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Quarterly Newsletter



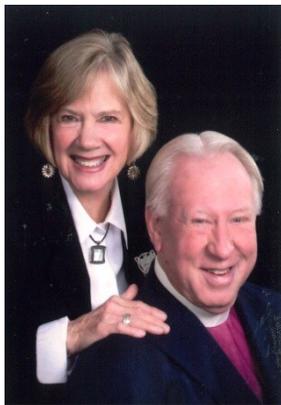
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Announcements

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Save the Date!

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: \$185/adult (2 per room)

Turner Inn: \$205/adult (2 per room)

Includes 2 nights lodging and 6 meals.

Early Bird Registration starts Sunday, August 23, 2015 —

Save \$10 per person by registering early!

Bishop Roger 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

Parish Register

Baptism

- Adam Ross Copetillo on April 4, 2015
- Stephen Theodore Evans on April 4, 2015
- Samantha Nicole Haley on April 4, 2015
- Keith Vincent Saunders, Jr. on April 4, 2015
- Hamilton Thomas Ridley on May 10, 2015

Congratulations to:

- Gay and Joe Park on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliza McKenzie Park, on March 27, 2015
- Warren and Nikki Schluter on the birth of Micah Loren on May 19, 2015
- Greg Malley for being selected the 2014 Instructor of the Year at the Savannah campus of Virginia College
- Harry Moore for being given the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America, the highest honor bestowed upon adult volunteers
- John Novikoff for being named President Emeritus of the Mission for Biblical Literacy upon his retirement as President after 14 years in this position and over 23 years of continued and faithful service to this organization

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

- Wray Williamson and family for the death of Butch on March 21, 2015
- Dottie Courington and Billy McGinley for the death of Dot Courington on March 24, 2015
- The family of Georgiann Space for her death on May 15, 2015
- Nancy, Jill and Stephanie Luse for the death of Scott on May 17, 2015
- Karen and Tom Cooper for the death of Karen’s brother, Ron, on May 23, 2015

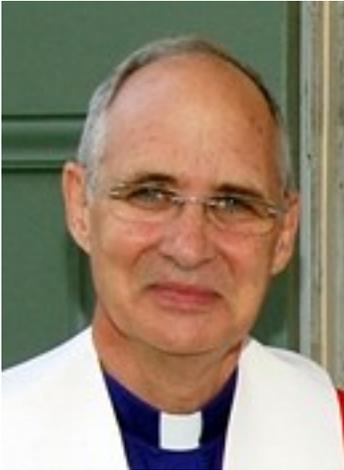


reach the wounded and broken with the Gospel. Gretsie has led Women’s Conferences, Retreats and Bible Studies for years; her passion is to see women grow more deeply in love with the Lord and become free to joyfully serve others in Christ’s name.

Many thanks to Kayron Stevens for the cover artwork!

Announcements

Bishop Neil Lebhar visits for service of Consecration, Confirmation and Commitment



*The Rt. Reverend Neil G. Lebhar,
Bishop of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese*

The Bishop of the Gulf Atlantic Diocese, the Right Reverend Neil G. Lebhar, will make his annual visit to Christ Church Anglican on June 7, 2015. At the 8 AM service, he will celebrate the Eucharist and receive commitment cards from parishioners who wish to make a commitment of faith at CCA. At the 10:30 AM service, he will consecrate our new church building, confirm and re-affirm many candidates, and will receive commitment cards from parishioners who wish to make a commitment of faith at CCA.

After the service, everyone is invited for Hospitality at the Whitefield Center for the church's annual **Strawberry Festival** with Deacon/Chef Greg!



An Invitation to CCA's Commitment Sunday—June 7, 2015

Last fall, we offered a sermon series on Nehemiah. It was appropriate, as we were making final preparations to move out of Independent Presbyterian Church and move into our new home. Much like the story of Nehemiah, which centered on the rebuilding of the walls of the ancient city of Jerusalem, so we were rebuilding (or renovating) our own building and looking to a new place from which we could do mission and ministry.

At the end of Nehemiah, when the walls were complete, there was a solemn ceremony involving the reading of the Law of Moses. All the people gathered and committed themselves, not only to the city and its rebuilt walls, but to being the people of God.

We are now in our new home, and though there are several projects still on our "to do" list, we are home and it is time to consider what it means to be the people of God in this part of Savannah. In preparation for such a challenge, a sermon series was offered May 17—31 on what it means to be committed together as God's people. When the Bishop comes to be with us, part of our celebration will be to commit ourselves as the people of God, celebrating not only the re-construction of our building, but the re-construction of our community of faith, along with a future filled with opportunities of mission and ministry.

Be sure to be with us on Sunday, June 7! Our Bishop, the Right Rev. Neil Lebhar, will be present to consecrate our newly-renovated building and to invite us to a life committed to being the people of God in this place!

— Marc Robertson, Rector

Introducing



Kelly Bringman is serious about her church family. She and her husband, David, daughter Milena and son, Zebedee, have made flash cards of members' names and faces, and they test each other so they can know who is who at church.

When I asked Kelly about this unconventional game, she explained that they did it because they usually attend the 8 o'clock worship service so they know fewer mem-

bers and Kelly herself has always been bad with names and much worse since a brain injury she suffered in a skiing accident a few years ago. She also added that they were "nerds" like that.

Kelly and David came to Christ Church Anglican because of an old connection. Both grew up in a Lutheran church and when they started looking for a church for themselves and their young family, Christ Church Anglican was on the list because one of Liz and John Albert's children had invited Kelly to a "Happening" weekend (a retreat event for teenagers) many years before and she had been so moved by the experience that she had urged David to go as well. When they arrived at Johnson Square because of good memories of Happening, they knew nothing about the then ongoing split with the Episcopal Church. But they were drawn to the attitudes of those they met, the prayerfulness of the firm actions taken by the congregation and the fact that the adult Sunday School class at the time was focusing on forgiveness, something Kelly says she was then needing. She also thinks that God called her young family to CCA to support and encourage its members during a time of trial.

