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The Parish Register

We extend congratulations and best wishes to all the following!

Marriages	Charlotte Botsford and Alex Getz – Oct. 6, 2012
Births	Brennan Michael Robertson – Oct. 16, 2012 Miller Carlton Hamrick, Jr. – Oct. 23, 2012 Eames Walter Kawa – Oct. 24, 2012 Abigail Elizabeth White – Nov. 6, 2012 Ian Michael Cox – November 19, 2012
Adoption	J. Peter Henry Hansen Born October 6, 2010 Adopted November 20, 2012 Fr. Layne and Tamara Hansen

Baptisms	Nathan Luke Bistis – Nov. 4, 2012 John Baker McLeod Groves – Nov. 4, 2012 William Scott Rankin Groves, Jr. – Nov. 4, 2012 Eddie Ingalls Page – Nov. 4, 2012
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Save The Date!

Parish Weekend 2013
February 8-10, 2013
Villa Marie Conference Center (Isle of Hope)

Please make plans to join us for our annual PARISH WEEK-END, February 8 – 10, 2013!! Just like last year, the 2013 Parish Weekend will coincide with our Founder's Day celebrations! This year's guest speaker for our entire weekend celebration will be The Rev. Dr. Scot Sherman (See bio below).

Please watch the bulletin for more information as we get closer to the date! If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or enthusiastic offers of assistance, please call Fr. Layne in the church office.

The Rev. Dr. Scott Sherman



Scot Sherman was one of the original pastors of Redeemer Church in Manhattan, and planted the Village Church in Greenwich Village, Manhattan. He also served as the Senior Pastor of a large urban church in Atlanta, Intown Community Church. Scott is passionately committed to the project of missional theology—restoring mission to its rightful place as the core identity of the church. His doctoral dissertation focused on the early ecumenical influence of the Anglican missionary-theologian Lesslie Newbigin.

He currently chairs the Worship Commission of the Reformed Church in America (RCA), serves on the editorial board of Perspectives Magazine, and chairs the leadership development team for the City Classis, a new missional structure enabling churches to flourish in cities. He is a co-founder of Newbigin House of Studies, serving as President. He is a graduate of Westminster Theological Seminary (M.Div.), Princeton Theological Seminary (Th.M), and the University of Wales (Ph.D). Scott and his wife have four boys.

Announcements

Are you called?

We are looking for people who would like to be part of the photography ministry. You do not need to be an expert photographer, you just need to love to take photographs! Our mission for this ministry is to create photographs that will enable others to experience the excitement and the presence and power of God through the art of photography.

If interested, please call Elizabeth Johnson (912-429-7600) or email (wrightjohnson@comcast.net).

Garage Sale

The 2nd Annual CCA Garage Sale, co-chaired by Diane Saturday and Helen Marshall, was held on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012. It was a very successful sale with over \$3,000 being raised for the CCA Building Fund. Many thanks are owed to the 35+ volunteers who helped set up the garage sale and price all the donated items, but especially to Karen Cooper who was the first volunteer to arrive each day and the last one to leave! The Co-Chairs are also very thankful for the many donations, the crowds of happy shoppers, the beautiful weather on Saturday, and for the hospitality of Grace Methodist Church.



Karen Cooper and Millie Northup work the checkout line.

Family Night Carol Sing

Be sure to put our next FAMILY NIGHT on your calendar for Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m. Following an all-church potluck supper - we supply the meat and drinks, you supply the rest: A-H Dessert; I-P Side Dish (starch/veggie); R-Z Salad.

Our Parish Musician, Mark Williams, will present a joyous and entertaining program of Christmas Carols in Story and Song... yes, with his infamous hats! Hope to see a big turnout as we join our voices in song and learn about our marvelous heritage of carols from many times and lands.

Palm Crosses

In anticipation of Ash Wednesday, Palm cross collection will take place Sundays, February 3 and 10th. Please return your blessed palms and crosses from last year to the baskets located on the front porch.



BY THE GRACE OF GOD
AND WITH THE CONSENT OF THE PEOPLE

THE RIGHT REVEREND NEIL G. LEBHAR

WILL ORDAIN

NATHAN ALLAN BISTIS

TO THE SACRED ORDER OF PRIEST
IN CHRIST'S ONE HOLY CATHOLIC
AND APOSTOLIC CHURCH

ON

SATURDAY, THE 2ND OF FEBRUARY
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
TWO THOUSAND AND THIRTEEN
AT 11 A.M.

ST. ANDREW'S REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH
608 HAMPTON AVENUE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA 31405

CLERGY: RED STOLES

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From The Rector

The Future and the Model

The Vestry of Christ Church Anglican, along with the Future of the Church Committee, has been working on the development of our future as a living, fruitful, congregation within the Anglican tradition that will be here for a long time with a powerful and productive mission. We are well on our way to fulfilling our financial obligations incurred through the recent litigation, and every indication tells us that we will satisfy those obligations by the end of the calendar year.

We are working on a new model of ministry that will re-shape our congregation to be more expressive of the Gospel, more efficient in its communication and more effective in its mission. This model has been presented to all interested parishioners and includes a Vestry that focuses on strategic, “big picture” concerns and a Parish Council that works primarily with the hands-on ministries of the parish. This model, in addition to new By-Laws, will offer a more faithful way of being the church God is calling us to be, all within the theologically healthy boundaries of our Province and Diocese. The By-Laws will be presented to the congregation at our Annual Parish Meeting for approval. This Meeting will take place sometime in the first quarter of 2013.

A Building Fund is already established, and a major capital campaign, headed by Bob Hallock, will be introduced early in the coming year.

Our future has a compelling choice before us: we will either shrink and decline in our numbers, influence, and ministry, or we will grow and expand in our mission and ministry as a congregation. I am clearly convinced God is calling us to grow. He continues to call gifted individuals to us who bring a sense of mission and service with them that cannot but enhance our parish life and increase our ministry of service, mission, evangelism, and discipleship.

Be in prayer for the Vestry, staff, and the Future of the Church Committee. May we all be endowed with extraordinary grace, and may we walk together into the New Year with faith and confidence in the God who is calling us into this amazing future.

Fr. Marc

***“And there is hope for your future,”
declares the Lord***

– Jeremiah 31:17a

From The Rector

If you think you are too small to make a difference, try spending the night in a closed room with a mosquito.

– African Proverb

We are approaching the New Year and it will prove to be a pivotal year for Christ Church Anglican.

