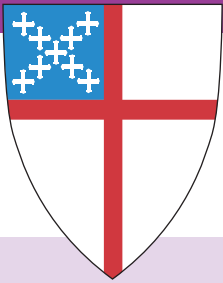


# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

March 2010



## Mark Your Calendar

### March 4

Habitat for Humanity  
Collegiate Challenge  
Supper

### March 4 - 7

Cursillo # 116  
at Honey Creek

### March 12

"Homeless for a Night"  
at Park Avenue United  
Methodist Church

### March 13

Saturday Evening  
Guitar Eucharist

### March 28

Palm Sunday

### March 29

Seder, 6 p.m.

### March 31

Stations of the Cross  
at 6 p.m. service

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

## The 189th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia



Hundreds of delegates, alternates, clergy, youth, the diocesan staff, and the newly consecrated Bishop Benhase conducted the business of the diocese at the 189th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia in Savannah, Feb. 4 - 6. During the three days, events took place at 4 different sites: a reception and Evensong at St. Paul the Apostle Episcopal Church, a Holy Eucharist service and breakfast at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, the business meeting at the DeSoto Hilton, and the Holy Eucharist service and Ordination of four deacons at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Registration began on Thursday at the convention headquarters in the Desoto Hilton at 1 p.m. Approximately a dozen exhibitors set up information or sales tables including one to sell *Manna & More*, the Christ Episcopal Church cookbook.

Evensong at St. Paul the Apostle church followed a reception hosted by the Very Reverend William Willoughby and his congregation to welcome everyone to Savannah and the gathering of the church family. The Rev. George Maxwell delivered the homily.

The 7 a.m. Holy Eucharist and breakfast at St. Matthew's featured a theme of "Remembering the Martyrs of Japan" by the Reverend Cheryl Parris. Yvette Owens, deacon at Christ the King, Valdosta, delivered the homily.

The opening worship and call to order began Friday at 9 a.m. in the Oglethorpe Ballroom of the DeSoto Hilton. One of the highlights of the business meeting was the acceptance of two congregations' petitions for parish status: King of Peace, Kingsland, and St. Luke's, Hawkinsville. Another highlight was Bishop Benhase's address. After committee reports, Deacon Karyl Miller presented Selena Johnson of the St. Thomas Savannah congregation with the first Deacon's Service Award.



Bishop Benhase with  
Selena Johnson



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## The Vineyard On the Web

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## The Vineyard Deadline

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## Christ Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Scott A. Benhase,  
Bishop of Georgia

The Rev. Peter Ingeman, Rector

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Assistant  
Rector

Stella Clark, Deacon

Jim Elliott, Deacon

Patricia Marks, Deacon

Molly Stevenson, Parish Secretary

Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper

Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist

Ben Stroup, St. Gregory Choir Director

Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leader

Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter

## Vestry

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Julia Ariail

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## Vestry Report from January 18, 2010

- Welcomed 5 new Vestry members and administered the oath of office to the 2010 Vestry. Voted for officers: Dave Clark, senior warden; Mike Tanner, junior warden; Amber Tanner, treasurer; and Julia Ariail, secretary.

- Accepted 2009 final treasurer's report and approved proposed 2010 budget.

- Reported progress on lighting project for parking lot and repair of interior sanctuary doors.

- Received report from the Rev. Peter Ingeman about the Capital Campaign Kickoff rescheduled for Feb. 28, the Bishop's consecration on January 23, and the Convention of the Diocese on Feb. 4-6, both in Savannah.

- Received report from the Rev. Tar Drazdowski about the Canterbury Club resuming meetings; Parents' Morning Out and the Preschool hiring Laura Sartin as assistant in the 2 1/2-year-old class.

- Reminded the group of upcoming Undie Sunday on Feb. 7 to benefit the children of the Haven. Youth Coordinator Beth Baker also reported on the class for



Dave Clark, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

Safeguarding God's Children and asked for Relay for Life volunteers.

