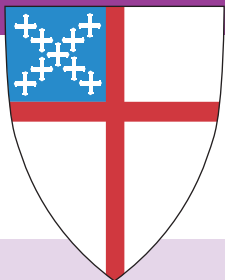


The Vineyard

Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

April 2010



Capital Campaign Kicks off at Christ Church

Mark Your Calendar

April 1

Maundy Thursday
Agape Meal: 5 p.m.
Holy Eucharist, Footwashing &
Stripping of the Altar: 6 p.m.
Watch before the Blessed
Sacrament begins at 7:30 p.m.

April 2

Good Friday Services at 7 a.m.,
Noon, & 6 p.m.

April 3

Holy Saturday Service at 10 a.m.
Green the church for Easter

April 4

Easter Day- 6 a.m. - The Great
Easter Vigil
8, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m. - Holy
Eucharist
10:40 a.m. - Easter Egg Hunt
6 p.m. - Paschal Vespers

April 5

Easter Monday - Office Closed

April 10

6 p.m. Saturday Evening Guitar
Eucharist followed by
Dominican Republic Silent
Auction & Dinner

April 17

VSU Student Violin/Viola
Recital - 7:30 p.m.

April 18

Preschool/PMO Art Show

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"This campaign is all about our youth," said the Rev. Peter Ingeman on Sunday afternoon, February 28. The children played a major role in the kickoff celebration which was attended by over 130 parishioners. The young children kicked mini-beach balls from one end of the lawn to the other. Then they donned sandwich boards naming the "room" in which they stood. Sr. Warden Dave Clark and Jr. Warden Mike Tanner worked with Facilities Committee Chair Tom Carroll to outline the footprint of the proposed buildings in chalk across the lawn and parking lot. Nursery keeper Katie Gamble brought her rocker to the new nursery space and rocked some of the youngest participants. Following the welcome by Campaign chair Brad Burnette, the parishioners formed a large circle around the footprint. Allen Dear, Joan Dear, and Edi Shepherd led the prayers for wisdom, strength, fortitude, and direction.



Parishioners examined the enlarged blueprints on easels on the lawn and talked to members of the Facilities Committee and the Steering Committee, as well as to the Sr. and Jr. Wardens about the size and placement of the rooms. The beautiful weather and the blooming Japanese magnolia added to the festive occasion. The Steering Committee placed a banner beside



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The Vineyard Deadline

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Patricia Marks, Deacon
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Vestry Report from February 15, 2010

- Received report from Jr. Warden Tanner about work projects on the facilities.
- Encouraged the Vestry to participate in the Capital Campaign Kickoff, February 28. Sandra Fletcher described the agenda for the festivities including supper by the Men in Blue and a beach ball kickoff by the youth.
- Reported on activities and impressions of the 189th Diocesan Convention in Savannah.
- Passed out information sheets about Bishop Benhase's proposed Covenants. Fr. Ingeman asked the Vestry to study the document which will be discussed at a future meeting. Julia Ariail will post the Covenant document on the Christ Church Website, publish information about it in The Vineyard and design a survey which will be published in an upcoming Sunday bulletin.
- Listed the Lenten schedule.
- Described the new online membership directory and online church calendar.



Dave Clark, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

- Received report from the Rev. Tar Drazdowski about the upcoming discovery trip to the Dominican Republic, February 22-27, and about Vocare at Rock Eagle, February 19-21.
- Recognized the success of the outreach ministries led by Deacon Patricia Marks.
- Received report from Youth Coordinator Beth Baker on upcoming class for Safeguarding God's Children, the building plan presentation to the youth on Feb. 24, Happening at Honey Creek, Feb. 19-21, the success of the rose sale on Feb. 14 which raised over \$200 for the ERD fund, and asked for help with Relay for Life, April 30 and May 1.

The Vineyard is taped on three sides!

Have you noticed that the mailed version of The Vineyard is no longer stapled? Postal regulations about bulk mail have changed recently. Our Vineyard is now required to be taped on all three open sides when it is folded and mailed to our parishioners. You will soon see another change as the mailer space at the bottom of page 12 must be reversed to accommodate the machine which reads the labels at the U.S. Post Office. The editors are just grateful for all the work by those who help to get it to you.