As this article is being written, our finances look sound: we are in the black, and we have plans to be debt free by the end of the calendar year. 2013 will be the year we launch a major drive to raise funds for our future, to put concrete commitment behind all of the dreams of mission and ministry that God has given us as we move forward after a theological contest of almost a decade and a legal contest half that long. It is time to evaluate afresh our time, talent, and treasure, and to invest it in God's kingdom through our congregation.

Time

There is the old adage, "time is money." Look at time in this way: If we valued our time at just \$10 per hour, and we offered just one hour per week (beyond worship) to the mission and ministry of the Church, the 120 million professing Christians would be giving \$62 billion a year in service to our Lord. If American Christians offered two hours a day at \$10 an hour, that amount would be a staggering \$800 billion! In today's economic climate where we speak of deficits in the billions and trillions of dollars, these figures become incredibly significant. Please reconsider how you might invest your time in God's kingdom through your parish.

Talent

We at Christ Church Anglican are deliberately focusing on spiritual gifts – those grace-endowed abilities given us by the Holy Spirit for the specific purpose of building up the Body of Christ and making a difference in the world. If you would like assistance in discerning and deploying your spiritual gifts, please contact the parish office. We will be glad to put you in touch with those in our parish who are trained to assist you.

Austin Gutwein had the gift of shooting free throws. He decided to put that gift to use in helping children in Africa who suffered from AIDS. On World AIDS Day, Austin shot 2,057 free throws to represent the 2,057 kids who would be orphaned that very day by AIDS. People sponsored Austin in his effort, and he raised \$3,000 – enough to sponsor eight orphans.

After that, others caught Austin's vision and joined him in the mission, which was called Hoops for Hope. Since that first day of hoop-shooting, over \$500,000 has been raised for AIDS orphans which has supported several medical missionaries and the building of two medical labs in Africa to combat the dreaded disease.

What's your gift? How could you use it to be "salt and light" in our church and in our community?

Treasure

The challenges of our future will call for sacrificial giving. God will never overlook such a sacrifice. Raul Hernandez speaks of a gift given to World Vision by a 91-year old Latino woman named Ana. When Raul went by to receive her gift, he found her living in a humble, one-bedroom apartment in Miami with no air-conditioning. She related to him her testimony of being saved by the grace of Christ and experiencing God's miraculous healing through the ministry of Katherine Kuhlman. She then presented her gift to World Vision: five clipped lumps of twenty-dollar bills, totaling \$1,000. She told Raul, "I have this apartment, and I have been so blessed by the Lord that I want to bless those less fortunate than I... It's not much, but it's everything I have."

Our future will require more than just "skimming off the top." Even if we raise the money for our future needs by "skimming off the top," we will be come a "skimming off the top" kind of church, whether it be our time, our talent, or our treasure. That's not God's design for us. There are great things in our future, and they will require great responses. King David understood this principle when he said to King Araunah in 2 Samuel 24:24, "... I will not offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God which cost me nothing."

May we look carefully at our time, talent, and treasure, and may we offer it to Christ with joy and thanksgiving. As Richard Stearns tells us, "God never asks us to give what we do not have... But he cannot use what we will not give."

Fr. Marc

Year End Giving

Reminder...for IRS tax purposes, in order to receive credit for tax deductible contributions, all donations for 2012 must be postmarked or hand delivered to the church office no later than Monday, December 31st. (There is a letter slot in the door if the office is closed.) Checks in envelopes postmarked with a later date will be included as 2013 donations, even if the check is dated 2012. If you have any questions, please contact Joan Malley in the church office (912-355-7730).

Introducing

Dottie Courington



SNAPSHOT:

Favorite hero:

My mom, Dot Courington

Scripture verse:

Isaiah 26:3

3 items always in your refrigerator:

pickled okra, sangria and chocolate sauce

Silly peeve:

Overuse of e-mail and social media

Although Dottie was born in Savannah, she lived in various places for the first nine years of her life because her father was then a legal officer with the Marine Corps. After her family “retired” in Savannah, Dottie started attending Christ Church when a neighborhood girlfriend invited her to join her family at church services and other activities, including the girls’ choir (Dottie is now in the adult choir). Dottie found the language of the prayer book to be beautiful and inspiring although she says now that she couldn’t begin to understand its full meaning. Dottie was baptized and confirmed at Christ Church and attended Sunday School, remembering fondly two teachers in particular: Frank Bryson and a Mr. Sunday (maybe James?) but thinks in the 1960’s there wasn’t a class for high school students nor a very active youth program. There was, however, a dynamic Young Life program in Savannah at the time and Dottie was an active participant.

Dottie left Savannah at age 17 to attend Sweet Briar College in Virginia and after graduation, worked a couple of years in the banking and real estate world before enrolling at the University of Georgia School of Law. Like many young adults, she was drawn to the “more enlightened” charms of the world during those years and while still a “lukewarm” believer, wasn’t affiliated with any particular church. Only after she started practicing law in the Johnson Square area in 1977 did she start attending the Wednesday noon services in the chapel at Christ Church and remembers being welcomed by Phyllis Miller, a faithful minister to newcomers even then! In a couple of years she married Billy McGinley in that same chapel on a Saturday morning.

One of the many people with whom Dottie has practiced law over the years was Jay Gardner (our own Jim Gardner’s father).

Jay was an active member of St. Michael’s Episcopal Church as well as a Chancellor for the Diocese of Georgia. Through Jay, Dottie started doing some legal work for the Rev. Arthur Cody of St. Michael’s, and through that relationship started attending St. Michael’s. Also, through Jay, Dottie served as the Vice Chancellor of the Diocese, a title Billy still likes to tease her about. Dottie has many fond memories of St. Michael’s and its members. It was only when Dottie and Billy’s older son, Carl, started attending Christ Church youth group activities with some friends that Dottie became reacquainted with Christ Church.

The Christ Church Dottie returned to in the mid-90’s was very different from the one she remembered as a child but it was also one about to undergo even more changes. Dottie calls it a true revival, and in looking back, the timing seems closely related to the placing of Bibles in the pews of the Church! Slowly but certainly the same people who had been happy to have the Word read to them on Sunday started to read it themselves and to get together with other Church members to study and discuss, and the Holy Spirit was unleashed in Christ Church. And, in Dottie’s view, the unleashing continues; “thanks be to God!” On a personal level, Dottie became passionate about studying the Bible at about the same time, and will be forever grateful to Susan Moore and Ann Hallock for introducing her to the limitless excitement found in the Word of God.

And we’re grateful for her agreeing to write this column!

Introducing

Who will it be next issue?