Kelly describes herself as a "cradle Christian." There is a family legend that when she was baptized as an infant at home in Chicago, the wind (Holy Spirit?) blew the doors open at just that moment. Since childhood, Kelly has had a confident and consistent faith. She has never experienced a crisis of doubt although she has seen others do so. She cites the unwavering faith of a grandmother as a strong model for herself. She still seeks to be a faithful follower of Christ. She and David have known each other since they were children. In fact, their parents used to drive them on dates. Together they work to teach their two young children about their faith. Milena and Zebedee are usually the only children "8 o'clockers," but the length of the service works well for the children. One of Kelly's favorite habits is evening prayers with the children; they often sing a hymn. Last

FAVORITE SCRIPTURE: Esther 4:14

ALWAYS IN HER FRIDGE: Fresh eggs from her chickens

summer Kelly and Milena (who is in the 3rd grade) went on the mission trip to Belize and helped with the vacation Bible school there. Kelly was the "snack lady" at VBS. But Kelly thinks that the preparation for going to Belize was as meaningful as the trip itself. Her family had to budget and give up some usual expenses so that two of them could afford to make the trip. It's a discipline that they kept up through Lent which is how Kelly was able to give out five dollar bills to each of the children at the children's homily on Easter as an example of the unearned benefits of God's grace.

Kelly is the broker-owner of Daley Real Estate Company and she oversees other agents and the sale and rental of many properties. She serves on the Parish Council and still has time to bake (I've tasted her mean lavender cookie!), raise chickens and play in the woods with her children and other "free range" kids from her neighborhood. And work on those flash cards.

– Dottie Courington

*Who will be in our next issue?
These photos should give you a hint!*



Worship

What is an Acolyte?



Zack Remick serves as an Crucifer during a service at IPC.

Ac-o-lyte: One who assists the celebrant at a religious service or procession. An assistant or helper.

At the church in which I grew up, acolytes were important assistants in worship. In those days, you couldn't be an acolyte until you were confirmed, and it was a high honor.

I started as a "torch-bearer," and worked my way up to Crucifer (one who carries the cross). Once I was able to drive on my own, I regularly attended the "early service" and served as the acolyte there. I carried the cross, assisted at the Holy Table, and carried out various duties the celebrant needed. I learned the "behind the scenes" activities of worship, the "whys" and "hows" of liturgy, and a deeper and fuller appreciation of my relatively young faith.

We have been without a formal Acolyte Ministry for some time, but I believe it is time to re-establish this ministry. I believe it will help with the Christian Formation of our youth, as well as be a practical help to the conduct of public worship in our parish. This ministry will be opened to rising 4th and 5th graders (as Junior Acolytes), Middle School students (Acolytes) and High School students (Acolytes and Acolyte Captains).

Jill Luse has discerned a call to be the Acolyte Coordinator for our parish. I am excited about Jill's calling! She is currently one of our Youth Directors and has a natural relationship to our young people through that ministry. In addition, she has years of experience as an Acolyte herself, and whenever she was scheduled, I could breathe a sigh of relief, because I knew the "A Team" would be there.

As a priest, I can attest to the support a well-trained and dedicated Acolyte Ministry can offer to the worship of a parish. As a former Acolyte, I can bear witness to the substantial elements of discipleship and leadership training such a ministry offers. As a parent, I can point to the fruit that comes from a child who serves faithfully in an Acolyte Ministry.

Look for the date of our initial Training Workshop. My hope is to start using Acolytes during the summer months, when liturgies are rather simple and straight-forward, giving our Acolytes some basic "bread and butter" experience before we enter the fall.

And by the way – this ministry is not merely for youth. Several adults may find this ministry a calling that tugs on their heart. Having some faithful, mature adults sprinkled in the Acolyte Ministry creates a healthy dynamic of mentoring which only deepens and enriches the experience of this ministry for everyone involved. If you are one of those adults sensing that call, please join us!

– Fr. Marc Robertson



Nikki Kaia Lee serves as an Crucifer during the Blessing of the Palms on Palm Sunday at 2020 Bull Street.

Home Missions

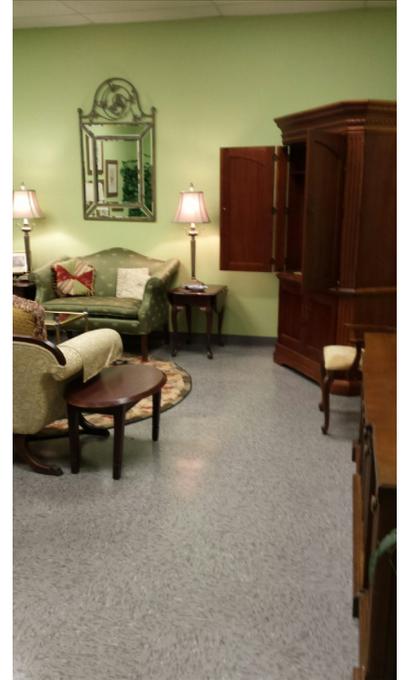
H.U.G.S. (Heads Up Guidance Services)

Grand Opening.....April 30, 2015

This ministry, funded in part through a Tour of Homes grant, was the vision of Andrea Epting, who left her job to create an affordable counseling center for low income clients (at the rate of \$15.00/ hour). God was in the details as 18 certified counselors volunteered their services free and the gorgeous facility was completed without a penny of debt.



Christ Church Anglican is proud to be an integral part of this organization. Diane Saturday and Nathan Hewitt serve on the Board of Directors. A generous TOH grant enabled H.U.G.S. to build the nicest room in the facility next to the Baptist Center on Wheaton Street.