- Discussed success of project of Christmas gifts for children at the Haven. Deacon Patricia Marks also reported on Stitchers of Love and encouraged all to support the Episcopal Relief and Development.

- Received report from Julia Ariail that a group of 11 parishioners will begin work on 10 additional needlepoint kneelers. The project should take approximately 2 years.

- Received report from Dave Clark that the Men in Blue had a party on Jan. 16 at the Clarks' home. They discussed how to support the upcoming Capital Campaign.

- Reminded the group of Super Bowl Sunday sale of ribs, chicken, and pork tenderloin to support the St. Francis animal ministry.



## Manna & More

The Christ Episcopal Church cookbook, *Manna & More* has been a successful project raising over \$2,000 for the Kitchen section of the Christ

Church Capital Campaign for the Parish Hall. Of the 335 cookbooks we ordered, only 32 remain for sale in the church office. At press time no additional bulk orders are planned. After these copies are sold, you can obtain a copy by going to the publications page of the Christ Church Website and clicking on *Manna & More* for the link to the printer: [<http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/publications.html>](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/publications.html).



# From the Rector



## PALMS, COATS AND CHEERS

What a grand parade; what a triumphal procession! There is Jesus, the wonder-working rabbi from Galilee, mounted on a little donkey, riding into Jerusalem like a conquering hero, and the crowd goes wild. They wave branches cut from the trees along the roadway; they throw their coats and cloaks and branches to the ground before the plodding donkey and its rider, smothering the dust and cushioning the hoof beats, and they cheer and shout, "Hosannah to the King," louder and louder as Jesus enters the city. It's not a very long parade, just from the gates of the city to the doors of the Temple, just a few blocks of city streets, but it has been a long, long journey. The path to the city had begun at least three years before on the banks of the Jordan when this same Jesus had been baptized by John and designated by God Himself as His own beloved Son. The path had led through the wilderness of temptations, down dusty roads through the villages of Israel, pausing in synagogues and the homes of the sick and the sinful, moving, always moving. There had been pauses in the journey, moments of rest and restoration, but they had been few and far too brief. Now, you and I, in the Season of Lent, are called to remember and reflect on that journey and on our own paths in life. This is the season of introspection on our own journey to consider how our steps in the past have brought us to this moment in life; to correct what has been amiss and to thank God for all that has been right. Walking that path prepares us to share in both the excitement of the grand parade, the depths of the darkness in the days that follow and the glorious light of Easter.

Peter+



### Christ Episcopal Church Membership Directory Online

As a by-product of the printed church directory distributed a few months ago, Christ Church now has an online directory available. To access the directory, go to the Church's publications page at <http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/publications.html> and look for the "Online Directory" link. This online resource is based on the data we gathered for the printed Lifetouch directories and is provided to us at no additional charge by the Lifetouch company. Access to the directory is limited to Christ Church members, and log-in user names and passwords are available from Molly in the church office. Once you have logged in, you can see the entire church directory with names, photos, and addresses of members, plus you can edit your own information to revise anything that needs correcting or updating. We're still working on the instructions for this new resource, but for now, please check it out and then stand by for more information on its use.

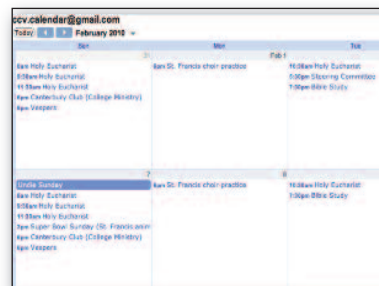


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### Christ Episcopal Church Calendar Online

In addition to the new online church directory, we also have a new online calendar that's also in the "testing" phase. To access the calendar, go to the Church's publications page at <http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/publications.html> and look for the "Online Calendar" link. This calendar utilizes the freely-available Google Calendar format, and there are no costs to the church to use it.