This baby picture may give you a hint:



Editor's Note:

We hope to include this feature in each issue of our newsletter to introduce Church members to each other in an effort to "bind our friendships up." For its debut, we thought it best to start with the member whom we have asked to write the column for the near future: Dottie Courington. Because Dottie has identified one of her spiritual gifts as writing and editing (probably honed by 35 years of practicing transactional law and writing many legal documents), we asked her to begin writing for the newsletter, interviewing other members. For future editions we have a few parishioners in mind to be interviewed, but if you have any suggestions, please let Dottie know. She may be reached at dcourington@ifhlaw.com.

Stay In Touch!

As the newsletter is now being published quarterly, it becomes more and more important for us to stay in touch with the parish electronically with our weekly announcement emails. If you are not receiving these, please call Janet in the church office (912-355-7730) or email her at jstevenson@ccasav.org to make sure we have your correct address. For the past year and a half or so we have asked our Communication Leaders to stay in touch with "their" group when we send out electronic announcements. We plan to begin to send weekly notices directly to the parish from the office as soon as we can and are currently researching the best means to do this. We do not intend to "clutter" your in boxes but we do want to stay in touch! Please help us do that!

Joan Malley
Parish Administrator

Learning the Liturgy

Why Do We Do That?

Editor's Note:

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

We are headed into the season called "Advent" which leads to Christmas and Epiphany. What are these church seasons and how can they be faithfully observed?

"Advent" comes from the Latin word for "coming" and is an ancient observance of the Church that focuses on the Coming of Christ, both His first Coming (the Incarnation) and His Second Coming at the end of history. The biblical readings therefore focus on both themes, and you will find prophetic texts as well as other "apocalyptic" texts read for worship. ("Apocalyptic" refers to "end times.") The four weeks preceding Christmas constitute Advent.

Christians throughout the world observe Advent in various ways. One of the most popular observances is the Advent Wreath, a simple circular arrangement of greens with four candle holders, with a fifth candle in the center. The candles represent the four weeks of Advent and the fifth candle represents the Feast of the Incarnation (Christmas). The color of the candles vary with traditions, some being all purple, some being all white, some with three purple candles and one pink candle. There are multitudinous meanings explaining the candles and their color. The main theme is the light of Christ coming into the world.

Other observances include an Advent calendar, Jesse Tree, and other focused devotions. (Please see Fr. Layne's article in this newsletter for more resources.) In our public worship, Christ-Church Anglican will set apart Advent III for a special service of Lessons and Carols.

Christmas, also known as the Feast of the Incarnation (a title I am liking more and more as "Christmas" become so commercialized that its original meaning is now virtually lost on the public), is the celebration of Christ's birth, the coming of God to the world as a man, and the reflection of the profound meaning that has for all of humanity. Biblical lessons during this brief season tell of the immediate events prior to and after the birth of the baby Jesus, as well as Old Testament and New Testament texts that expand the meaning of the event itself.

At Christ Church Anglican, we observe a Christmas Pageant where our children and youth enact for us the biblical account of Christ's birth. In addition, we observe Christmas with a Christmas Eve Eucharist, which is most appropriate in experiencing the theological truth of the light of Christ dispelling the darkness of the world. A Christmas Day Eucharist is also offered.

Epiphany comes from the Greek word for "revelation," and tells of the message of Christ coming to the Gentiles and thus to all the world. The Wise Men, or Magi, were not actually present on Christmas Eve (in spite of what we may see on holiday cards!), but arrived significantly later when Jesus was perhaps a toddler and Mary and Joseph were in a house, not a stable (see Matthew 2:11). Epiphany is a "fixed feast," meaning its day is the same on the calendar (January 6th). The Sunday after Epiphany is usually set aside for the observance of Epiphany as well as the baptism of our Lord, and biblical texts describe God as the Lord of all the nations and the Gospel going forth into all the world. There is no official "Epiphany season," but rather the calendar after Epiphany Sunday is usually referred to as "Sundays after Epiphany," but the on-going themes of mission and God's global mission remain a focus.

Epiphany has often been the traditional season for house-blessings. Some families enjoy having "progressive dinners" where families go from house to house for a simple course of a meal and where the homes are blessed by a priest. Parishioners interested in having a house blessing should contact the parish office to make arrangements with the clergy.

Fr. Marc

ACF

Christ Church Anglican Births New Campus Fellowship



In the plenary opening of the newly developed **Anglican Campus Fellowship Handbook**, the Rev. Dr. Justyn Terry of Trinity Seminary writes:

College years are often the most influential years of our lives. Students are in the transition from the world of their parents to the world of their future. Who will they be? What will they do? What principles will guide them?

Today's students face many competing pressures. There are the enticements of secularism in both its modern and post-modern forms that suggest we can live as we please without reference to God. And there are other religions to be explored and discovered which offer alternative visions of God or the gods. In the midst of the disorientation of leaving home and the demands of student life, it is easy to get lost or overwhelmed. Things that were taken for granted growing up can be taken for granted no more.

It is therefore very important that the Christian Church takes seriously student life and pays close attention to the spiritual needs of these future leaders. All those who have been involved with raising children in the life of the church will want to see them continue to grow as Christ's disciples during their years as a student. We will also want those who have not yet heard the Christian gospel have it presented to them in a compelling way, see it lived out in the student body, and become disciples of Jesus themselves.

Anglicanism has a strong tradition of serious scholarship and of paying close attention to the world of the mind. It is therefore very much at home on student campuses. Many of the most outstanding Christian scholars of our day are Anglicans. We have a major contribution to make in the development of the minds of students.

The Anglican Communion is also proving very attractive at the moment to many young people who are rediscovering its biblical liturgy that provides words to express their deepest prayers. They are also finding fresh resources to develop them as people of worship and to help them be formed in the Christian life.

In addition, Anglicanism has strong ecumenical commitments at its roots. Through the work of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer and others in the sixteenth century, it brings the insights of the Reformation into the life of the Catholic Church. Justification is by faith that results in a life of good works but is not brought

about by those good works. It is a tradition that is able to hold together word and sacrament, past and present, mind and heart. It has been described as Reformed Catholicism, and as such offers a strongly ecumenical vision to young people weary of the denominational divisions of their parents.

At this time of great challenges and opportunities, it is vitally important that the Anglican Church undertakes ministry on college campuses. It matters for the life of the students. It matters for the life of the colleges. And it matters for the Church that wants to see mature lay and ordained leadership developing in the colleges across the land.