Bearing our name, this room will be used for family and couples counseling, family Intervention services and small group therapy.



H.U.G.S. dedicated the room across the hall from ours to Joey Saturday, which was a surprise for Diane and a double blessing for the day!

Home Missions

Isaiah 58 Ministries

Many families in Thomas Square struggle financially, emotionally and spiritually. Isaiah 58 ministries will offer a genuine connection between people, to bring them to a place of sharing their life stories and our being able to share the gospel. The Holy Spirit will guide all our plans, but below is our preliminary vision:

Soup Kitchen

The soup kitchen, offered once a week, will offer some fabulous additions: time for singing, the Word and a message from various ministers and lay people. After lunch, men needing work boots, bus tickets and toiletries will be served.

Woman To Woman

The Woman To Woman program will serve women in the neighborhood, especially targeting seniors and single mothers.

Monthly senior coffees will focus on faith, prayer and Bible study. Help with household jobs that vex older people on fixed incomes will be offered.

For all women, themed meetings shared from a Christian perspective, the Word, mother/child events and a monthly Saturday NA/AA meeting with child care are part of the vision. Referrals and support will be provided.

We recently collaborated with the Rev. Pat Hunter from St. Paul's African Methodist Episcopal (AME) church, who spoke about needs of the community. We plan to partner with other churches and the Whitefield Center too!

Please pray that our programs will meet the needs of the neighborhood and be led by the Holy Spirit! Pray for Linda Sawyer, Toni Dunham, Anne Marie Grant, Kayron Stevens and our team of volunteers who lovingly reach out to those in need with hope and the message of the gospel.

The Living Vine

The Living Vine has a monthly breakfast and open house the first Tuesday of the month, where they will provide interested people with information and a tour of their facility at 535 E. 54th Street. On May 5, Karen Cooper attended this event and learned of many volunteer opportunities at the Vine. The staff also told the attendees about the newest Blessingdales store, located at 6 Television Circle. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer at the Vine or attending one of their monthly breakfasts (with outstanding food!), please call Paula Kinard at 561-603-8960.



Several of the eleven members of the CCA Woman to Woman team gathered for a picture after a recent meeting. L-R: Paige Lathrup, Toni Dunham, Linda Sawyer, Roberta Arbihall, and Anne Marie Grant.

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. This article, however, adds a twist to the original question and focuses on a different question:

Why do we invest in campus ministry?

There is a parable about a small community that lived a pleasant life on the shores of a beautiful river. Their existence was near idyllic: the water was clean and clear, the banks beautiful, and the surrounding countryside serene. It was the perfect place to live and be with friends and neighbors. The little community enjoyed a simple ritual of gathering for the evening sunset. Here neighbors could catch up with friends on the events of the day, children would play together, young men and women could court one another under the watchful but unobtrusive eye of their parents.

One day, however, something terrible happened.

An entire school of dead fish floated by. There must have been hundreds of the poor creatures, and their slow journey by the community's river site was unnerving. The children were startled, the parents concerned and the young lovers distracted. The next day, as the community gathered for the sunset, another mass of dead fish floated by.

But things would get worse.

Two days later, an old man, half-drowned and clinging to a log, drifted by. They rescued the poor soul and nurtured him, probably saving his life. But several days later, two young women drifted down the stream, flailing their arms and calling for help. The little community sprang to life, pulling the women to safety, coughing and spewing water. One was rescued. Sadly, the other died.

Later that week, the little community held a solemn memorial service for her, but even as the service came to its conclusion, more victims were carried to the bank by the river's current. The little community soon found itself to be a rescue center. They organized teams in boats to search for other victims. They established a medical center to treat the wounded. They built a small chapel with an adjoining cemetery to bury the dead.

Finally, in all of the chaos and tumult of this rescue mission, a little boy asked an important question: "What's going on upstream?"

Indeed. What is going on upstream?

The Church often finds itself like this little community on the banks of the river. They rescue the wounded, nurturing them back to health, and bury those who pass from this life to the next. The Church organizes all of its efforts around the rescue operation, and everyone in the community puts their shoulder to the task.

But unless someone asks the question, "What's going on upstream?" the cycle will never be broken, and the Church never engages the Bigger Question of world-transformation.

There are some of us at Christ Church Anglican that are asking the question, "What's going on upstream?" It's a difficult question because the immediate needs are so pressing and urgent, while the long-term vision of engaging the world is more theoretical and difficult to express in concrete terms. And yet, if we as Christians do not ask the Bigger Question, we will find ourselves on the never-ending merry-go-round of *immediate* ministry, and the urgent needs of the present will never allow us to address the deeper needs of transforming the culture.

Investing in campus ministry addresses at least one very important aspect of the Bigger Question. If we wish to see vibrant Christian disciples assume positions of leadership that have the potential to transform our culture and preserve the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we *must* invest in the next generation, especially those who are attending university.

This question is so vital that John Mason, our speaker from last fall's Parish Weekend, wrote a letter to the College of Bishops of the Anglican Church in North America, challenging them to establish an Anglican congregation in the top 70 university cities in the country in the next ten years. By so doing, Mason argued, the ACNA would make a major contribution toward a Gospel Awakening in this country the likes of which have not been seen since the days of Jonathan Edwards and George Whitefield.

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From the Rector

Under the leadership of Chip Welch, Christ Church Anglican has become the incubator for a new and exciting investment in this vision. Known as Anglican Campus Fellowship (ACF), this ministry seeks to recruit the brightest and most faithful young clergy of the Anglican tradition and place them in strategic university campuses throughout the nation. These clergy would be connected to a local Anglican parish where support, encouragement, and nurture could take place for them as well as the students and faculty they serve.