New pledge total for Christ Church Capital Campaign

Words for Easter

Hope Joy Love Redemption

From the Rector



INVITATION TO THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER

We gather in the tower, doors open to the predawn darkness of the unlighted church, shadow figures felt rather than seen. A tiny point of light pierces the darkness; the light is passed from person to person with small, hand-held candles as we hear the Old Testament scriptures telling of God's creation and of God's rescue of His people from bondage in Egypt. The light fades and is extinguished as we hear of the world's return to darkness; then all darkness is dispelled by one great light, the first light of a new day and a new world, the Light of Christ, proclaimed by the Deacon as the great Paschal Candle is processed into the dark church and light and color and music return in the presence of Christ. The ancient hymn, the Exsultet, gives praise to that light and to that presence; the first Holy Eucharist of Easter is celebrated, the great bell is rung and rung and rung as we go into the world to proclaim "Alleluia, Christ is Risen!" This, The Great Vigil of Easter, is the very heart of our faith, the celebration of the defeat of the darkness of death itself in Our Lord's Resurrection. Come and take part in this ancient feast, sharing the moment and the news with Christians throughout time and around the world. Easter music is never sweeter, and Easter day is never brighter.

With Easter Blessings,

Peter+



The Labyrinth

The Christ Church labyrinth, whose design is modeled on the seven-circuit labyrinth at Chartres Cathedral, was open for a week in mid-March for Lenten meditation. This ancient contemplative path provided a sacred space for prayer and self-reflection. Those who heard a presentation about the labyrinth's history and then walked the path included members of two Learning in Retirement classes from Valdosta State University. Booklets and printed finger labyrinths were and still are available (contact Dcn. Patricia Marks – 229-630-8644).



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the sidewalk entrance to the parish hall to remind everyone of the theme, "Strengthen Your Stakes."

The Men in Blue cooked barbecued chicken and sausage donated by Tom Carroll and Sunset Farms Foods. Judge Wayne Ellerbee, Sylvia Warrick, and Josie Parten provided delicious side dishes of cole slaw, fruit, bread, and cakes. The decorations committee led by Frances Guice added to the celebration using balloons and Julius Ariail's photographs scattered about the tables with colored confetti. Brad Burnette announced advance donations of \$300,000 and unveiled a framed stake which will be used to track the growing donation total. At the conclusion of the meal, the Vespers service began.





photographs by the Rev. Frank Logue

Discovery Trip to the Dominican Republic, February 20 - 27, 2010

The Dominican Republic is the companion diocese of the Diocese of Georgia. For that reason the diocese is encouraging churches with a strong outreach program to consider mission trips and construction projects in that venue.

For the past nine years the Rev. Tar Drazdowski, assistant rector of Christ Episcopal Church, has led a mission trip to El Pedregal where the group has built a church and school and held Vacation Bible School.

The Rev. Tar and Jim Drazdowski led a group of seven on a recent discovery trip so that leaders of other churches could hear from the Dominicans what projects they would like to complete.

The Rev. Frank and Victoria Logue, King of Peace, Kingsland; Fred Richter, Trinity, Statesboro; the Rev. Kit Brinson, St. Michael's,

Waynesboro; and the Rev. Jay Weldon, St. Patrick's, Albany, also went on the trip.

Bob Snow, an Episcopal missionary working in the Dominican, acted as guide for the

outlined the projects they needed.

The group also met with Bishop Holquin, who outlined his vision of having "all the infrastructure of the churches, schools and vicarages complete and each church self-sufficient" by the end of his term, according to Jim Drazdowski, who kept a journal of the trip. The journal is online at www.christchurchvaldosta.org/publications.html.

The Rev. Tar and Jim will lead the tenth Christ Church mission trip June 12-19. If you are interested in participating or would like to support the effort financially, please call 242-5115.

Below is one of the many photos taken by the Rev. Frank Logue of King of Peace, Kingsland. Tar had just purchased the shoelace/hair ribbon from a small beauty shop that had been financed by a microcredit loan from the Diocese of the Dominican Republic.