To this end, Anglican Campus Fellowship (ACF) is being formed to glorify Christ Jesus and advance His kingdom through bringing a uniquely Anglican presence to the University culture. In particular, through a relational priestly presence, Biblical studies, opportunities for service, and meaningful worship, ACF will seek to establish the beauty of Anglican worship, thought and culture amongst students and faculty. Additionally, in line with the Anglican Church in North America's vision of church planting, ACF will seek to partner in God's call to develop the next generation of Anglican leaders (be it future priests, deacons, seminary professors or lay leaders) while relationally engaging with the lost in order to bring the light of the Gospel into the dark places in joyful service to God's kingdom.

This is a challenging and strategic time for the life of God's people throughout Western culture yet, a time that presents tremendous opportunity to engage humanity with the only drink that will satisfy their thirst and longing. Through the leadership of Christ Church Anglican, a new campus ministry is being born that stands to winsomely engage secular Academia and those under its influence through the Christ-centered depth and richness of Anglican life and thought, while at the same time offering strategic aid to a newly formed denomination that stands for all that is true, good and beautiful! Please join in prayer for ACF as it grows and develops into a ministry that will impact the lives of real students with real questions all to the glory of Christ and the advancement of His kingdom.



Chip Welch
Director
Anglican Campus Fellowship

Mission and Outreach

Dennisons Continue Serving in Uganda



Praise the Lord! Greetings from the Dennison family! We returned to Uganda from our 3-month stay in the states at the end of June, and hit the ground running. We thank God for the wonderful visit and for a nice welcome home in Uganda.

Brian continues to serve in the Faculty of Law. This year he has over 130 students in his Clinical Legal Education class. Students in this class serve their community in response to God's call to justice. Student clinical service projects include assisting International Justice Mission in their fight against those who are grabbing land from widows and orphans, and helping lawyers from Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity represent juveniles in criminal case. In addition to clinical program activities, Brian is coaching moot court teams, teaching other classes and completing work on Uganda's first legal ethics class and textbook - which will be offered at Uganda Christian University in January. It is a busy and fruitful time.

Sunday School coordination has become a big focus for our family this fall. Mary Jane is the new coordinator of the Sunday School Program at Uganda Christian University. We have about 150 children that are a part of our Sunday School family. Each Saturday all of the teachers gather on our front porch to prepare for Sunday morning's lesson. Sunday School also includes coordinating trainings and prayer days for the teachers, as well as the Christmas play and Christmas party. There is always work to be done to help make the program better! It is a bit overwhelming at times, but at the same time a blessing to be involved in children's ministry at UCU. God has his ways of keeping the load light!

We are hosting Mary Chowenhill, a SAMS short-term missionary -also known as a Bridger-in December. Mary will lead (with our help!) a VBS for our Sunday School children. The hope is

that it will be a VBS model, and that we will be able to hold other VBS's following the first one, which will take place December 18-23. The VBS is a safari theme, which is perfect for Uganda! We are really excited to see this dream come to pass after many years of envisioning a VBS for Ugandan children-God is good and we are so thankful that He opened wide the door for such a mission opportunity.

Charlotte and David are enjoying home school this year, with lots of emphasis on American history. Robert loves his time a few days a week of "school" with the Bartel's family's tutor, Miss Becky. Carol keeps the house lively-as any stubborn 2-year-old does!

Our biggest prayer request is for Mugisha, a 14 year-old-boy with cancer. Mugisha is our helper, Beatrice's only son, and this past year we have seen him go through chemo, a short remission, followed by a return of the cancer. He will finish a month of daily radiation by mid-November. Then we wait to see if that has successfully cured him. There are not many other options in Uganda following this round of radiation for a cure. We are praying fervently for God's healing for Mugisha, and humbly ask that you join us.

We enjoy listening to Christ Church Anglican's online sermons. Know we are with you in prayers and in spirit. Our plan is to come back for our next visit in the spring of 2014. It is difficult to be away from home for 2 years, but we are comforted by our regular visits from Clark and Carol Smith. They will be back in February, and as part of their mission are coordinating a retreat for all SAMS missionaries serving in Uganda.

May your season be filled with joy in the celebration of Christ's birth.

Thank you, as always, for your prayers, facebook messages, love and support.

We could not be serving in Uganda without you!

Soli Deo Gloria!

The Dennison Family

Brian, Mary Jane, Charlotte, David, Robert and Carol
dennisonsinuganda@spaces.com

Mission and Outreach

McNeals Return from India

Back in August we accepted an invitation to join a prayer mission team to India led by Julian Linell with Anglican Frontier Missions. On October 4th we left for our destination, the state of Gujarat in the north western part of India near the Pakistan border. We arrived in Rajkot on the morning of the 6th with our other 12 team members and were immediately introduced to Indian traffic, which can best be described as one near miss after another. We met our in country hosts, Bob and Lucy and learned of their dedicated ministry to some of the unreached people groups in their area such as the Charan. The Charan, largely uneducated, live on the outskirts of the city in tents. The men herd and milk water buffalo and the women handle all of the daily household tasks of tent building, hauling water, food preparation, and caring for the children. Bob and Lucy meet with them weekly, share meals, help with their daily issues and offer to pray to Jesus for healing of their illnesses. Although there have been some miraculous healings that have led the Charan to want to know more about “this Jesus”, after 10 years, there has still been no significant breakthrough in the Charan converting to Christianity. As a group we prayed that God would remove the barriers that are keeping these people in bondage to their Hindu gods. “...God our savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” 1 Timothy 2:4

After 2 days in Rajkot we took the train to the city of Dwarka on the Arabian Sea, one of India’s holiest sites. Dwarka was a shock to the senses of sight, sound and smell with so many animals and pilgrims on the streets, sidewalks and public areas. The ancient temple to the god Shiva is located here and many Hindus come from all over India to worship. There is also a small tidal river here that Hindus say is holy because they believe it is part of the Ganges, even though the Ganges is located hundreds of miles away. Pilgrims make offerings to river and bathe in its waters. We saw first hand just how devoutly religious so many of the Hindus are. We had a time of prayer and worship by the sea and asked that God, who loves these people and wants them to come to Him, would move and bring down the barriers. That night some of the team members began to come down with an intestinal virus. In another two days everyone would be sick.

From Dwarka we took a bus to Junegadh. In addition to Hindus, Junegadh has a large Muslim population as well as smaller numbers of Jains and Sadhus, a small Hindu sect that live naked in the forest. There are also about 9000 Siddis who are descended from Africans that were brought to India by the Muslim slave

traders over a thousand years ago. They are often referred to as “the lost tribe of Africa.” In Junegadh we went to an old Muslim fort on the top of a hill and passed by ancient caves dug by Buddhist monks. We saw an old mosque and mausoleum built by a Mogul, one of the Muslim kings. Across the valley we could see the Jain mountaintop temple known as the temple of 10,000 steps. From this vantage point we prayed scripture over all the false religions represented in this area. We prayed that soon there would be a strong, vibrant Christian church reaching out to these people. Bob’s words came back to us, “the more we pray, the more God moves.”