ACF has started small, but it has started. By God's grace, the Rev. Collin Setterberg has established an ACF on the campus of Georgia Tech. He has received an official "charter" from the school (no small task), and meets regularly with students (several of our own) for fellowship, study, worship, and service throughout the Tech campus and the city of Atlanta. This is but the first step of many to place some of our best clergy in strategic university cities as missionaries of the Gospel and change-agents for the Bigger Question.

What's happening up river is what's happening on our college campuses, where future leaders of this country are encountering secularism and naturalism in its most articulate and persuasive forms. Here is where the Gospel must go. Here is where a well-reasoned and compassionate alternative must be presented. Here is where future leaders can be transformed by God's grace.

So, why are we supporting ACF? Because we wish to be a church that is not only engaged in the immediate needs of our neighbors (a most noble task), but also in the Bigger Question that will have its impact on our children and grandchildren.

– Fr. Marc Robertson

Summer Study Opportunities

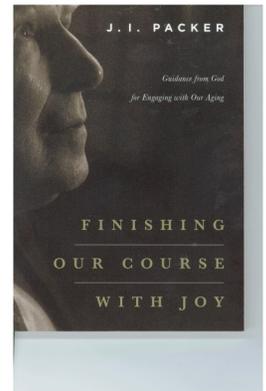
Living with "One Another"

The "one another" passages of the Bible are rich with encouragement and guidance on how to be a Christian in the context of community. A quick glance at Holy Scripture shows a remarkable amount of teaching on how to live with "one another" as the Body of Christ.

Fr. Marc will lead a brief summer Bible study series on the "One Another" texts of the Bible. The study will take place on **Tuesday evenings from 6-7 p.m. in Hebron Hall** (iced tea and water will be provided). The dates for the study are **July 7, 14, 21, 28, and August 4**. Come with your Bible, pencil, and an open heart to examine and reflect on the rich teachings of Scripture on living with one another. (Please contact the office in advance if you need child care. We will be glad to provide it for you.)

"Finishing our Course with Joy"

Dr. J. I. Packer, one of the leading theologians in the Anglican Communion, has written a brief but thoughtful book entitled, *Finishing our Course With Joy*. Noted speaker and writer, Marva Dawn says of Packer's work: "J.I. Packer is his usual wise self as he gives counsel herein for older people to pursue their aging with 'zeal'! He urges us to serve God and his church however we can, while we can. This is devout and inspiring motivation."



Packer, himself approaching 89 years old, remains a viable teacher and leader in the Anglican Church of North America. A clear writer and deep thinker, Packer guides the reader in considering the challenges and opportunities of aging.

Fr. Marc will join Claudia Thomas in offering a book study on *Finishing our Course With Joy* this summer. Claudia not only brings her background as a psychologist to the discussion, but she also has the personal experience of nurturing her mother in the years before her death. The study will be offered the Sundays of **July 12, 19, 26, and August 2, from 9:15 – 10:00 a.m. in Hebron Hall**. This course is great for those seeking to invest faithfully in their later years, as well as those who may have aging parents whom they wish to support and encourage at this stage of their life.

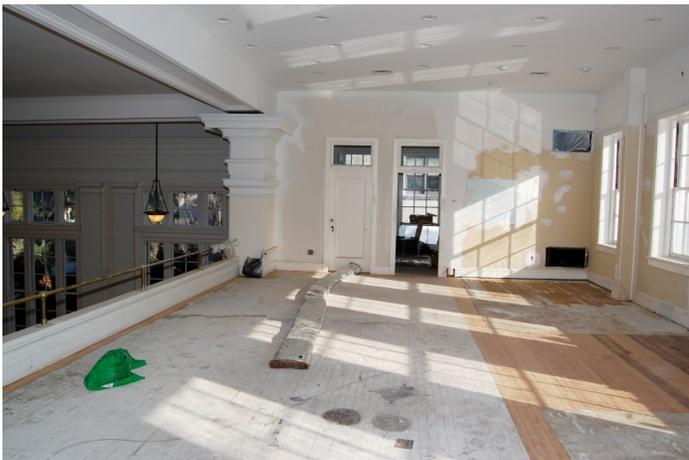
2020 Renovations:



Perhaps the biggest single transformation may be seen in the Nave!



*Above, L-R: We purchased pews for the back of the Nave from IPC; the parlor area of the Narthex is now so inviting!
Below: The choir loft goes from an empty space to one fully equipped for musicians and singers to make joyful sounds!*



Then and Now



Plans for additional new interior and exterior signage are underway!



More signs of progress below, as the renovation of our new property is not yet completed! Clockwise, L-R: The grease trap was installed as part of the kitchen upgrades, the parking lot will be resurfaced and the area for the new children's playground is being prepared, a new drainage system was installed around the perimeter of the building, and the new cabinetry for the organ is going in the choir loft. Handicapped access into Hebron Hall and handicapped parking spaces in the parking lot will be added.



In the next issue, we will feature improvements in Hebron Hall and the Wesley Wing. Stay tuned!

Global Missions

2015 Mission Trip to Belize



Upon our arrival at the airport, our good friend Darrell picked us up in our Ford Bronco. Darrell and his daughter drove us to Belize City, where we ate lunch at the Chateau and discussed our plans. Afterwards we all went to the law firm where Darrell's wife works and picked up the documents to get the container out of the port. Later that afternoon, we had time to do a prayer walk in the city. I continued to do this each day I was in Belize City.

How do we pray for Belize, Lord?

This was our directive when we got to Belize City. We would be there for three nights before the house building started in the rural river valley. The process of getting the building materials off the container ship and into a loading truck is never easy. Our mission teams had been through this process before. A customs agent has worked for us for three years. It took an extra day this trip but it gave us more time in the city for some important things. We did prayer walking in the city during the time we were there.

How can two saved by grace sinners, only two, make a difference in a city in a third world country? We can step out in faith. But what are the specific needs here?