SILENT AUCTION April 10

**Donate items by April 8
Bid on items at the
Saturday Evening
Eucharist with supper
by Men in Blue
Proceeds go to June
mission trip to
Dominican Republic.**

group taking them to 10 locations during the week. At each stop an official of the church or orphanage





Special Days Remembered in April



BIRTHDAYS

2 Cecilia Carroll	18 Jane Ferrell
Mallory Lind	19 Thomas Greneker
3 Eric Herndon	20 Cathy Hanson
4 Leanne Balanis	Sue Ellen Rumstay
5 Pierce Baker	22 Happy Ingeman
Jan Carter	23 Sophia Bajalia
Lee Page	Allan Dear
6 April Cox	Carter Elliott
7 Tal Barnidge	Thurman Larsen
8 Jennifer Lawrence	Summer Warrick
Cindy Waters	24 Allan Canup
Kari Wilkin	Patricia Greneker
10 Edward Preston	Tristan Guice
12 Sis May	Anne Singletary
13 Jake Adams	25 Annie Reid
Elizabeth Armstrong	Jennifer Singleton
15 Bobbie Ann Mitchell	26 Grace Flemer
16 Joel Williams	30 Kathleen Parmelee
17 Lucy Tomberlin	Elise Sandbach

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

17 Dave & Stella Clark
19 Bill & Sally Querin
20 Dan & Lee Phillips
28 Pat & Curt Grieve

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

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

2 Sparky Greneker	15 Jessie Querin
3 Michael Bajalia	Sue Sandbach
Nicola Bajalia	17 Will Armstrong
Mitchell Beeland	Anna Coggins
Jim Elliott	Janet Dickman
4 Joe Tomberlin	18 Merrill Guice
5 Jan Carter	19 William Bajalia
Joan Dear	Lauren Cloud
Richard Saeger	Jordon Jackson
6 Brandon Jackson	20 Olivia Nunn
7 Carolyn Eager	Brooklyn Prine
Paul Stevenson	22 Nicole Bajalia
9 Matilda Stubbs	Leslie Cloud
Sylvia Warrick	23 Madison Jackson
10 Brian Nelson	25 Trent Marshall
Steve Roberts	Caroline Prine
12 Sue Ellen Rumstay	Greg Prine
13 Robert Church	28 Pat Tudor
John Roberts	
Keith Tucker	



Dave Clark points out details of the proposed building plan at the kickoff event to Elizabeth Wisenbaker, Mike Holland and Larry Wisenbaker.

Dave Clark talks about the Capital Campaign

Christ Church Senior Warden Dave Clark has been in the building business for 40 years and with Mackey Lumber where he is currently the general manager for 33 of those years. As the senior warden, he will oversee whatever building

project the church undertakes during his tenure. He is very enthusiastic about our current project and excited about the prospect of leaving this legacy for our children and grandchildren.

"The response to our capital campaign to build an education building, a new parish hall, kitchen, and nursery has been great," said Dave Clark. "Our parishioners have a super positive attitude about this."

"We all know that this is not the final plan that we will use when construction begins," he continued. "Members of our church are working hard in a very cooperative way to make sure we have the best plan to get the most for our money. What we need to do now is raise the money. When we know how much we can afford, we will adjust the plan to fit our budget and use those dollars to the best advantage. I'm ready. Let's build it!"

The Kneeler Project Orders Supplies

The group of needlepoint workers met in March to learn the basketweave stitch from Eloise Smith. That stitch will form the background of the ten new kneelers. Julia Ariail plans to make the practice pieces into pew markers. Twiggs of Savannah, a needlepoint shop, ordered the special canvas designed for kneelers and other projects where the design will receive heavy wear.

Once the canvas arrives, Bill Nunn will paint the designs for the saints chosen to be represented. Then the stitchers can begin work.





The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

What I am reading . . .



Deacon Patricia Marks

. . . a handful of poems by the Welsh poet Gwenallt (David James Jones). St.

David, "the gypsy of God," is my favorite:

*He came to us in the colleges and schools
To show us the purpose of learning.
He went down into the pit with the coal miners
And shone his lamp on the coal face.
He put on the goggles of the steel worker, and the short
grey overall
And showed the Christian being purified like metal in
the furnace.*

Gwenallt, a convert to Welsh Anglicanism, writes of his heart- change: "Where once was abstract mist and insubstantial wool, / I saw a solid Star standing still above a Baby's cradle." And so he weaves lovely gleams

of liturgical light into poetry. In Holy Week, "the world's sacred winter," he hears "a sound of scourging and nailing in the vinegary wind" and then rejoices in the "two springs" of Easter, when "The lily, the primrose and the daffodil / Will follow the Saviour from the Egypt of soil."

