*

The Bells of Christ Church

End-of-Tour

Home Concert in Nave

Friday, June 15th 7 PM

Considered the top youth bell choir in the southeastern United States, they will be reaching out this summer to the Diocese of Pittsburgh with concerts along the route. Come support these fine and talented youth as they return home with their musical skills finely honed. Bring the whole family, and invite a friend, co-worker, or neighbor to come along with you. Reception following.

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Financial News

First Quarter Financial Update

Thanks to the many of you who responded positively to our “Second Helping” Campaign at the end of 2017, our first quarter financial status is very encouraging. You’ll note in the report below that we are about \$25K ahead in our budgeted giving as of the end of March and that expenses are \$27K under what was projected. We fully expect expenses to catch up to budget before year’s end and several of our contributors opted to pay their pledges in full in the first quarter. We continue to give thanks for the Lord’s provision through your faithful giving!

You will note two income line items below that are under budget: “Donations” and “Plate Offer-

ing.” Although the second is pretty self-explanatory, “Donations” encompasses the giving of those who choose not to pledge but give regularly, combined with the giving of visitors who write a check when worshipping with us. Our \$65,000 budget is \$20,000 less than 2017 but we hope to be able to meet that goal through our continued growth of newcomers and the regular donations of our “givers.”

We continue to pay down the principal balance of our BB&T Construction Loan ahead of schedule by paying an extra \$75,000 in February in addition to the regular payment of \$25K in January. That leaves us with a balance around \$50K

which we hope to be able to pay off no later than January 2019. Please remember that this is the last year of our Building Fund Campaign that began in 2013, so plan to make your final pledge payments by the end of this year.

If you have any questions, please contact me in the church office (912-355-7730; jmalley@ccasav.org) or Warren Thrasher, Treasurer (912-721-7750; wathrasher@comcast.net).

Joan Malley
Financial Administrator

Christ Church Anglican - Savannah, GA					
1st Quarter Treasurer's Report					
Account Name		YTD	YTD	Annual	% of
		Actual	Budget	Budget	Annual Budget
Income					
Budgeted Pledges		181,533	152,472	725,212	25
Donations		13,019	16,395	65,000	20
Plate Offering		2,355	3,162	12,500	19
Other Contributions		520	250	1,000	52
Money Market Interest		11	8	30	38
Christmas Offering		0	0	5,000	0
Total Operating Income		197,438	172,287	808,742	24
Expense					
Total Outside Giving		7,688	18,316	\$79,181	10
Total Worship Ministry		111	274	\$1,095	10
Total Music Ministry		2,616	4,351	\$15,076	17
Total Evangelism		2,838	2,438	\$10,250	28
Total Discipleship		4,141	7,987	\$25,800	16
Total Personnel		123,162	127,718	\$517,592	24
Total Administrative Expenses		14,289	20,698	66,350	22
Total Property Expenses		16,984	16,958	\$86,025	20
Total Operating Expense		171,829	198,740	801,369	21
		25,609	(26,453)	7,373	

Congratulations

Congratulations to our Graduates!

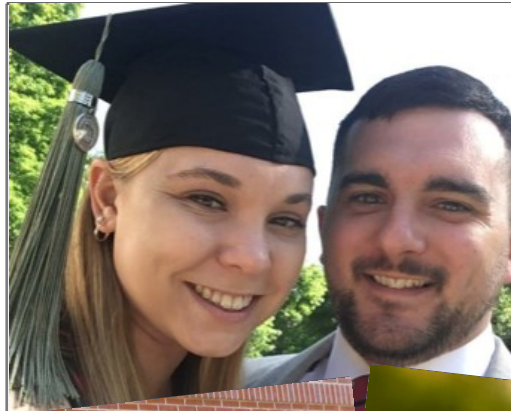
Eliza Hallock, received her MA in Business from UGA in May 2018.

Jonah Hughes, received his BA in Biology with a minor in Spanish from UGA in May 2018.

Kaitlyn James, received her BA in Biology and Psychology with a minor in Spanish from UGA in May 2018.

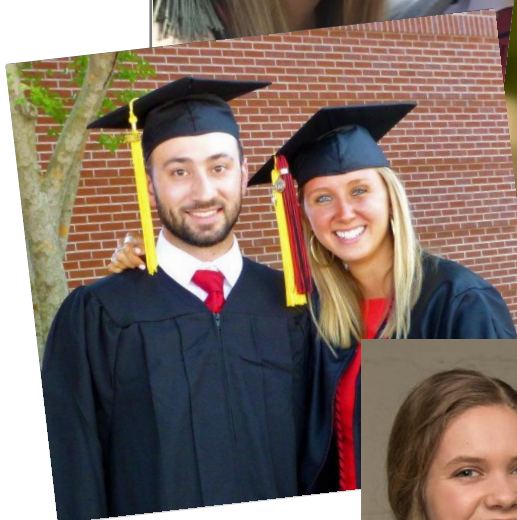
Samantha Kerr, received her PhD in Pharmacy from UGA in April 2018.

Katie Miller, graduated valedictorian at The Habersham School in May 2018.



Sam Kerr

Eliza Hallock



Jonah Hughes and
Kaitlyn James



Katie Miller



News from Athens

St. Thomas's first confirmation class.

