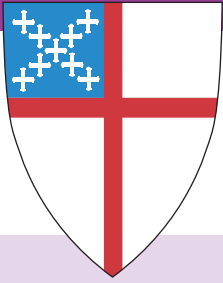


# The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

May 2009



## Mark Your Calendar

**May 1 - 2**

Relay for Life..

PLEASE JOIN ONLINE!

[www.relayforlife.org/  
lowndescounty](http://www.relayforlife.org/lowndescounty)

**May 3**

Book Exchange

**May 9**

Second Saturday  
Eucharist

**May 9 - 10**

Silent Auction for  
Dominican Republic Trip

**May 21**

Preschool Graduation

**May 25**

Memorial Day  
Office Closed

**May 28**

Feast of the Ascension  
6 PM Service followed by  
Men-in-Blue BBQ

**May 31**

Feast of Pentecost

[www.christchurch  
valdosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org)



*On this day we gather before dawn, as did the women at the tomb of our Lord. In the darkened church we receive candles, small points of light in the darkness. We are called to worship.*

The Easter Vigil began at 6 a.m. with these words. The forty-one parishioners and choir members witnessed the lighting of the Paschal candle, the new light kindled and blessed. Throughout the day over 450 congregants at five services heard the good news that Christ is risen and that he gave his life to redeem us.

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## The Vineyard On the Web

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## The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to [<juliacaraiil@bellsouth.net>](mailto:juliacaraiil@bellsouth.net) or phone 229-559-7329.

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The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Priest  
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Patricia Marks, Deacon

Molly Greneker, Parish Secretary

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Jessica Israels, St. Gregory

Choir Director

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St. Francis Choir Leaders

Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter

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## Vestry Report from March 16, 2009 Meeting

- Received update from the Junior Warden on the removal of items from the Miller House. The commercial dishwasher has been removed from the Parish Hall kitchen and the acolyte vestments have been moved to that area. A storage building has been purchased to store other items so that Louttit Hall does not become crowded.

- Reviewed progress of the building project. Tom Carroll reported that the second phase of the architect's plans is due in several weeks. The plans will be more detailed, to include parking. Sandra Fletcher reviewed the project overview statement that has been written for First Community Development, our fundraising consultants, to use during interviews and surveys being conducted with members of the congregation. The Facilities Committee members will conduct forums between the services on March 22 and March 29 to answer questions from interested parishioners.

- Received report from Fr. Peter. The office has leased a new copier with additional functionality. Reviewed the church calendar for the next 30 days.

- Received report from The Rev. Tar. Saturday night eucharist



Pepi Nelson, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

will resume May 9th. A silent auction to raise funds for the Dominican Mission trip will be held the weekend of May 9th and 10th.

- Received report from Deacon Marks. Furniture from the Miller House will be donated to a person from the Haven. The Adopt a Family project for the Haven is continuing with excellent support from the parish.
- Received report from Youth Director Beth Baker. The parishioners have supported youth fundraising activities through their Pancake Supper and EYC car wash. The proceeds of over \$600.00 were sent to LAMP, Episcopal Relief and Development Fund and Episcopal Youth and Children Services. Reviewed calendar of future youth activities planned through the end of the school year.



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## Words for Season of Easter

Hope Reconciliation Victory



# From the Rector

## THE GREAT FIFTY DAYS OF EASTER

Easter is not just one day, it is a season of fifty days, beginning with the proclamation "Christ is Risen" at the Easter Vigil, the lighting of the New Fire and Paschal Candle and the consecration of bread and wine, Our Lord's body and blood, all of which assures us that Jesus Christ is present in our church, in our lives and in our world; a wonderful assurance indeed.

That assurance strengthened Our Lord's disciples, assurance that all He had said and done in their presence was truly of God and that even death itself must yield to God's power. For forty days the disciples were reunited with Him. On the fortieth day Jesus ascended to take His place at the right hand of God the Father. The forty days were days of preparation for the time when the work of Jesus on earth would be theirs. Now that work is ours.

This year we will observe the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension with Holy Eucharist and supper on Thursday, May 21. May 31, the fiftieth day, will be the Feast of Pentecost, marking the empowerment of Jesus' disciples to preach the Gospel in "Judea, Samaria and the ends of the earth." I invite you to "come and see" and take part in these great celebrations.