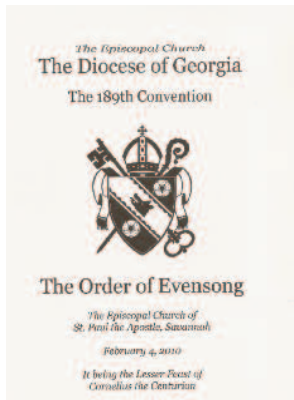
By accessing the calendar via the link above, you can see all of the church's posted calendar information but cannot add or delete information. At present, Molly will control all additions and deletions, but there are plans under discussion to extend this revision ability to other members of the church leadership. As with the online directory, please check it out and look for additional information in the April 2010 *Vineyard*.



### Words for Lent

**Atonement Humility Passion**





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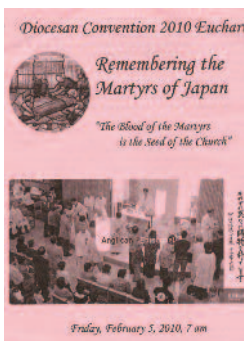
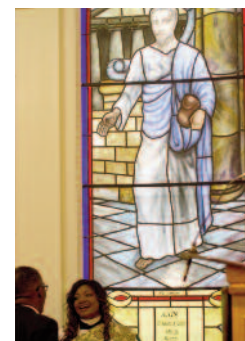
After 3 ballots, the delegates elected someone for every available committee position and adopted the 2010 budget.

The Saturday morning closing Eucharist at St. Peter's Church included the ordination of four deacons and a reception by the congregation in the parish hall.

The Valdosta Christ Episcopal Church delegation participated fully in all the events. Those from our church included: The Rev. Peter and Happy Ingeman, The Rev. Tar and Jim Drazdowski, Deacon Jim Elliott, Molly and Paul Stevenson, Gail and Walter Hobgood, Sandra Fletcher, Bill and Sally Nunn, Deacon Patricia and Dennis Marks, Carolyn Eager and Dan Coleman, Julia and Julius Ariail, Elizabeth Hanson, and Thomas Greneker.

The Bishop's address is available in text and audio version at <http://georgia.anglican.org/>. In addition to being eloquent, this address lays out the bishop's intention to sign a covenant with each parish. Over 400 photos of the Convention weekend taken by Julius Ariail are available for viewing in color on the Christ Episcopal Church Picasa Website at <http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta>.

Get ready...the 2011 Convention will be held in Valdosta, Feb. 10-12!







## Synopsis of the Bishop's Address

### Observations:

We have the most important ingredient we need to become the church God is calling us to become: one another. You are gifted and committed as church leaders.

You do not believe you are gifted enough. Your service does matter and you are up to the task.

The system of funding the ministry of our diocese is broken. We must create a system that makes sense and is fair to all.

We must stop drawing on past financial reserves to fund current ministry.

We need to start a School for Pastoral Ministry to offset the spiraling cost of sending someone to seminary, currently \$100k for three years.

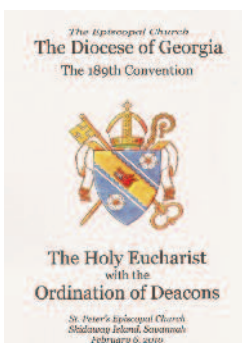
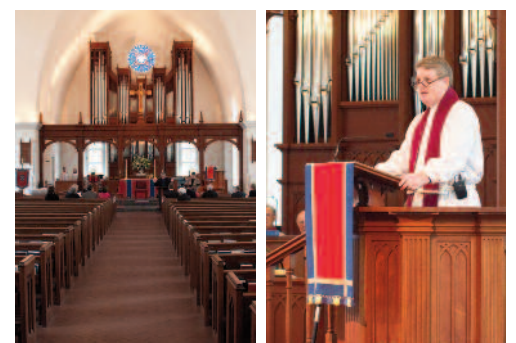
We need to address the increasing cost of health care for our clergy and lay employees.

### Guiding Principles

Proclaim the Gospel, serve the lost and left out, and be excellent stewards of God's gifts.

### A Covenant with each church

Each church's priest and wardens will sign a covenant with the bishop based on the guiding principles. Each church will develop clear goals based on the principles. The diocese will do its part to support those goals.