We prayed for economic recovery, financial help, the crime problem, drug problem and gang violence, a solution for AIDS (in the last study Belize had the highest HIV prevalence in Central America), for the Christian leaders to stand strong, the removal and conviction of irreverent leaders posing as representative of the Christian church, good government officials, wisdom and support for the bishop and other righteous leaders. The city is beset with all these problems. Besides the AIDS epidemic, the last report we've read said that Belize City had the fourth highest murder rate per capita in the world. We prayed The Lord's Way:

Our Father in Heaven...

We come near You in heaven by the way made by Jesus. We come near our neighbor on earth, Belize, that a way would be opened for You in their lives.

Hallowed be Your name...

We want You honored in this place, recognized by every single person. You are so worthy of praise for what You are already doing in their lives. Here's our request: Reveal who You are by name.

Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven...

We believe you will be followed right here, as surely as You are obeyed in heaven. Come loving King!

Give us this day our daily bread...

We ask You to provide every daily need for the people in this place.



And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors ... Belize City is trapped in a tangle of transgressions. Only your forgiveness can free them.

We ask You Lord, bring forth a wave of reconciliation.

And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one...

Deliver the people we see in this place from the predicaments we know from our sin history. Break the vicious circles of addiction and pride.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

We recognize Your sole sovereignty here. We give You our praise now. *

**excerpt from Prayer-walking, Hawthorne and Kendrick*



Global Missions

Dennison Family Update



Charlotte and David at a party before leaving for Uganda in 2008.

After nearly seven years of mission work in Uganda, we (the Dennison family) are moving back home! Mary Jane and the children returned to Savannah in mid-April, and are blessed to be part of the Christ Church Anglican family once again.

Because the children left Uganda before the end of the school year, a parishioner graciously arranged for Charlotte and David to join St. Andrew's School for the last few weeks of school. This has been a huge blessing and a first step towards reintegrating into the American school experience! Robert and Carol are still homeschooling with mom, but hope to join school in August.

We've made the decision as a family to live in Savannah for the next year as we wait to discern the Lord's longer term plans for us.

Right now Brian plans to continue to work on Uganda Christian University (UCU) projects from Georgia over the next two months including the attendance of a conference on UCU's behalf in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He also hopes to use this time to finish up a research and writing project he has been working on.

Brian will return to Uganda in late July to host two Christian education summits scheduled at UCU in August. After wrapping up those events Brian will be returning to Georgia and the in-country work in Uganda will be completed.

Thank you for all of your prayers which you have offered on behalf of our family, especially during this time of transition. It feels very much like what Father Marc recently referred to as "having one foot on the dock and one still on the boat!"

It has been an honor and joy to be sent forth to serve in Jesus' name in Africa from you, our home parish. We appreciate tremendously all of your support over the years, and are thankful for your continued support during the next several months as we make the transition back to the states.

To make a one-time financial contribution towards the Dennison family, go to <http://samsusa.org/users/brian-and-maryjane-dennison>

Missionaries in Our Midst!

After seven years as SAMS missionaries in Uganda, the Dennisons are in the midst of a reentry. They will continue as Associate Missionaries with SAMS and need continuing prayer and financial support through this year.

We appreciate the contribution they have made to Uganda and it has been our privilege to spend many great times with them in Uganda over the years.

Brian, a lecturer in Law who

also served as Acting Dean of the Law School, is currently Director of the Center of Faith, Learning and Service at UCU. He has made a particular contribution to clinical legal education and has co-edited a text book on Legal Ethics for East Africa. Mary Jane has home schooled her children, led the large Sunday School that serves faculty and staff children at the university, disciplined many on campus and offered gracious hospitality to visitors through the years. Mary Jane and Brian write wonderful blogs and I would encourage you to take time to read some of their entries, recent and past!! <http://dennisonsinuganda.squarespace.com/mary-janes-blog/> or <http://dennisonsinuganda.squarespace.com/blog/>

But, what is it like to come home? Family and friends are thrilled to see you, but how do you just start living in the US again? Not easily. It is a huge adjustment taking several years, it's reverse culture shock for all. As we celebrate their presence at Christ Church Anglican, please lift the Dennisons up in prayer. They are trusting the Lord who sent them to East Africa to provide the next steps on their journey in the US.

Also, as Father Marc reminded us, the Dennisons will continue to need our financial support to assist with the transition. It is important for us to learn that most missionaries have very few personal resources and may come home with almost nothing or in debt. We need to help with the bridge back to the working world here. There is a small amount allocated to the budget for the Global Missions Team to give but your ongoing individual support is also extremely important.

– Claudia Thomas, Chairman of Global Missions Team



*The Dennison children back in Savannah
L-R: Charlotte, Robert, Carol and David.*

TOH/WCCA News

2015 Savannah Tour of Homes Report

The 80th Annual Savannah Tour of Homes & Gardens was another tremendous success! Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered and prayed. We were blessed with wonderful homes, wonderful weather and great events!

Each day featured a different neighborhood in Historic Savannah. Thursday, Friday and Saturday focused on the Historic District while Sunday showcased Ardsley Park. All three sessions of Saturday's walking tour sold out. Most of the special events this year also sold out! Presenters included our very own Dirk Hardison and Anissa Manzo; both Dirk and Anissa received rave reviews for their presentations.



The highlight of this year's Tour was the Ruby Jubilee celebration held at the Green-Meldrim House. This grand event honored Ashby Angell, Alice Clark, Betty

Morris and Mary Waddell, all former chairs who are still actively involved in the Tour.

The event also showcased the work of Wray Williamson, the Tour of Homes poster artist since 1993.



Again, thank you so much for your continued support of the Tour! We are looking forward to a great 81st year!