Archbishop Foley Beach is also our diocesan bishop and he came to bless the 13 people (my Mom and Dad included) getting confirmed.

Paula Baumgartner

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Upcoming Conference

First Annual Anglican Theology Conference
at Beeson Divinity School

What is Anglicanism?

Sept. 25-26, 2018

[ends at 12 p.m. on Sept. 26]

featuring these speakers and more



Ellud Wabukala
Archbishop,
Kenya



Ephraim Radner
Wycliffe College,
Toronto



Barbara
Gauthier
Anglican News
Update



Mounseer Anis
Archbishop,
Egypt



John Yates III
Holy Trinity,
Raleigh



Foley Beach
Archbishop,
ACNA

With a membership of approximately 85 million worldwide, the Anglican Communion is the third largest Christian communion in the world, after the Roman Catholic and the Eastern Orthodox churches. In recent years, its center of gravity has moved to the Global South, where new understandings of Anglicanism have emerged amidst spiritual vitality and dynamic church growth. However, Anglican identity is still contested. This conference will bring together 11 global leaders and scholars and will feature short papers, panel discussions with the opportunity for audience participation, and time for fellowship.

Register today!

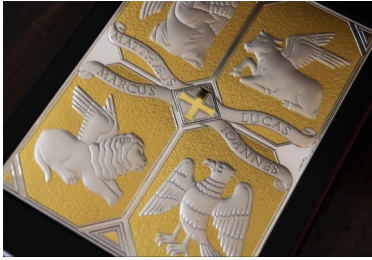
\$100 [Register by June 1 to save \$25]

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Beeson Divinity School

Treasure Hunt



Can you find these
“Ordinary” treasures
located around our
properties?



This summer, keep your eyes open for many “Ordinary Things” from CCA adorning the covers of our bulletins. These items of beauty remind us of the simple joys that can be found in our everyday lives, ordinary blessings from the Lord that we sometimes miss.

Special thanks to Becky Hughes, our Design and Production Coordinator, for her thoughtful work on our bulletins each week.

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Calendar

Recurring Events		
Meeting	Day/Time	Location
Youth Group	Mondays 5 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Handbell Choir Rehearsal	Mondays 7 PM (Returns in September)	Choir Loft
Staff Meeting	Tuesdays 10:30 AM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Choristers' Rehearsal	Wednesdays 4:30 (Returns in September)	Tucker Choir Room
Choir Dinner	Wednesdays 6 PM (Returns in September)	Hebron Hall
Parish Choir Rehearsal	Wednesdays 7 PM (Returns in September)	Tucker Choir Room
Parish Prayer	Fridays 12 PM (weekly)	Whitefield Center
NA Meetings	Fridays 6 PM (weekly)	Hebron Hall
Stephen Ministry Training	Sundays 2 PM (Returns in January)	Hebron Hall
Compline Choir Rehearsal	Sundays 7:30 PM (weekly)	Choir Loft
Folk Group Rehearsal	Sundays 12:15 PM (every other week)	Nave
The Lunch Place (Isaiah 58)	1 st and 3 rd Thursdays 10:30 AM	Hebron Hall
Women's Renew	1 st Saturdays 10 AM (Returns in September)	Wesley Gardens
Parish Council	2 nd Thursdays 6 PM	Hebron Hall
Needlework Guild	2 nd Thursdays 10 AM	Room 5
Finance Committee	3 rd Thursdays 5:30 PM	Hebron Hall
TOH Committee	3 rd Tuesdays 1 PM (Returns in September)	Hebron Hall
TOH Board Meeting	3 rd Thursdays 4 PM	Hebron Hall
Vestry Meeting	4 th Thursdays 6 PM	Hebron Hall

Fall Newsletter Deadline

is Wednesday, August 1, 2018
 Please submit all articles and
 photographs to Katie Beaumont
 at kbeaumont@ccasav.org.

Baptism Offered

*The Sacrament of Baptism
 will be offered
 in August*

*If you are interested in being
 baptized or having your child(ren) baptized,
 please contact the church office at
 912-355-7730
 no later than Wednesday, July 25th.*

Calendar

June 2018

2	8 AM	Whitefield Center Work Day
3		Bishop's Visit
3	9 AM	First Sunday Breakfast
4		Urban Hope Camps Begins
10	9 AM	Dave Cox in Sunday School
4-14		Bell Choir Tour
15	7 PM	Bell Choir Home Concert
17		Father's Day

July 2018

4	(Office Closed)	Independence Day
25		Baptism Due Date
27		Urban Hope Camps Ends

August 2018

1		Newsletter Articles Due
5	9 AM	First Sunday Breakfast
6		Transfiguration
19		Whitefield Center Sunday
26	12:30 PM	Newcomers Luncheon

September 2018

3	(Office Closed)	Labor Day
9	9 AM	SS Fall Kickoff
16	1 PM	Parish Picnic Wesley Gardens





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The Reverend Marcus B. Robertson, Rector
The Reverend Joseph G. Gasbarre, Parish Catechist
The Reverend Gregory J. Malley, Deacon
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The Reverend Stephen Dantin, Deacon
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The Reverend Bob LeFavi, Mission Priest
The Right Reverend Neil G. Lebharr, Bishop
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