## Special Days Remembered in March



### BIRTHDAYS

- |                         |                      |
|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Charles Adams         | 18 Walton Carter     |
| Joan Bailey             | Olivia Nunn          |
| 4 Helen McClure         | Pat Tudor            |
| 5 Harrison Tillman, Jr. | 19 Duke Guthrie      |
| Marilyn Kemper          | Richard Saeger       |
| 6 Mitchell Beeland      | 20 Anne Reid         |
| 9 Phoebe Singleton      | 21 Regan Adams       |
| 10 Janet Smith          | Jack Fisher          |
| Malcolm Weston          | Steven Taylor        |
| 11 Kelly Lambert        | 23 Sarah Bartholomew |
| 12 Jane Teasley         | 25 Blake Yarbrough   |
| 14 Merrill Guice        | 26 James Guthrie     |
| Dennis Savoie           | 27 Ken Rumstay       |
| 15 Julia Ariail         | 29 Jacob Diamond     |
| Kitty Bauer             | Bill Roberts         |
| Jeani Synyard           | 30 Bill Tucker       |
| 16 Gloria Boyette       | 31 Dottie Curtis     |
| Kathy Failor            | Janet Dickman        |
| Julie Jackson           | Edith Shepherd       |
| Mary Lovelace           | Amber Tanner         |
| 17 Sara Canup           |                      |
| Carter Coleman          |                      |

### BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Linda Riggle  
 5 Marilyn Kemper  
 14 Mackenzie Clark  
 Shannon Flemer  
 Larry Wisenbaker  
 20 Margaret Weston  
 21 Helen McClure  
 23 Willa Valencia  
 25 Stephanie Tillman  
 26 Aldine Carter  
 Cindy Waters  
 27 Dylan Phillips  
 Ethan Warrick  
 28 Mike Holland  
 30 Dave Armstrong  
 Robbie Beeland  
 31 Emma Claire Campbell  
 Natalie Gjertsen

### WEDDING

#### ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Terry & Kathleen Parsons  
 5 Boots & Pat Tudor  
 8 Duane & Jennifer Carter  
 17 John & Helen Bennett  
 Bob & Ann Johnston  
 18 Searcy & Helen McClure  
 23 Allan & Joan Dear  
 Stephen & Georgianna  
 Manning  
 Mike & Julie Savoie

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



### St. Francis Cookout Super Bowl Sunday

The St. Francis Animal Ministry reported raising over \$2,200 at the Super Bowl Sunday cookout on Feb. 7 in the church parking lot.

According to Aaron Parten, the group sold 120 chickens, 39 ribs, and 98 tenderloins.

The group uses the money they raise to assist people who don't have adequate financial resources to get veterinary care for their pets. In the past the group has helped parishioners and non-parishioners to get rabies shots and emergency care for hurt animals.

### The Kneeler Project

The project to make 10 new kneelers to accompany the 6 that were made in 1971 is underway. Eleven people have volunteered to work on the new kneelers: Frances Crawford, Gnann Moser, Eloise Smith, Tilda Stubbs, Julia Ariail, Bill Nunn, Sally Nunn, Eric Herndon, Jane Ferrell, Edi Shepherd, and LaVoe Houck.

While at the Diocesan Convention in Savannah Feb. 5, Bill Nunn and Julia Ariail consulted with a needlepoint shop owner about matching the yarn colors. She is preparing an estimate which the vestry will consider.

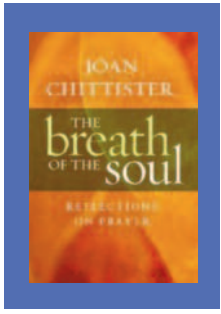


### Bray House Gets 3 Coats of Paint

The Alcoholics Anonymous group that occupies the Bray House on the church property recently gave the exterior of the house a thorough pressure washing, paint scraping, and three coats of paint.

The group has used the building for several decades and takes pride in its upkeep. They reimburse the church for all utility expenses. It is the only freestanding building for the group in Lowndes County.