Peter+



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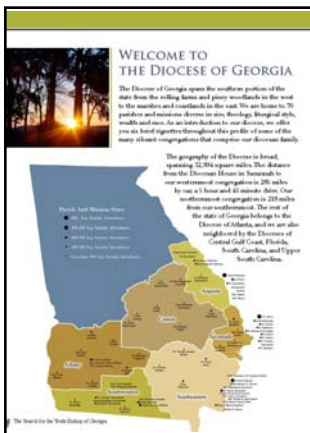
## Status of Search for the 10th Bishop of Georgia

by Walter Hobgood

The search committee has been blessed with an abundance of assistance from the Holy Spirit and we are all very thankful for that. Our committee continues to work well together toward "Discerning the One Mind for One Mission".

We were provided an impressive group of nominees (30 in total). We narrowed this list down to approximately 17 and completed phone interviews over the past several weeks. After completing the phone interviews, we can truthfully say we are impressed with the quality of nominees. Our next task is to use what we learned in the telephone interviews to select those nominees that we feel best fit our Diocesan Profile to go forward to the next step. If you have not checked out our Diocesan Profile, I encourage you to do so at: [www.georgiabishopsearch.org](http://www.georgiabishopsearch.org).

Our next step is to conduct face-to-face interviews. These will begin later this month and continue through May. We are still on target to submit three to five nominees to the Standing Committee in late June or early July. There will be an opportunity for all of you to meet the candidates at one of three public meetings to be held in Savannah, Augusta, and Albany. Please check the Diocesan Web site for more information: [www.georgia.anglican.org](http://www.georgia.anglican.org).



## Tuesday Night Bible Study

Willa Valencia began teaching Bible study classes in homes around Valdosta in 1987. Many of the classes have been interdenominational including Episcopalians, Methodists, Catholics, and Presbyterians. Twenty-two years later she is still teaching, currently on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders.

Dr. Valencia came to Valdosta in 1967 to teach English at Valdosta State College. After a 30-year career that included 12 years as Head of the English Department, she retired in 1996. During her career, she taught a class entitled, "The Bible as Literature."

At Christ Episcopal Church Dr. Valencia taught adult Sunday School classes on many themes over the years. She also preached homilies on many Sundays.

The Tuesday night Bible class focuses on books of the Bible. They are currently examining the letters

of Paul in the order they were written, not as printed in the Bible. Dr. Valencia often provides historical information that gives those who study with her some perspective on the culture of the time of the writings.

"We never put anyone on the spot," she said. "The class is open to anyone who is interested, and we all learn something to help us on our spiritual journeys."

Regulars at the study include: Tal and Norma Barnidge, Ron and Tammy Borders, Jan Carter, Jo Church, Aleta Corley, Alan and Joan Dear, Irene Dodd, Gil and Natalie Gjertsen, Walter and Gail Hobgood, Gnann Moser, Eloise Smith, and Brenda Thrasher. Many others drop in occasionally.



Willa Valencia teaches the Tuesday Night Bible Study.



The Tuesday Night Bible Study meets at the home of Ron and Tammy Borders at 1718 Williams Street from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.

## Red Duffel Bag Project

by Catherine Oglesby



The Sisters at the first Guatemalan orphanage where we left the school supplies from Christ Church were very pleased to receive them. The visits were an eventful experience. Though happily their circumstances were not as dire as I had envisioned, and the children at least at the two orphanages we

visited are much better off than orphaned children on the streets, both institutions are nonetheless in need of practically every resource necessary. Thankfully, the nuns are exceedingly resourceful. My friends and I left monetary donations as well as the school supplies in perfect confidence that they would be utilized as far and as efficiently as humanly possible. I gained a real respect for the degree of

commitment the Sisters have for the children. From the lowest staff to the Directors of the institutions, they live their commitment, and it shows. The children were clean and as seemingly content as one would expect children at their various ages to be. In any case, though the trip was very difficult for many reasons, I am glad I went.







# Special Days Remembered in May



## BIRTHDAYS

- |                      |                       |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Joyce Dunmire      | 12 Patti Curington    |
| Mary Catherine       | 13 Nina Cotterly      |
| Macheski-Preston     | 14 Eric Nielsen       |
| 2 Joe Tomberlin      | 15 Norma Cloud        |
| 3 Matthew Barnes     | Julia Claire Copeland |
| 5 Angela Gibbs       | 17 Elizabeth Hanson   |
| Rosanne Rumstay      | Russell McRae         |
| 6 Susan Elliott      | 19 Max Bontrager      |
| Jason Myddelton      | Bill Nunn             |
| William Querin       | Amy Wisenbaker        |
| Raini Singleton      | 22 Marlin Ferrell     |
| 7 Nick Bajalia, Jr.  | Jim Miller            |
| 8 Sally Nunn         | 23 Mackenzie Weston   |
| Kathleen Parsons     | 24 Frances Crawford   |
| 10 Nick Bajalia, Sr. | Norma Tomberlin       |
| Sugie Catikos        | 25 Emily Saeger       |
| Chip Curington       | Laura Sartin          |
| Lou Gabard           | 26 Beth Baker         |
| Electa Ricket        | Jayme Parsons         |
| 11 Dave Clark        | 29 Michael Holt       |
| Ann Johnston         |                       |