—Mollie White, 2015 TOH Chairman



*Having a great time at the Tour of Homes Ruby Jubilee!
Top row, L-R: Marc Robertson, Harry Moore and Ann Hallock; Furman and Eden Combes
Bottom row, L-R: Debbie Webb, Paul Webb and Bob Hallock; John and Meta Carswell*

WCCA Annual Report

From Bible studies to silent auctions, to the Tour of Homes and Gardens, the Women of Christ Church Anglican have had a busy and productive year. We have studied God's word which inspired us to get involved, to give back, and to serve those around us in need. Our 2015 TOH was a great success and our share of the proceeds will go far in helping outreach ministries, here and abroad. It would not have been possible without all of our volunteers who worked endless hours in numerous ways, all for the glory of our Lord.

I have served as President of the WCCA for the past two years and it has been such a blessing in my life. God placed me in a position to experience things I never thought I would, both challenging and joyous, but He also gave me the strength and support to accomplish them. I have seen the relationships of my sisters in Christ grow in love and support for one another and for those outside our church family and I am grateful to have been a part of this. I look forward to coming beside Heather Ford as she takes over as WCCA President in June. She has such a love for our Lord and a servant's heart and she will be such a blessing to all of you as she leads the WCCA into the next year.

*In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ
Debbie Webb*

Youth News



The CCA Youth Group organized the Egg-stravaganza event on Easter morning for the entire congregation!



CCA YOUTH Summer Schedule

Mark your calendars for ongoing and special events!

Ongoing Events

- **TUESDAY AFTERNOONS - ULTIMATE FRISBEE** with *Isle of Hope Methodist Youth*
Location and time will vary each week; Matt will provide the details
- **WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - YOUTH GROUP**
Middle school 6PM/ High school 7PM

Special Events

- **ALL PARISH BLOCK PARTY** – food, games, music, and art *for all ages*
Saturday, July 11, 5 PM / Whitefield Center
- **DOCK PARTY** – fun in the sun
Saturday, July 25, 1 PM / James House
- **AUGUST 8** — GOODBYE SUMMER, HELLO SCHOOL PARTY
Saturday, August 8, 5PM/ Robertson House

Congratulations to all the following recent graduates!

High School

- **Daniel Hughes**—Bible Baptist School; plans to attend Armstrong State University
- **Zachary Remick**—Savannah Christian Preparatory School; plans to attend the University of North Georgia and then Georgia Tech; will receive his Eagle Scout rank in June
- **Zander Roth**—Chatham Academy; plans to work full-time with UPS in May
- **Catherine Williams**—Bulloch Academy (Linda and Tom Sawyer's granddaughter); plans to attend Limestone College in Gaffney, SC

College

- **Bess Butler**—Virginia Tech, Marketing; plans for after college are to be determined
- **Tracey Clatterbaugh**—Furman University, Health Science; plans to work in her field and pursue a Master's degree
- **Sam Funderburk**—Washington University, Neuroscience (Denise and Don Funderburk's grandson); plans to work for the National Institute of Health
- **Alexia Lemaigre**—Georgia College and State University, French and History; plans to work while saving money for a museum internship in France
- **Sharon Mays**—Samford University, Music (emphasis in Church Music) *cum laude*; plans to attend Selwyn College of Cambridge University studying for a Master of Music in Choral Studies
- **Alec Ridley**—Mercer University School of Medicine; will begin an internal medicine residency at the University of Colorado
- **Mark Stevenson**—Auburn University, MBA and Master's of Industrial and Systems Engineering; plans to work for KPMG's Consulting Services Division in Atlanta
- **Neal Stevenson**—University of South Carolina, Finance (major) Spanish (minor) *magna cum laude*; plans to pursue job opportunities within the financial field

Music Ministry



Quotes from concertgoers and reviews

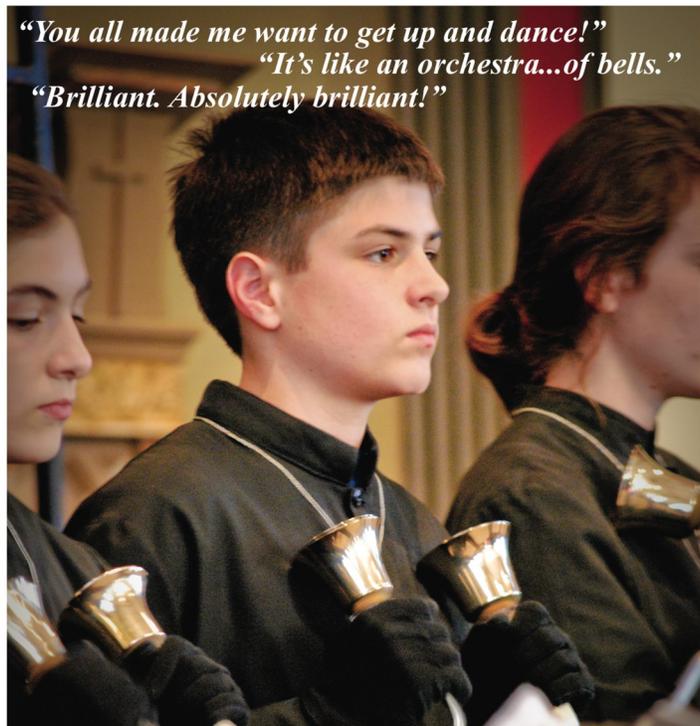
- *You guys are amazing. It's like an orchestra...of bells!*
- *If I'd known you were this good, I'd have brought more people!*
- *You all made me want to get up and dance!*
- *Not your ordinary bell choir. Serious fun.*

The South's premier youth handbell choir, **THE BELLS OF CHRIST CHURCH**, will taking their summer tour through Appalachia June 7—13, 2015. The choir will be performing their Home Concert at Christ Church Anglican on **Sunday, June 14, at 4 PM.**

Ringling 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. The auditioned 14-member bell choir, now in its 16th year, is made up of College and High School students who have produced two professional recordings to date.