"This is one of the great historic ministries of Christ Church," said Fr. Peter Ingeman.



## The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

### *The Breath of the Soul: Reflections on Prayer*

By Joan Chittester. Twenty-Third Publications, 2009.



Deacon Patricia Marks

Reviewing a book I haven't finished – that takeschutzpah, so to speak. But *Breath of the Soul* is my Lenten reading, and I have taken this Benedictine nun's admonition to heart. "Don't swallow it whole," she says in the introduction; "read the book in any order that appeals to you." And so I open at random to "Prayerfulness," one of 42 short meditations, each prefaced with a quotation – this one by French philosopher Jacques Ellul – and ending with a Scripture passage and a mantra to embrace for the day, for a lifetime.

Prayers are intentional, the ancient ones carrying "the cry of the human spirit across time."

But prayerfulness is the ongoing awareness of Presence – "a silence in the midst of chaos, a voice in the midst of confusion, a promise at the center of the tumult." Sister Joan's invitation to become intensely immersed in both world and spirit is deeply moving. May our Lenten meditations help open us to that thin place, where the two conjoin.

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## What the Diocese Does For Us

### The Diocesan Corporation

by Carolyn Eager

The Corporation of the Diocese of Georgia is a nonprofit corporation created for the purpose of managing and investing endowed and other similar funds for the benefit of the Diocese, participating parishes, and other ministries. It was started May 30, 1950.

There are presently 41 separately identified funds. Many churches participate. There are two churches that have pooled their "endowment" funds under contract with the Diocese for investment. There are several other funds that were given to the Diocese that benefit single parishes.

Of the \$7 million approximate value only a small part is solely the diocese's. Certain funds were donated with provision that they be administered by the bishop with specific limitations on their use. Some of those benefit only particular parishes. I suppose they "belong" to the diocese but only for those churches. Others are held by the Diocese without restriction, so they really belong to the Diocese. Others clearly belong to other parishes or entities like Honey Creek.

The basic guideline on how much can be withdrawn in a given year is around 5%. Others depend on the fund. Some have restrictive provisions. Others are more open-ended. Currently, there are 18 funds from which periodic distributions are made under the Board's spending policy (for 2010: 5% of the three-year average end-of-the-year market value). This year those disbursements add up to \$175,766. The spending policy is limited to a maximum of 7% of these "discretionary assets" in a given year. Other participating funds may have other distribution rules. Any participating fund can set its own distribution policy.

Christ Church Valdosta participates via any contribution to the diocese. It does not have an endowment as such.

The advantages of participation are the opportunities to have a parish's endowment-type fund pooled with other funds to be able to gain access to the types of investment opportunities only available to large endowments, to have the benefit of skilled investment advisors like CapGroup (our manager) who returned 22.88% for us last year, and to have the benefit of oversight by a dedicated, knowledgeable, conscientious Board made up of fellow lay members of the Diocese.



Carolyn Eager at Convention





Caitlin Kirk and her son Griffin

## Parents' Morning Out

Christ Episcopal Church's Parents' Morning Out is designed to give parents a few hours a week to run errands, attend appointments, or maybe just take a break from the the difficult job of being a parent! It is also a great opportunity for your child to spend time with other children in a fun environment supervised by our experienced caregivers.

The program is housed in the nursery facility at the church. It is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Children are accepted for a maximum of four days a week. The program also offers a "Lunch Bunch" extension from 12 noon until 2 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Children bring their lunch for this opportunity.

Caitlin Kirk is in charge of the program under the direction of the Rev. Tar Drazdowski. They accept children from 6 months to 4 years of age.



There is a limit to the number of children who can participate, but some slots are currently available.

Costs are based on the number of days per week that a child participates.

1 day a week	\$36 per month
2 days a week	\$72 per month
3 days a week	\$108 per month
4 days a week	\$144 per month

Drop-ins are encouraged to give 24 hours notice and are charged \$15 for the morning. Lunch Bunch participation is an additional cost.

Contact the church office at 242-5115 to enroll your child in the program.