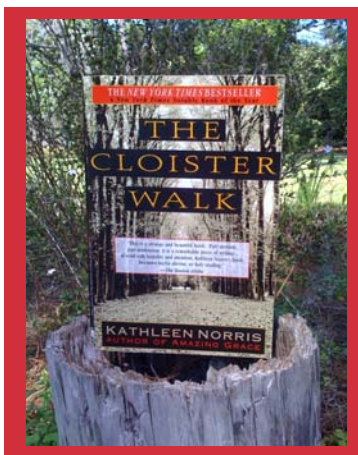
If your special day is not included in our calendar, please call the church office at 242-5115 to let us know.

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Kate Hanson         | 25 Dale Marshall    |
| 5 Angela Gibbs        | Rachel Marshall     |
| Sandy Sandbach        | 26 Malcolm Weston   |
| 6 Jane Teasley        | 27 Noah Carroll     |
| 8 Lilly Kate Campbell | 28 Maddie Yarbrough |
| 9 Karyl Miller        | 29 Matthew Barnes   |
| 10 Tammy Bezona       | 30 Marilyn Davis    |
| Patricia Grieve       | Thomas Greneker     |
| 15 Thurman Larsen     | Isabella Turner     |
| 16 Bill Tucker        |                     |
| 19 Jimmy Carroll      |                     |
| 20 Owen Coggins       |                     |
| 21 Patricia Greneker  |                     |
| 22 Rachel Rumstay     |                     |
| Dillon Whiddon        |                     |
| 23 April Cox          |                     |
| Bill Roberts          |                     |
| 24 Norma Tomberlin    |                     |

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Philip & Karen Gunter  
 10 Jason & Jodi Myddelton  
 12 Michael Holt & Miranda Edmonds  
 19 Harrison Tillman, Jr. & Jan Loeffler  
 22 Todd & Jan Skinner  
 25 Jim & Susan Elliott  
 27 Ron & Tammy Borders



## The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

KATHLEEN NORRIS

### *The Cloister Walk*

(NY: Riverhead Books, 1996).

In this lyrical memoir, the poet and Benedictine oblate Kathleen Norris records her soul journey at St. John's Abbey, where she discovers, among a host of things, her joy in being grounded in the daily recitation of the psalms, as well as laughter and wisdom in the monks' stories. Best of all, welcomed by unconditional hospitality and participating in the Benedictine rhythm

of prayer, work, study, and rest, she rediscovers the spiritual life – in herself, in others, and in the broad expanse of her North Dakota home and her small Presbyterian church. This cloister walk is a pilgrimage into the self, where she comes to a profound Trinitarian realization: loving God entails loving your neighbor; but loving your neighbor means loving yourself. Not easy, when you recognize your own shortcomings. But it is when grace transforms shortcomings into gifts that we, as she says, incarnate Christ himself, becoming for others his “eyes, mouth, hands, and feet” in the world.



Deacon Patricia Marks





## *Holy Week*

**Palm Sunday** - Service began outside, distribution of palms and triumphal march into the church

**Wednesday** - Stations of the Cross, the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ

**Maundy Thursday** - Agape Meal, Holy Eucharist, Foot washing, Stripping of the Altar, Watch before the Reserved Sacrament throughout the night

**Good Friday** - Communion from the Reserved Sacrament in the darkened church

**Holy Saturday** - Service and decorating of the church

**Easter** - the culmination of the preparation and the joy of the resurrection at five services

*"We are all on the road to Emmaus."* from Fr. Peter Ingeman's homily







## *Easter*

The five services of Easter were a kaleidoscope of color from the white lilies and hydrangeas with dark green leaves, to pastel dresses, hats and ribbons, to multi-colored Easter eggs, to white, gold, and red clergy chasubles. This burst of color stood in stark contrast to the darkness of much of Holy Week. The candlelight of the Great Vigil of Easter led to the sunshine of the day and finally to the candlelight of Easter Paschal Vespers with icons on the altar.

The sounds of the day reflected the Easter joy as people at every service rang the tower bell in celebration. Children laughed as they picked up candy-filled eggs. Adults enjoyed Easter bread at breakfast and talked with friends and family members visiting from other towns.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!