*But it is St. David he loves (as does Rowan Williams):
He brought the Church into our homes,
Put the holy vessels on the kitchen table
With bread from the pantry and wine from the cellar,
And he stood behind the table like a tramp
So as not to hide from us the wonder of the sacrifice.
The wonder of the sacrifice. May its grace shine in
our lives.*

A Continuing Series: What the Diocese Does For Us

Our Conference Center at Honey Creek

by Julius Ariail, with assistance from Phyllis Hiers and the Rev. Sonia Sullivan Clifton



Julius Ariail

Most of us are familiar with Honey Creek as the center of the Diocese's summer camp program, which for many years was led by Pam Guice. Pam "retired" from that activity with the close of the 2009 camp season, and the summer camps in 2010 will be coordinated by the Rev. Dee Shaffer, Honey Creek's program director and also the vicar of the mission church in the Honey Creek chapel, Our Savior. But Honey Creek also serves a second role as the Diocesan conference center, with both large and small church groups meeting there almost every week during the year. For example, in the last two months there was Happening #84 at Honey Creek from February 19-21, and then New Beginnings #37 from February 26-28. Cursillo #116 was held there from March 5-7, and the Lay Ministers Conference as well as the Daughters of the King meetings were held on the March 12-13 weekend.

Consider the sequential numbers of the Happening, New Beginnings, and Cursillo events mentioned above. All of those activities, from #1 until the present, have been held at Honey Creek, and the participants in those activities share a common memory of this place that spans five decades. Given that the Diocese of Georgia does not have a cathedral to serve as a common geographical point of reference for everyone, Honey Creek has come to be that "central place." Granted, its location on the coast south of Brunswick is not very central geographically, but in the hearts and minds of the generations of people who have spent time there, it is very much "our place," our central place for meetings and for shared memories. Adults who first came to Honey Creek as summer campers are now sending their children to camp and returning themselves to participate in conferences under the oak trees of Honey Creek's one hundred acres of land. The full name of this wonderful place gives emphasis to this dual purpose: Honey Creek, the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center. For more information on meeting facilities there, go to the Honey Creek web site at <http://www.honeycreek.org>.

Photo from Lay Ministers Conference at Honey Creek



Diocese of Georgia Congregational Covenants

A congregation-priest-diocese expression of mutual support and accountability

These covenants are made with the bishop, priest, and congregation's wardens. The covenant establishes clear mutual support and accountability that enables the congregation to make and achieve intentional goals focused on (1) proclaiming the Gospel, (2) serving the lost and left-out, and (3) stewardship of our gifts from God.

The purpose of the covenant is to state clearly the vision and primary goals for the congregation over a specific period of time. It names and details those goals in the missional areas named above. These will become the special focus of the congregation, priest, and bishop's office.

The covenant is agreed upon after the congregation has completed a self-assessment of congregational life and ministry with a corresponding process of reflection, discernment, and planning, after which the priest and wardens work together to draft a statement of goals focused on proclaiming the Gospel, serving the lost and left-out, and being excellent stewards of our gifts from God. These are then shared with the bishop who might respond with suggestions or questions for clarification. If part of the statement of goals includes requests for diocesan resources/support, the bishop will respond specifically to those requests so mutual expectations are clear. A covenant can go through two or three drafts in its development.

The following provides the general outline that is used in creating a covenant.

Background: This contains a description of the congregation's self-assessment of its congregational life and ministry and how it arrived at its goals through a process of reflection, discernment, and planning. It should also state what external forces are impacting the congregation currently and what internal strengths and weaknesses the congregation has as it embraces its future.

Vision & Goals: This is a statement that lays out a broad vision of the congregation and then lists the primary goals it will pursue in the areas of proclaiming the gospel, serving the lost and left-out, and being excellent stewards of our gifts from God. these goals should clearly fit the congregation's current reality and community context. The goals should be: (1) Specific: saying clearly what the congregation will do; (2) Realistic: reflecting what the congregation believes it can manage; (3) Sacrificial: demanding something of the congregation; (4) Flexible: being appropriate to the life experience of the congregation; and (5) Responsive: reflecting the claims of Christ and His Church....