The Rev. Tar Drazdowski spoke to the Diocesan Convention about our companion diocese in the Dominican Republic.

## Discovery Trip to the Dominican Republic

Seven people from five different congregations in the Diocese of Georgia participated in a discovery trip to the Dominican Republic February 22-27: Jim and Tar Drazdowski, Frank and Victoria Logue, Fred Richtor, Kit Brinson, and Fr. Jay Weldon.

The purpose of the trip was to look at existing mission sites and to identify additional sites for parishes who are interested in partnering in mission work in the Dominican Republic. The Rev. Tar Drazdowski has been the leader of the Christ Episcopal Church effort in the Dominican Republic for the past 10 years.

"We believe that one of the most efficient ways to help with the crisis in Haiti is to strengthen the ability of the Dominican Church to provide relief through their existing missions," said Tar. A second discovery trip is being planned for the near future.

"This will be a hard trip for us," said Tar. "We will be out of our comfort zone and see a lot of the poverty and Haitian refugees." No funds are available for this trip. Each participant pays over \$1,000 for all expenses.

"That's commitment," she added.

## Christ Church Ongoing Projects

**Adopt a Haven Family** - The Haven has a special need for new or like-new kitchen supplies (appliances, dishes, etc.) for mothers and children moving out of the shelter. Contact Patricia Marks (244-5159); [<spmarks@bellsouth.net>](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net).

**Foster Kids Project** - Phyllis Holland chairs this project to assist local foster kids with supplies, tutoring, and mentoring. (245-3821); [<pholland@valdosta.edu>](mailto:pholland@valdosta.edu)

**Partnership for Health Clinic Project** - Diane Halim chairs this project for donations for specific items to patients and family. [<dhollim@valdosta.edu>](mailto:dhollim@valdosta.edu)

**Pop Tabs** - Collect pop tabs to benefit the Atlanta Ronald McDonald Houses. Please add them to the container on the round table in the parish hall. Deacon Stella Clark chairs this project. [<sclark@lowndes.k12.ga.us>](mailto:sclark@lowndes.k12.ga.us)

**Toiletries Project** - Gail Hobgood chairs the project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP. [<WPHOBG@aol.com>](mailto:WPHOBG@aol.com)



## Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday



Susan Elliott, one of the leaders of the high school EYC and chief cook and organizer for the Pancake Supper, thanked all who donated so generously to the youth of the church by participating in the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 16. She did suggest that we consider giving up bacon for Lent as we had eaten twice as much as last year. The bacon was donated by Christ Church member Tom Carroll and Sunset Farm Foods.

The festive feeling contrasted with the somber services of Ash Wednesday. The Revs. Peter and Tar and Deacon Patricia prepared the ashes by burning the palms from last year's Palm Sunday.



### Consider Honey Creek

Are you planning an event this year and need a location? Honey Creek, the diocesan camp in Waverly, Georgia, is open year-round and welcomes the opportunity to serve your specific needs for weddings, church retreats, family reunions, mission trips, church picnics, business retreats, individual and family retreats, or customized meetings with a team building challenge course available. For information call 912-265-9218.

### Grant Funds Science Teacher Education

Marge McCartney, a member of Christ Church and a retired biology teacher, and Dr. Leslie Jones, associate professor of biology at VSU, obtained a grant to send area science teachers to professional development opportunities throughout the region. The Georgia Teacher Quality Grant: Strengthening the Teaching of Evolution in South Georgia Schools has provided more than \$80,000 during the last two years to fund workshops and field trips that address ways to present biological evolution effectively in the classroom.



Photograph by Patricia Marks

### Preschool celebrates Mardi Gras

Our preschool children made masks and wore them on a parade through the church office on Shrove Tuesday, February 16. The Christ Church Preschool frequently shares their joy of life with the administration.



# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

Clifton H. White served Christ Church as Vicar from June 24, 1946, until his resignation on March 21, 1953. He continued teaching full-time at Georgia State Womans College/Valdosta State College and performed his duties as Vicar on a part-time basis. Without written sources of personal information, we cannot know how Fr. White viewed his tenure at Christ Church. However, a May 7, 1952, letter from Bishop Middleton S. Barnwell alludes to the vicar's having experienced "several discouraging years" in Valdosta. Perhaps his disappointments explain developments recounted in the Minutes of the Vestry meeting of May 4, 1952.

Fr. White reported to the Vestry that he recently had traveled to Salisbury, North Carolina, to speak to lay people of an Episcopal church there and added that he had "not yet made up his mind whether to accept any call, and it is largely a question of whether we are able to become a parish here in Valdosta." White's statement initiated "a confidential discussion of various aspects of service and cooperation between the Vicar, Vestry, the Guilds, and the members of the Church at large." The Minutes declared, "Support of the Vicar . . . absolutely essential. Details of said discussion not made a matter or record."

On May 5, Senior Warden Glen P. Robinson informed Bishop Barnwell

by letter of the situation. He recounted Fr. White's having been offered "a new charge" at a slightly larger salary than the "combined salaries" paid him by Christ Church and Valdosta State College. His church stipend was \$1,400 a year, and the church contributed \$245 annually toward his pension and provided the "Rectory" on West North Street as free housing. Robinson noted that Fr. White had not decided yet to accept the call from Salisbury but planned to teach in the summer school at Valdosta State. Accordingly, vestrymen assumed that, if he chose to move to Salisbury, he would not leave until late summer.

Robinson contended that "we are all pleased" with Christ Church's recent progress and wished it to continue. Consequently, the "loss of Clifton would be . . . serious unless a very capable young man could be had" to replace him. He suggested that, although the budget was too tight to provide a significant salary increase, "it could be done by making smaller payments on the mortgage" still outstanding from Parish Hall construction in 1949. He emphasized that, "unless you can assure us of a very capable minister and perhaps a slight supplement in his salary, we should make some inducement for Clifton to remain here. . . ." He reiterated the possibility of a higher salary for Fr. White and raised the prospect of asking White to request that V.S.C. reduce his

teaching load effective Fall Quarter 1952 to provide more time for his church work.

Robinson's correspondence prompted Bishop Barnwell's letter of May 7, 1952 to Fr. White, in which he wrote that he understood "you have a call to some parish in the Carolina's [sic] that you feel inclined to accept." Barnwell said he did not want to "do anything to influence" White's decision but believed the Vicar had overcome his troubles at Christ Church and felt vestrymen were "most anxious that I make every effort to hold you where you are." He thought it "quite possible to match any salary which the Carolina Church is offering if that is an important consideration." Doing so might involve repaying the mortgage over a longer time, "but that would not make much difference." Barnwell declared, "I personally should be very happy to see you stay where you are and will do all in my power to make it possible." The Bishop followed the Senior Warden's lead by saying he believed "it is most to your advantage to be free from school duties so that you can give your whole time to the work of the Church. . . ." He requested that White "let me know the exact situation and also . . . if there is anything I can do to help you make up your mind." When he mailed his letter to Fr. White, the Bishop sent a copy to Mr. Robinson, with the brief comment, "let us wait until I hear from him before we do anything."

This story will continue to creep along in the April *Vineyard*.



## 2010 Budget Approved for Christ Episcopal Church

At the January 18, 2010 Vestry meeting, the budget for fiscal year 2010 was approved. This budget includes \$473,600 in anticipated revenue and \$473,112 in anticipated expenses. The actual detailed budget is online on the Christ Church publications page at <http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/publications.html>.