## Softball Team Wins First Game



The softball season opened for the Christ Church softball team against Park Avenue Methodist Church on Tuesday, April 14 at 8 p.m. at Freedom Park. Christ Church won the game 17 - 14. Team Captain Paul Stevenson said, "the win was definitely a TEAM effort! The guys pulled together and scored 3 runs in the bottom of last inning. That's a great start to our first season."

The season schedule is posted on the bulletin board in the Parish hall. Come to the games and support our team!

Photographs by Julius Ariail and Phyllis Hiers

### Other Christ Church Ongoing Projects

**Adopt a Haven Family** - The Haven has an ongoing need for clothing and supplies for mothers and children sheltering from domestic violence. Contact Patricia Marks (244-5159); < [spmarks@bellsouth.net](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net) >. Needs list on bulletin board.

**Pop Tabs** - Please continue to collect pop tabs to benefit the Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses. Please add them to the container on the round table in the parish hall.

**Pencil & Paper Project** - Katherine Mayer continues to collect school supplies for the Iraqi children and will send the items when she has a new contact in the U.S. Army.

## Canterbury Club

By Michael Black



Canterbury Club/ECM thanks our Christ Church family and the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia for its positive support during the 2008-09 school year. With your help, this outreach has grown and has consistently attracted new visitors each week. Canterbury Club's last meeting date for the school year is May 3 which is finals week for our VSU students. The group will be on summer break and resume in late August 2009 for fall semester. We will be actively recruiting this summer so we can begin next year with a large crowd. Congratulations to our graduating EYC students! We invite you to participate in Canterbury's activities next year. Join our Facebook group "Canterbury Club at VSU" to receive notice of our events.



Canterbury Club members pack eggs with candy in preparation for Christ Church's Annual Easter Egg hunt.

Photographs by Michael Black





## Vacation Bible School May 31 - June 3

The Vacation Bible School team needs many volunteers as well as supplies for this year's program. Our theme is "Kingdom of the Son," and we will be focusing on the Lord's Prayer.

We need the following supplies:

- 3 BIG sponges
- 2 plastic baby pools
- 45 kids safari hats
- Anything SAFARI



If you would like to donate any of these items or donate money to purchase them, please see Beth Baker or e-mail her at [<beth.baker@bellsouth.net>](mailto:beth.baker@bellsouth.net).

The VBS planning group held the first meeting recently where Beth displayed the banner in the photograph above. They need teachers and song leaders as well as help with refreshments, outdoor activities, and crafts. Join the fun and make a difference in the life of a child in our church.



## It's A Christ Church Tradition! Book Exchange Sunday, May 3 between and after the church services in the Parish Hall

You know you don't need all those books collecting dust on your shelves. Box them up and bring them to the parish hall April 26 - May 2. Then, on Sunday, May 3, you can take another box of gently used books home again!

Donations gladly accepted to support the Mission to the Dominican Republic and Cursillo.

## Dottie Curtis Celebrates 90th Birthday March 31st

Christ Episcopal Church member Dottie Curtis celebrated her 90th birthday at a surprise birthday party between the 9:30 and 11:30 services on Sunday, April 5. The St. Francis Choir led by her son Bud Curtis also gave her a brownies and ice cream party on March 30.



Photographs by Katherine Mayer, Pauline Brown, and Phyllis Hiers





# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin



As noted in the April *Vineyard*, on November 19, 1948, Bishop Middleton Barnwell assured vestrymen that they should easily be able to borrow the money needed to complete the Parish Hall. Vicar Clifton White reported to the Vestry on December 12, 1948, that "Bishop Barnwell had in a telephone conversation with Mrs. White authorized us to go ahead with the loan," but that "no other details were available." The Vestry agreed that Senior Warden Jerome "Joe" Tillman would contact the Bishop immediately about the particulars of the proposed loan.

On the 19th, the Vestry met again to hear the results of Mr. Tillman's conversation with Bishop Barnwell. He outlined a plan to incorporate "the Vestry and its successors." Upon completion of the process the Bishop would "convey to the corporation title to the Church property, which could then be . . . [pledged] for the required loan." Mr. Tillman also read the application for incorporation drafted by his brother, Lamar Tillman, a local attorney. Before the session ended, two motions received approval. The first was to incorporate the Vestry and to ask the Bishop for written confirmation of his proposal to the Senior Warden. The second was to

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## DIOCESE OF GEORGIA PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

RT. REV. MIDDLETON S. BARNWELL, D.D.  
BISHOP

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP  
CHRIST CHURCH, SAVANNAH, GA.