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. You don't want to miss this!

The ALL-CHURCH COOKOUT at the Whitefield Center follows the concert at 5:30 PM. Dogs, Burgers, and Drinks will be provided; everyone is asked to bring a side dish, come to the concert and enjoy food, fun, and fellowship afterward. What a deal!



"You all made me want to get up and dance!"
"It's like an orchestra...of bells."
"Brilliant. Absolutely brilliant!"

A JOYFUL PROGRAM OF SACRED MUSIC ON
 12 OCTAVES OF HANDBELLS AND CHIMES BY
THE BELLS OF CHRIST CHURCH
 (FROM HISTORIC CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN, SAVANNAH, GA)

Final HOME CONCERT following their 2015 Summer Tour
 Sunday, June 14 at 4:00p.m. Christ Church Anglican, Savannah

(FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC)

Music Ministry

TEENS AND MILLENNIALS LEAVE CHURCHES IN DROVES; ONE WAY TO BUCK THE TREND!

Hardly a week goes by that I am not sent an article about the loss of our youth and the Millennial generation from our churches. It seems that all over the country our teens and college kids are tuning out church. Over this past week, as I watched our teens prepare for their outreach bell tour and our college students return home from college, I witnessed a little miracle at Christ Church Anglican. I wanted to share it with you all both to provide some of the hope for the future that I saw this week and to witness the powerful work of the Holy Spirit in transforming the lives of our youth...who are bucking the trend. All you have to do is read the list below.

COLLEGE STUDENTS CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY:

Matthew Robertson—Choristers 7 yrs., Bell Choir six years, Savannah Arts graduate, currently in Complines Choir, ringing on bell tour this summer, and serving as our church's Youth Director. Just graduated from Samford University.

Katie Dimick—SCAD Junior. Sings in Parish Choir and Complines Choir.

Sampson Johnson—SCAD Junior. Sings in Parish Choir and Complines Choir.

Tracy Clatterbaugh—Choristers 7 yrs., Parish Choir 4 years, studied in Tina Zenker Williams' voice studio, just graduated college and has returned to Parish Choir.

Alexia Lemaigre—Choristers 7 yrs., Parish Choir 4 years, Bell Choir 5 yrs., Savannah Arts graduate, just graduated college and has returned to Parish Choir this summer.

Sharon Mays—Choristers 3 yrs., Parish Choir 4 yrs., Bell Choir 6 yrs., Complines 4 yrs., studied in Tina Zenker Williams' voice studio, just graduated college majoring in Church Music, going for her Masters in music at Cambridge.

Jonah Hughes—Choristers 6 yrs., Bell Choir 6 yrs., Sophomore in college, returning to ring on bell choir tour this summer.

Kaitlyn James—Bell Choir 5 yrs., Sophomore in college, returning to ring on bell choir tour this summer.

Stephanie Luse—Choristers 6 yrs., Bell Choir 7 yrs., has returned Freshman and Sophomore college years to be a weekly sub for bell choir, Junior at Armstrong.

Kathryn Mays—Choristers 5 yrs., Parish Choir 3 yrs., Bell Choir 5 yrs., Complines 2 yrs., studied in Tina Zenker Williams' voice studio, returns to choirs often, Junior at Georgia Tech.

Lauren Cartularo—Complines Choir 3 yrs., Bell Choir 2 yrs., studies in Tina Zenker Williams' voice studio, has helped significantly in the construction of our church's new organ, just graduated SCAD.

Marianna Langley—Complines 4 yrs., just graduated college and has returned to Complines as a Graduate Student at SCAD, studied in Tina Zenker Williams' voice studio.

Eliza Hallock—sang Handel's Messiah with Parish Choir this Spring, studied in Tina Zenker Williams' voice Studio, recently graduated from the University of Georgia.

Christie Fitzmaurice—Complines Choir 3 yrs., graduate of Savannah Arts, studied in Tina Zenker Williams' voice Studio, Junior at Georgia Tech., just returned to Complines Choir for second summer in a row.

Emily Polgardi—Complines Choir 5 yrs., just completed graduate school at SCAD, helping our church with its website and signage.)

Annie Childress—Complines Choir 2 yrs., Bell Choir 1 year, studies in Tina Zenker Williams' voice Studio, enters SCAD this year as a Freshman, returning to Bell Choir as Equipment Manager for this year's Bell Tour.

HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS CURRENTLY ACTIVE IN OUR MUSIC MINISTRY:

Eli Clements (Choristers 3 yrs.)
 Janelle Nickles (Choristers 4 yrs.)
 Ellie Childress (Bell Choir 3 yrs.)
 Meredith James (Bell Choir 4 yrs.)
 Lucas Hughes (Bell Choir 1 yr., Choristers 2 yrs.)
 Daniel Hughes (Bell Choir 5 yrs., Choristers 7 yrs.)
 Daniel Copetillo (Bell Choir 3 yrs., Folk Group 2 yrs.)
 Adam Copetillo (Bell Choir 2 yrs.)
 Julia Panhorst (Bell Choir 2 yrs.)
 Emillee Panhorst (Bell Choir 4 yrs.)
 Sarah Roth (Choristers 8 yrs., Bell Choir 3 yrs.)

There are so many more who have served in our Music Ministry in the past and have returned to the church while attending college or afterward. I have only listed those currently active in our church's music ministry. Many of our young adults simultaneously served as acolytes, were active in small groups, went on mission trips at home and abroad, and were leaders in our church's youth group. They are amazingly talented persons and it is and has been a privilege to work with each and every one. Statistics clearly show, here and elsewhere, that one successful way to buck the growing trend of High School and College students turning away from the church is to get them involved in our ministry of music!