Major revenue items in the 2010 Budget include the following:

- Pledge Income \$328,000
- Non-Pledge Giving \$45,000
- Loose Offering \$3,500
- Food and Fellowship \$5,000
- Building Use \$3,000
- Preschool & PMO \$68,250

Major expense items in the 2010 Budget include the following:

- Diocese of Georgia Pledge \$83,750
- Administration \$64,625
- Clergy \$100,364
- Facilities \$119,600
- Outreach \$10,908
- Programs \$32,750
- Preschool & PMO \$52,000

### Donated in 2009

#### Christ Church Outreach Gifts

\$ 500.00	Honey Creek
\$ 4,000.00	Dominican Republic Mission Trip
\$ 1,000.00	Young Life
\$ 250.00	Raintree Village
\$ 100.00	American Cancer Society/Relay for Life
\$ 700.00	Pulaski State EFM
\$ 1,000.00	Habitat for Humanity
\$ 750.00	American's Second Harvest
\$ 35.00	Newcomer's packets
\$ 997.00	Special Offering
\$83,750.00	Diocesan Pledge
\$ 1,408.27	United Thank Offering

**Gifts in Kind:** House to Lowndes Area Ministries to People  
Volvo - Auctioned and money donated to Dominican Republic  
Underwear and Socks to the Haven  
Pencils & Paper and other school supplies to children in Iraq  
Toiletries to Lowndes Area Ministries to People

Already in 2010, we have donated \$4,700.00 to  
Episcopal Relief and Development for Haiti!

## Undie Sunday a Success!



Youth Coordinator Beth Baker described the amount of donations for Undie Sunday as "a trunk full." The congregation gave generously to the project which supplies underwear and socks to children of varying ages at the Haven, Valdosta's shelter for women and children escaping from abusive situations.

"Often the children arrive at the shelter with only the clothes they are wearing, or at most a small bag of clothes," said Beth. "Our contributions really make a difference and bring smiles to their faces."

### Flower Sales

The Valentine's Day sale of roses by the youth of the church resulted in a profit of over \$200. The money will be donated to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund for relief in Haiti.



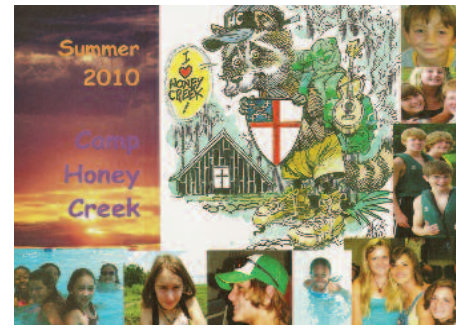
## The Christ Episcopal Church Capital Campaign

### How Can Our Family Make a Meaningful Gift?

A family of five may consider the following strategy for the three year campaign.

Increase giving by \$25.00 per week – 3 year total	\$3,900
Reduce eating out by \$50.00 per week	\$7,800
Randy (7th grader) takes lunch to school	\$ 400
Phil (husband/father) takes lunch to work	\$2,600
Teresa (wife/mother) reduces household food	
Budget by \$25 per week	\$3,900
Melissa (HS senior) reduces entertainment expense	\$ 600
Teresa forgoes one salon/spa visit each month	\$2,200
Phil plays golf only once a week	\$3,000
Family reduces Christmas expenses \$500/year	\$1,500
Cancel one vacation	\$3,000
Vicky (10th grader) gives ¼ of her babysitting money	\$ 400
Miscellaneous reductions – subscriptions, fees, etc.	\$ 700
Grand total to the campaign	\$30,000

## Send a Child to Camp Honey Creek



Henry, the newly named Raccoon logo figure for Honey Creek, recommends the camp for all Episcopalian and non-Episcopalian children. They will learn about God, enjoy the pool, the ropes and challenge course, fishing, kayaking, nature, art, drama, jammin' to the music, and video/photography while making life-long friendships.

High School Camp	June 20-26	Grades 9-12
St. Peter's Camp	June 27-July 3	Grades 6-8
St. Gregory - Music Camp	July 11-17	Grades 3-6
Sts. Joseph & Mary Camp	July 11-17	Grades 3-6
St. Francis Camp	July 18-24	Grades 7-9

A brochure and application are available on the information table in the parish hall. Cost for each camp is \$395. Scholarships are available. If you would like to help a child to experience camp, write a tax-deductible check to Camp Honey Creek. Applications are also available online at [www.honeycreek.org](http://www.honeycreek.org).

## 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.**  
**Second Saturday of each month: 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion      \*Nursery Available**

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