The next day we took the train to Ahmedabad, the third fastest growing city in the world, with a population of 7 million. There we met with Bishop Christian, the newly appointed Anglican bishop, a 6th generation Christian himself. He discussed some of the obstacles the church in India has, such as it being illegal to evangelize to the Hindus. Even so, he was enthusiastic over the progress the church was making in some areas. On Sunday we attended church at the CNI, Church of Northern India. Julian was the guest preacher. After church we were treated to lunch and a presentation on the outreach CNI was doing for Dalit children, who are lowest in the Indian caste system. In 1952 it became illegal to discriminate against the lower castes, but that is largely ignored in many parts of the country. In some schools they are treated horribly not only by the teachers, but by the other students. Their plan is to open hundreds of schools for the Dalits only. This will allow them not only to be educated, but treated with human dignity and hopefully have the opportunity to accept Jesus.

From Ahmedabad we flew to Delhi, our last stop. The size of Delhi, 18 million, was overwhelming. We had never seen such crowded



streets and sidewalks as those in Old Delhi. Also overwhelming was the sheer human suffering seen in the number of beggars on the streets. We took a day trip to the Taj Mahal, which was really our only tourist outing. Most of us had gotten over our stomach ailments by this time. The next night our flight back to the states left at 2:30 in the morning. We had to be at the airport by 12 a.m. so there was not time for sleep. We realize that our view of missions has changed since India. Claude Hickman said it best in our follow-up guide. “There are some facts that will change your life forever...a person allows God to interrupt his or her life - and this is where missionaries come from, just normal people who allow God to interrupt their lives.”

Melly and Frank McNeal

Family Prayers for Advent

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Parent Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
Family Who has made heaven and earth.
Parent Let us pray

O God, by Whose Word all things are made holy, pour forth Your blessings upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O God, bless our wreath and be with us as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. As we light the candle each day, help us to keep our own hearts burning with love for you. *Amen.*

The following prayers are meant for use every day during the weeks of Advent, beginning with the first Sunday. Your dinnertime or bedtime will be blessed with this simple ritual. Light the candles on the Advent wreath, read a portion of scripture, then the father or mother says the prayer.

Family Prayers for Advent

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 11:1-10 / Luke 1:26-38 / Isaiah 7:10-14
 Matthew 1:18-24

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Micah 5:2 / Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11 / Isaiah 2:1-5
 Matthew 3:1-6

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT SUGGESTED SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Isaiah 9:6-7 / John 1:19-34
 Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 / Philippians 2:1-11

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT Suggested Scripture Readings:

Malachi 3:1-5 / Romans 8:18-25
 Isaiah 52:7-10 / Revelation 21:1-4

Visit us, O LORD, we pray, with your power and great might come to our aid, because through our sins and wickedness, we are severely hindered in running the race that is set before us, may your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our savior, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Family Prayers for Christmas

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

Gather around the unlighted Christmas tree.

Parent “Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind.” (Ez. 17:22-23)

Parent The Lord be with you.

Family And with your spirit.

Parent Let us pray

Heavenly Father, Your Own Son is the tender shoot that grew to become a majestic cedar. As birds find safety in the giant branches, so we find shelter and comfort in Your Son. We thank You for sending us Jesus, our Tree of Life. *Amen.*

Lord God, bless this tree in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. May it remind us throughout this holy season that Jesus is our Tree of Life (Turn on the tree lights). May this tree also remind us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. *Amen.*

End your service by singing a favorite carol or hymn.

Family Prayers for Christmas Day

Parent Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. *Luke 2:10, 11*

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. *John 1: 14*

Scripture Reading

A parent or an older child may read St Luke’s account of the nativity story (Luke 2: 1-20), or the prophet Isaiah foretells the coming of Jesus, the Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:2, 6, 7).

Collects for Christmas Day

Parent The Lord be with you.

Family And with your spirit.

Parent Let us pray

Almighty God, you have given your onlybegotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born this day of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and forever. *Amen.*

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

A Christmas Prayer for the Family

Jesus, our most loving redeemer, You came to enlighten the world through Your teaching, Your Holy life, death and resurrection. You willed to spend the greater part of Your life in humble obedience to Mary and Joseph in the poor home of Nazareth.

In this way, You sanctified that family, which was to be an example for all Christian families. Graciously accept our family, which we dedicate and consecrate to You this day. Be pleased to protect, guard, and keep us in holy fear, in peace, and in the harmony of Christian charity. Conform ourselves to the Divine model of Your family, that we may attain to Your eternal happiness. *Amen.*

Conclude by singing ‘Happy Birthday’ to Jesus and/or ‘Joy to the World’

Youth Ministry

I asked the Youth and Volunteers to share with us a window into their experience with the CCA Youth Ministry. Here are a few of their responses:

The world views the Bible as “a good book.” If I, as a believer, am going to be able to stand for the Gospel, then I need to know that the Bible is more than just a collection of great literature and extravagant stories. The class we are currently taking in youth Sunday school provides us with concrete historical facts of how we got the Bible. As my faith in the reliability of the Bible is strengthened, so my faith in the God of the Bible is fortified. I’m looking forward to upcoming lessons on studying and applying the Bible to my own life.

Luke Cobb (11th grade)

Finally! The girls got a shot at playing Ultimate Frisbee, rather than the guys having all the fun to themselves. We enjoyed playing volleyball and Ultimate at Forsyth Park, and getting to know each other’s level of competitiveness. I have also enjoyed the James study with girls on Thursday nights because I have become closer with them, and the study has given me a new perspective into Scripture.

Arianna Cobb (9th grade)

I think my age makes me a natural candidate to be asked to participate with the Youth Group. Nonetheless I am glad I have been asked to help out as I’ve enjoyed getting to know members of the church I wouldn’t have otherwise met. Also, being in a teaching position under Katie’s guidance has brought a new experience to Bible study for me.

Alec Riddley (adult volunteer)

I chose to help out with the youth ministry after being a volunteer for youth service week over the summer. So far it’s been a very humbling experience mentoring our youth, and in a way it’s strengthening my daily walk with the Lord.

Jason Akpolo (adult volunteer)

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Over the past many months we have had a few adults volunteer their time with the youth ministry. These individuals give of their time and leadership during the Sunday School hour by helping lead small groups with the teens. They also occasionally join us for social and service events at other times. On behalf of the Youth and Families of our church THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers. May the Lord bless your ministry and encourage you as you serve Him. Thank you!