January 4, 1949

Mr. Robert Macks, Secy.  
Christ Church  
Valdosta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Macks:

The Valdosta church property stands in the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of Georgia.

The Corporation yesterday passed a Resolution authorizing me as President to sign mortgage note and deed of debt to secure mortgage for the borrowing of \$15,000.

I have been to the Citizens and Southern Bank here and they are perfectly willing to let me have the money but would rather it be handled by the Valdosta branch if they care to do so. If they do not, I can secure the money for 4 ½% and if the Valdosta bank takes the loan they certainly ought not to charge us more than that.

I suggest that your vestry immediately take steps and become incorporated. Your officers can then sign notes to me as Bishop of the Diocese to be delivered upon receipt of the money. Whether the money comes from Valdosta or Savannah I will receive it and then turn it over to your vestry when you sign the notes to cover. If your vestry is incorporated then the officers of that Corporation can sign these notes to me without affecting their personal credit at the local bank.

With kind regards to Mrs. Macks and yourself, I remain

Yours truly,  
M.S. Barnwell

issue a work order to the contractor, Tinker Concrete, for immediate completion of the Parish Hall, on the assumption that incorporation would succeed and that "the necessary funds [would] be made available through mortgage."

The following day Clerk of the Vestry Robert G. Macks informed the Bishop by letter of the actions of the 19th. He wrote, "the proposal for incorporation of the Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church of Valdosta, with its attendant right to mortgage church property after conveyance by you, was passed unanimously." He also stated that he was relaying the Vestry's request for the Bishop's confirmation that once the Vestry was incorporated, the Church property would be "used as security for the necessary mortgage." Bishop Barnwell's response was his letter of January 4, 1949, that is reproduced with this article.

The story continues in the June issue of *The Vineyard*.



# Men in Blue Fish Fry - April 1



The Men in Blue raised money at the annual fish fry to pay for the t-shirts for the Christ Episcopal Church softball team.

Photographs by Phyllis Hiers



## Relay for Life May 1 - 2

PLEASE JOIN THE CHRIST  
CHURCH TEAM ONLINE!!!

[www.relayforlife.org/  
lowndescounty](http://www.relayforlife.org/lowndescounty)

Relay For Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It offers everyone in our community an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp out at the Valdosta Middle school and take turns walking or running around the track. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. The Relay is an overnight event from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.. Join our church in:

- Celebrating the lives of those who have battled cancer. The strength of survivors inspires others to continue to fight.
- Remembering loved ones lost to the disease. At Relay, people who have walked alongside people battling cancer can grieve and find healing.
- Fighting Back. We Relay because we have been touched by cancer and desperately want to put an end to the disease.

The Christ Church goal is to raise \$2,000. Online donations can be credited to our team. Luminaria start at \$10. Molly Greneker is the captain of our team.





Going Once, Going Twice, Gone to the Highest Bidder!

## May 9 - 10 Silent Auction to support Dominican Republic Mission Trip

It's time to clean out your attic or to look through your gift closet and select items you want to donate to this year's silent auction. The silent auction will be held on Saturday, May 9th, following the guitar mass. You are invited to join us for dinner. The Men in Blue will be cooking for us. The auction will take place immediately after dinner and will continue until after the 11:30 service Sunday morning. You can pick up your items Sunday afternoon.

All the proceeds from this year's auction will be used for scholarships at the school in El Pedregal and possibly pay for the school administrator. Scholarships are \$350.00 USD. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of need. The parents of each student who receives a scholarship will also be responsible to pay for books and a

school uniform. There are many students in the community who are in need of scholarships.

We will also be doing some type of work project, but it will not require a lot of physical energy. Our service to the community is centered on Vacation Bible School for the local children and the knitting project for the women in the community. This year we will be adding a new component, which will center on the skill set for embroidery.

We are looking for items that will generate a bid of \$15 or more. We have seen some interesting things bring great bids, so look deep in your closet. We are also accepting auction items like beach weekends or dinners for 10. We encourage you to be creative.



The 2008 knitting class taught by Juanita Quinn made baby booties.

We will be leaving June 20 - 27. We still have room for you if you would like to go with us. If you have questions or need more information, you can call the church office at 242-5115 or The Rev. Tar at 249-0895.

We appreciate your support! God has blessed this ministry, and it has become a vital part of our outreach. We are educating children and changing lives with our partners in the Dominican Republic. We appreciate your support!

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### Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion\*

10:45 a.m. Christian Education\*

11:30 a.m. Holy Communion\*

6:00 p.m. Vespers

Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. @ Langdale Place

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.\*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

\*Nursery Available

Second Saturday of each month: 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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