—Mark K. Williams, Parish Musician

Stewardship

“You Reap What You Sow”

I am sitting here on the ocean in the Florida Keys on vacation. It's a gorgeous, sunny morning. The skies above are a beautiful azure blue, the water is a crystal clear turquoise color, and the tropical birds are singing a melody of joyous sounds. Hi, my name is Paul Webb, and I am your new Stewardship Chairman.

The beauty of this place reminds me of God's awesome, creative power. In Genesis, God created the heavens and the earth, then created his masterpiece, man, and said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over.....all the earth.....” God is telling us that all He created, He created for man. God made everything for you and me and then made us caretakers of it all, not owners. Through this Creator-caretaker relationship, God's greatest desire is for us to have a close, personal relationship with Him. In my spiritual journey, I have come to realize that unless we understand the relationship our Creator intended for us to have with Him, we will always find ourselves struggling with our desires and decisions of what to do with all He has so graciously given us to care for.

From where I am sitting right now, in this beautiful place and on this beautiful ocean without a care in the world, it's so easy to forget that our own personal relationship with God is His highest priority for our lives. That relationship determines the impact of our lives as His stewards. My role as your Stewardship Chairman is that of a “Sower,” sowing seeds (God's Word) hopefully on good soil (You). Then to sit back and hope, pray, and trust that God will transform hearts. I have come to understand after many years that Christian stewardship is a lifetime journey of trust, faith, belief and ultimately, submission to our infinitely merciful, gracious, and loving God.

Let us now begin this journey together and may we all discover the hidden treasure in the field, which the man, in great joy, sold all he had to obtain it. In closing, I would ask you to remember these three principles of stewardship to help guide us as we begin this journey together.

1. Generous giving is not predicated solely on the work of an individual or an organization, but rather on God's transforming work in people. Although we sow and cultivate in people's lives and may have the privilege of reaping, God is the one who makes things grow.
2. Generosity flows from transformed hearts as they conform to the image of Christ, who above all, was and is generous.
3. Christian Resource Raising is not solely about securing transactions or gifts, rather it is about encouraging spiritual transformation, helping people become givers, rich toward God.

Finally, I would ask you to ponder and think on a question I posed to your Vestry, Finance Committee, and Parish Council in a recent survey of your leadership. “*In terms of your understanding of stewardship, are you living your life for this temporary kingdom here on earth, or the eternal kingdom where your soul will dwell forever with God?*” Here or There? The right answer to this question can be life changing. It was for me!



Paul Webb and his wife, Debbie; Paul is serving as the 2015 Stewardship Chairman. He is responsible for the Mid-week Devotional emails being sent out as one way of sowing the seeds of God's Word to our congregation!

– Paul Webb, 2015 Stewardship Chair

Parish Life Calendar

June 2015

- 1—5 9 a.m. **Summer Camp**
Whitefield Center
- 6 11 a.m. **Confirmands meet w/Bishop**
Noon **Vestry Joins/Lunch**
1 p.m. **Vestry meets w/Bishop**
Whitefield Center
- 7 8 a.m. **Bishop's Visit/Commitment Cards**
10:30 a.m. **Bishop's Visit/Building**
Consecration, Confirmations, and
Commitment Cards
2020 Bull Street
- Noon **Strawberry Festival**
Whitefield Center
- 7—13 **Bells of CCA 2015 Tour**
to Appalachia
- 14 12:30 p.m. **Wardens' Meeting**
2020 Bull Street
- 4 p.m. **Bells of CCA Home Concert**
2020 Bull Street
- 5:30 p.m. **All-Parish Cookout**
Whitefield Center
- 18 3:30 p.m. **Tour of Homes Board Meeting**
6 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting**
2020 Bull Street
- 21 **Father's Day**
- 25 5:30 p.m. **Parish Council Meeting**
6:45 p.m. **Parish Council/Vestry Dinner**
7:15 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**
2020 Bull Street

July 2015

- 3 all day **CCA Office Closed**
2020 Bull Street
- 4 **Independence Day**
- 6 TBA **Clergy Luncheon**
Whitefield Center
- 7 TBA **Youth Ultimate Frisbee**
Location varies
- 6 p.m. **Rector's Summer Bible Study**
2020 Bull Street
- 8 6 p.m. **Middle School Youth Group**
7 p.m. **High School Youth Group**
Whitefield Center

July 2015 (continued)

- 11 4-8 p.m. **Block Party—Fun for all Ages**
Whitefield Center
- 12 9:15 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**
2020 Bull Street
- 14 TBA **Youth Ultimate Frisbee**
Location varies
- 6 p.m. **Rector's Summer Bible Study**
2020 Bull Street
- 15 6 p.m. **Middle School Youth Group**
7 p.m. **High School Youth Group**
Whitefield Center
- 16 6 p.m. **Finance Committee Meeting**
2020 Bull Street
- 19 9:15 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**
2020 Bull Street
- 21 TBA **Youth Ultimate Frisbee**
Location varies
- 6 p.m. **Rector's Summer Bible Study**
2020 Bull Street
- 22 6 p.m. **Middle School Youth Group**
7 p.m. **High School Youth Group**
Whitefield Center
- 23 5:30 p.m. **Parish Council Meeting**
6:45 p.m. **Parish Council/Vestry Dinner**
7:15 p.m. **Vestry Meeting**
2020 Bull Street
- 25 1 p.m. **Youth Dock Party**
James' home
- 26 9:15 a.m. **Adult Sunday School**
2020 Bull Street
- 27 Noon **Deadline to submit articles and**
photos for Fall Kickoff Newsletter
- 28 TBA **Youth Ultimate Frisbee**
Location varies
- 6 p.m. **Rector's Summer Bible Study**
2020 Bull Street
- 29 6 p.m. **Middle School Youth Group**
7 p.m. **High School Youth Group**
Whitefield Center

**The deadline for our Fall Kickoff
Newsletter is Monday, July 27.**



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