SUNDAY SCHOOL

This past Fall our Sunday School series has focused on learning more about the Basics of the Bible. As we move into Advent and Christmas our classes will spend time examining the story and preparing for the Pageant. Although many of us have grown up with the gospel accounts of Christ’s birth, we can get overly comfortable with the mystery of God becoming man. We will be examining the cultural context and setting of the Christmas story as well as delve a bit deeper into some of the characters that experienced this historical event first hand. We hope that these times of study will help prepare our hearts for worship in both the Pageant and in the Christmas season as a whole.

After taking off 2 Sundays for Christmas and New Years, Sunday School will begin again on January 6th in a series entitled “The Ministry of Jesus according to Mark.” This series will give us an opportunity to put into practice the tools that we learned about in our fall series about the

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Bible. It will also pick up with the narrative of the life of Christ while we move from Epiphany into Lent. The series explores the main topics of the Gospel of Mark including the purpose of Christ's ministry on earth, what it means to be His disciple, and how we are to live out the Kingdom of God in our lives today. Our study will conclude with the beginning of the Easter season, remembering Christ's death, celebrating His resurrection and being challenged by the call to live for Him.

Please come join us for Youth Sunday School from 10:45 - 11:45 in the Administration Building Basement. Although this class is designed for 6th - 12th graders, we are looking for more godly adult volunteers to join our Sunday morning team. We specifically have needs for the upcoming Spring quarter. If you love the Lord, have a heart for youth, and sense that God may be calling you to serve Him in this way, please contact Katie Beaumont.

SMALL GROUPS

Over the past Fall our aim has been to organize mid-week small groups for our Youth. The main success we found with this was a small group of High School girls gathering once a week to study the book of James. While these times were rich and meaningful for those of us that could participate, mid-week Small Groups proved to be difficult for the majority of our Youth. Our desire is to move in the directions where God is blessing us, rather than to bull-doze ahead in areas that *we think* He should be working. What we noticed was that our Sunday School attendance has been consistently high and that God was providing godly adult volunteers not to help in mid-week studies, but to help on Sunday mornings.



What is the result? Youth Small Groups taking place on Sunday mornings! After a shorter Sunday School lesson where all Youth (6th-12th) are gathered together, we break up into smaller groups divided by age and gender. These focused times are a simple way to incorporate the benefits of a small group into Sunday morning. Groups have a brief discussion on the lesson that they all just heard and then share prayer requests and pray for each other. The groups are led by our Adult volunteers and have become a great way to connect on a more intimate level with the Youth. Thank You Lord! Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow and develop where God is blessing us.

1ST SATURDAY SOCIALS AND SERVICE DAYS

The 1st Saturday of every month the Youth gather for fun and fellowship at a SOCIAL or SERVICE event. The upcoming 1st Saturdays are as follows:

Dec. 1st	Christmas Party
Jan. 5th	Movie Night
Feb. 2nd	Epiphany Progressive Dinner
Mar. 2nd	Service Project TBA

If you would like to help host any of the above events in your home (especially the Movie Night and the Progressive Dinner), please contact Katie Beaumont. Some of these events are not possible without your kind hospitality. Thank you!

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A NOTE TO PARENTS:

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING

There is a massive misunderstanding taking place in youth ministries all over the country. It can be seen in rural, suburban, and urban contexts. It is present in small, medium, and large churches. The confusion is pervasive, and the consequences can be severe. What is this misunderstanding? Simple: the question of what is the most important thing in a youth ministry. Let me illustrate the point. Take thirty seconds, remove your eyes from this Newsletter, and ask yourself: What does a ministry to youth need more than anything else? Go ahead...do it!

Okay. What did you come up with? I've composed a list of some of the most common answers:

- Teens (obviously)
- A dynamic youth leader, volunteers, and student leadership team
- A building with a gym, a sound system, a church bus
- A relationship with local schools
- Trips and Events
- Bible Studies and Small Groups
- A great worship band
- Powerful teaching
- Creativity

All of these things are great and some of those things are quite helpful, but none of these are what I would call the most important thing. And it is this misunderstanding that is harming many ministries all over the country.

If someone pinned me down and made me choose between (1) a youth ministry with dedicated meeting space that was top-notch, a slammin' worship band every week, and a volunteer workforce of 20-something college kids that teenagers loved OR (2) a youth ministry with an ordinary space that we shared with no available musicians, no 20-somethings, and no great equipment...but we would have a hundred parents who were sold out to the Lord, discipling their kids, and supporting what we do, the choice would be a simple one...

Door number two, please. And every youth director who has been doing this for more than about three months would pick the parents, too.

Without parents who are under girding the values of the Scriptures at home, what change can we possibly affect as a ministry in a couple hours each week? Without parents who are teaching the Bible at home, how much Bible can we actually cram into a student's head and heart over the course of a year? If a parent is not taking on the role of spiritual leader in their kids' life, our attempts to do that will (usually) fall flat on their face once a kid graduates from high school.

The most important thing is also the most effective thing - church and home partnering together to disciple sons and daughters in the faith.

My heart is to minister *with* you, not *around* you. But, how does this begin? Start simple...Ask your son or daughter about what they are learning in Sunday School and share with them what God taught you that morning as well. Engage them in conversation about the things of the Lord throughout the week. Model a life lived for Christ in the home (a life characterized by prayer, the study of scripture, and the gospel). Pause and consider what your children observe in you week to week and ask God to lead and guide you through this process.

If you ever need to talk to me, ever have a question, or ever need some help, contact me (see info below.) I intend to have some upcoming Parent Gatherings where we can discuss this further and be a support to each other as Christian parents. Until then, can you make the Youth Ministry's most important thing one of your most important things? In doing so, we are pointing students to Christ more effectively - something all of us want to do.

Blessings,
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Children's Ministry

****Tear this page out of your newsletter and keep it in the car for on-the-go Benchmark practice.****

3 & 4 Years Old

Answers to Shorter Catechism Questions # 6-8, 10

6. Is there more than one true God?

No. There is only one true God.

7. In how many Persons does this one God exist?

In three Persons.

8. Name these three Persons.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

10. Where is God?

God is everywhere.

Pre-Kindergarten-Kindergarten

The Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6: 9-13)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

1st-2nd Grade

Psalm 23: 5-6

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

⁶Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

3rd-5th Grade

Psalm 119: 89-90

⁸⁹Forever, O LORD, Your Word is settled in heaven.

⁹⁰Your faithfulness endures to all generations; You established the earth, and it abides.



Nursery Needs

Our nurseries are in need of several more volunteers. We currently need volunteers both during the church hour and during Sunday School. Contact Meg Welch to inquire (912-355-7730; mwelch@ccasav.org).



Steve Mauney, a faithful nursery volunteer, enjoys the company of J. Peter Hansen.

Dates to Remember

- Jan. 27** Teacher Training for all children's Sunday School teachers, past, present, and future. We'll meet in the chapel during Sunday School for collaboration, leadership and support.
- Feb. 8-9** Parish Weekend with special teaching and activities for children
- Feb. 17** Benchmark Presentation
- June 24-28** Save the date for Vacation Bible School: It's not too early to sign up to volunteer and get first choice. We need teachers, teacher assistants, volunteers for crafts, snacks, games, set up, clean up, etc. Contact Emily Stubbs at 507-8754 or emilyandjoet@yahoo.com to inquire.

Adult Ministry

Women's Ministry

New Beginnings

A New Year conjures up refreshing ideas and hope for new beginnings in our personal and spiritual lives. If you are looking for some advice on good health, meal planning and daily spiritual discipline, join the Women's Ministry on Saturday, January 12th, 6:30 pm at the home of nutritionist, Amy Cobb, where we will start off the New Year encouraged, determined and ready to embark on a healthier 2013.

Tuesday, December 11

2 - 7 p.m.

Come join us for a Christmas Social and Santa's Silent Auction.

Shop for that unique Christmas gift...art, jewelry, gift bags, vacation trips, and much more.

Bring a friend and enjoy refreshments and fellowship while browsing for that special gift.

15 Breezy Palm Way in Palmetto Row off Norwood Avenue.

Tuesday, February 5

6 p.m. hosted by Gay Park

Soup and Guest Speaker

Join us for soup and an evening with Christian author Charlotte Pindar, sharing with us "From Age to Age...God's plans for the seasons of Women's Lives"

Men's Ministry



(left to right: Adam Ragsdale, Layne Hansen, Nathan Hewitt, Brent Beaumont, Frank McNeal)

This past year, the men of Christ Church Anglican went on two very successful 4-day hikes in Pisgah National Forest -- one in May, another in September (see adjacent photo). Each hike was close to 45 miles in total length. We returned sore and exhausted, but closer to the Lord and to each other. We gathered for an enjoyable Oktoberfest Beer Tasting, organized by our own beer specialist, Chef/Deacon Greg Malley. Upcoming events include a Wine Tasting with wives, Movie Night, Work Day, and a Father/Child Overnight Camping Trip.

Sunday School

**GOSPEL CHRISTIANITY II:
Gospel & the World
January 6th - March 24th
2nd Floor of the
Administration Building**

GOSPEL CHRISTIANITY is a series of three classes designed to shape the heart, mind and life of disciples of Jesus here at Christ Church. The first class, **The Gospel and the Heart**, addressed basics of Christian faith: *What is the Gospel? Who is Jesus? Why did He die? What's wrong with us?*

This second class, **The Gospel and the World**, addresses questions like: *How do Christians relate to Jesus, to other Christians, to their neighbors and those who hurt them?* We will also consider a Christians understanding of money, marriage and work.

This series of classes is recommended for adults interested in being confirmed, for those wanting to become members of Christ Church Anglican, and for those in positions of leadership in the parish. You won't be disappointed!

**LIVING IN A PLURALISTIC SOCIETY II:
A Study of Judges,
Daniel & Joseph
January 6th - March 24th
3rd Floor of the Whitaker
Street Building**

Individual Christians work and live among a great variety of gods - not only those of other formal religions, but also the gods of wealth, celebrity, pleasure, ideology, achievement. Christians reading Judges today must ask:

-How can we be sure to follow God rather than the idols of our society and neighbors?

-How can we renew ourselves when we fail or fall?

Join us for this study of Judges, Daniel and Joseph as we examine idolatry and our culture.

**MARRIAGE 101
January 6th - March 24th
4th Floor of the Whitaker
Street Building**

Please join **"Marriage 101"**, a 12 week marriage course intended for pre-marital work as well as marriage enrichment. We will meet Sunday mornings from 10:45–11:45 a.m., beginning January 6th, and continuing through March 24th. The total cost of this course is \$94.00 per couple. Here is how this cost breaks down. For \$29.95, each couple will take an online assessment called "The Couple Check-up". Each couple will also purchase a Marriage Kit for \$64.00. This kit includes the following:

Healing The Hurt in Your Marriage
- Dr. Gary & Barbara Rosberg

The Total Money Makeover
- Dave Ramsey

After You Say "I Do" Devotional
- H. Norman Wright

The 5 SEX Needs of Men & Women
- Dr. Gary & Barbara Rosberg

-Family History Analysis

-Making Marriage Work
- 3 Sessions on Audio CD

As you may know, the average wedding in America today costs over **\$25,000.00**. The average person spends more time learning to drive than learning how to have a successful marriage. I hope and pray you will make this important investment in your marriage and future, to help your marriage become the blessing Christ intends it to be. Please speak with Fr. Layne if you need assistance to help cover the cost of this class.

Music Ministry

Give the Gift of Music

THREE NEW CD'S ON SALE NOW FROM OUR MUSIC MINISTRY!



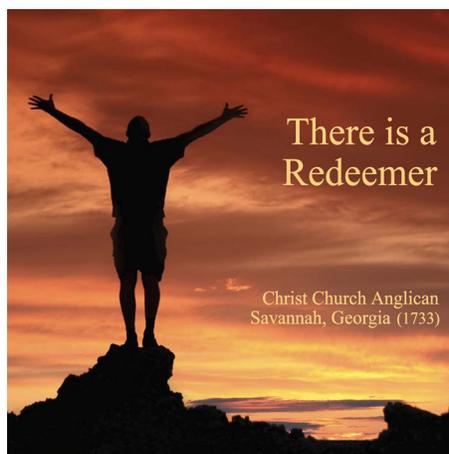
Come Unto Me

(Newly released, October 2012!)

Chris Kohut solo album

(Lute, Arch Guitar, Wooden Flute, Violin, Vocals)

This highly acclaimed artist from within our congregation offers his talents on this truly exceptional CD. Music includes great hymns of the faith, Irish and English folk songs for flute, and Renaissance lute pieces. Chris regularly offers his talents at the closing of our Compline service each Sunday night.



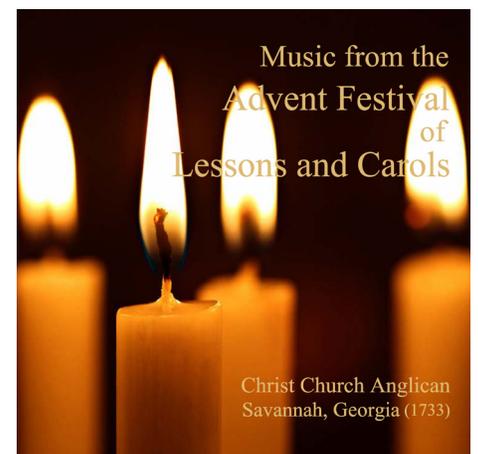
There is a Redeemer

(Newly released, November 2012!)

The Folk Group

(Violin, Flute, Penny Whistle, Cello, Piano, 12-string Guitar, Bass, Vocals)

The newest offering from our church's instrumental ensemble includes scripture songs, hymns, and choruses from the best of their repertoire.



Music from the Advent Festival of Lessons & Carols

(Newly released, December 2012!)

Parish Choir with Orchestra

(Choristers, Bells, Compline Choir, and Folk Group)

A fine recording to add meaning and zest to your Advent and Christmas holiday. A compilation of the "best of" from the past 12 years of Lessons and Carols, this CD is a must! (Note: This is the much-requested reissue of the CD included in the Lessons and Carols DVD/CD dual-disk package as a single CD)

On sale now on the front lawn following 9 a.m. worship, from the church office, or online from the church website.

Terrific stocking stuffers!

Christmas Pageant

Casting Call for Christmas Pageant!

Join us as we retell the story of Jesus' birth! At Christ Church Anglican our Christmas Pageant isn't merely a holiday tradition or production, it is an opportunity to learn and reflect upon our savior's incarnation. During the month of December our children and youth Sunday School classes will be learning about the Christmas story in more depth than ever!

On December 16, Father Layne will gather all of the Sunday School classes together in the chapel for a joint teaching that will provide greater context and prepare their hearts for the roles they will play in telling the story of Christ's birth.

The last day for youth to sign up is **December 2**

For the remaining participants the last day to sign up is **December 9** during Sunday School and after church. We will also need parent volunteers to help get children into costumes, supervise during rehearsals and set up lunches when provided.

SCHEDULE:

December 2

9 - 10:45 a.m.

Middle and High School cast will rehearse during Sunday School

December 16

10:45 a.m.

Joint teaching for all Sunday School classes in chapel

12 - 1:30 p.m.

Entire cast with the exception of the sheep in the chapel

*Lunch provided in the fellowship Hall

December 21

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Dress rehearsal for ENTIRE CAST

*Lunch provided in the Fellowship Hall

December 22

5 p.m.

Prayer and preparation for middle and high school cast

5:30 p.m.

5th grade and below cast arrives

6 p.m.

Pageant in the chapel!

CAST:

2-4 Year Olds:

Sheep

1st/2nd Grade:

Townspeople

Middle and High School:

Main Cast

Pre K- K:

Angels

3rd- 5th Grade:

Shepherds

For questions or more information,
please contact Stephanie Lynch at
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Parish Life Calendar

December

- 2** *First Sunday breakfast*
11:45 a.m.
IPC Fellowship Hall Topic: Parish
Forum: Stewardship & Our Future Q & A
- 6** *Family Night*
6 p.m.
IPC Fellowship Hall
Carol Sing!
- 9** *Stewardship Ingathering*
(return your pledge card!)
Joint Adult Sunday School
10:30 AM IPC Chapel
Presenter: Scott Sherman
- 11** *WCCA Christmas Social*
2 – 7 PM
Diane Saturday's
Silent Auction
- 15** *Choir Rehearsal*
3:00 PM
IPC Nave
- 16** *Lessons & Carols*
9 AM
IPC Nave
Pageant Rehearsal
Noon
IPC Chapel
- 21** *Pageant Dress Rehearsal*
10 AM-Noon
IPC Chapel
- 22** *Christmas Pageant*
6 PM
IPC Chapel
- 24** *Christmas Eve Service*
8:30 PM
Seasonal Music
9 PM
Holy Eucharist
- 25** *Christmas Day Service*
10 AM
St. Andrew's REC
Hampton Ave.

January

- 6** *First Sunday Breakfast*
11:45 AM
IPC Fellowship Hall
- 12** *New Beginnings*
6:30 PM
Cobb Residence

February

- 2** *Nathan Bistis Ordination
to the Priesthood*
11 AM
St. Andrew's REC
- 3** *First Sunday Breakfast*
11:45 AM
IPC Fellowship Hall
Guest: Freddy & Heather Cook
(see article below)
- 13** *Ash Wednesday*
Noon
St. Andrew's REC
7 PM
St. Andrew's REC

Who is Freddy Cook?

For many months, we prayed during worship for Freddy Cook, the son-in-law of Christ Church Anglican member Laurie Bourne. Freddy's story of faith and healing is a wonderful testimony to the healing hand of God and the fruit of the ministry of intercession. Freddy and his wife, Heather, will join us as special guests for our February Parish Breakfast, February 2nd and relate to us their remarkable story. Mark your calendars to be present for this wonderful time of thanksgiving and celebration! As usual, the Parish Breakfast will take place in the Fellowship Hall of IPC immediately following Sunday School (which ends at 11:45 a.m.).

Parish Life Calendar

Christmas at Christ Church Anglican

December 16

Advent Lessons & Carols
9 AM
IPC Nave
Pageant Rehearsal
Noon
IPC Chapel

December 21

Pageant Dress Rehearsal
10 AM-Noon
IPC Chapel

December 22

Christmas Pageant
6 PM
IPC Chapel

December 24

Seasonal Music
8:30 PM
IPC Nave
Holy Eucharist
9 PM
IPC Nave

December 25

Holy Eucharist
10 AM
St. Andrew's REC

The Church office will be closed beginning at noon on Christmas Eve and will reopen on Thursday, December 27th. We will close again at noon on December 31st and reopen Wednesday, January 2nd.

In case of a pastoral emergency when the office is closed, please contact one of our clergy on their cell phones.



The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Advent Festival of Lessons and Carols, famously begun at King's College England in the 1920's, will be presented by all of the choirs of Christ Church on Sunday, December 16 at our 9 a.m. worship service. The story of the fall of humanity, the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus are told in nine short Bible readings from Genesis, the prophetic books and the Gospels, interspersed with the singing of Christmas carols, hymns and choir anthems. You won't want to miss this most beautiful and holy celebration of the coming of the Christ Church in both scripture and song.



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