This is a portion of the document distributed at the Diocesan Convention in Savannah in February and sent to each parish for consideration. The complete document is online at www.christchurchvaldosta.org/publications.html.

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.

Foster Kids Project - Phyllis Holland chairs this project to assist local foster kids with supplies, tutoring, and mentoring. (245-3821); 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

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

Toiletries Project - Gail Hobgood chairs the project to collect unused hotel toiletries for families at LAMP. WPHOBG@aol.com



Three new daughters, Diane Halim, Sally Querin, and Amber Tanner as well as two recommitting daughters Frances Crawford and Laura Paine will be dedicated at a Daughters of the King service on April 25th at the 9:30 a.m. service. There will be a DOK meeting and reception following the service in the parish hall.

February 24 Building Presentation to the Youth



Facilities Committee Chair Tom Carroll presented the building plans to the youth of the church at a pizza party in Louttit Hall, Wednesday night, February 24. The youth of the church presented the first check to the campaign for \$75 after a yard sale. The group seemed excited about a space that was connected to the church for Sunday School and Wednesday night EYC. They asked thoughtful questions about space for work and play and agreed to help with the campaign kickoff on Sunday, February 28.

Vocare #19

by Savannah Spivey

Young adults sometimes feel like the left-out kid at recess within the church. No longer are we children who can sit in the nursery or hunt for Easter eggs. By the same token, most of us are not financially stable enough to make annual pledges to a church we may only attend for six months to a year. Our lives are changing, along with our faith, and we sometime struggle with our ever-present uncertainty and vulnerability. As members of the body, we are faced with determining how best to serve during this transitional time in our lives.

Vocare is an event through which young adults can think on these things. We can spend a weekend with others who can relate so well to us. What I appreciate about Vocare is the way we are respected as adults. Although we are young and sometimes naive when it comes to the "grown-up" issues, we are



confronted with them and expected to respond. Throughout the weekend, staff members give short "talks" on topics like "What is a Christian?" and "Response to Christ," and "Identity." There are also talks that discuss various vocations with depth and understanding. For example, Elise and David Sandbach were present at Vocare #19 at Rock Eagle (Eatonton, GA) to give the "Vocation of Marriage" talk and answer any questions we all had concerning marriage.

We are encouraged to listen to God and what He may be "calling" us to in our lives. Even during free time, the comfort of listening and responding becomes an ever-present thought in our minds. Pilgrims (first-time participants) as well as



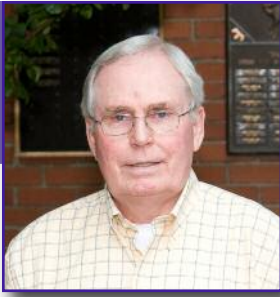
staff members find new, mature ways to communicate and hear God's messages. Although it has the potential to be an intense weekend, the laughter and new friends make it extremely worthwhile. Vocare is a perfect way to learn about how to transition from a young person to a young adult within the church. I encourage anyone to consider participating in this wonderful growing experience!

Christ Church members Griff Holland and Gus Elliott also participated in Vocare #19.

"It was like Happening, but more spiritual," said Griff Holland. "It is a life changing experience."

The Diocese of Georgia and the Diocese of Atlanta combined to sponsor the event.





Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

Our story continues with a called Vestry meeting on the evening of May 16, 1952, from which only Jerome Tillman was absent. Senior Warden Glen Robinson began by reading to the Vestry recent letters he exchanged with Bishop Barnwell that related to Vicar Clifton H. White's being called by a North Carolina parish. He read also correspondence between Mr. White and the Bishop. Extended discussion followed and focused upon Christ Church's "financial capacity" and "the authority of the Vestry to commit itself for future action. . . ."

James D. Carroll then presented a motion requiring, first, that between September 1, 1952, and September 1, 1954, Mr. White, still a full-time faculty member at Valdosta State College, would drop his entire teaching load and end his V.S.C. work. In return for White's phasing out his academic position, the Vestry would increase his salary as Vicar by \$1,733 in 1952, \$867 in 1953, and \$1,300 in 1954. Second, the motion provided for improvements to the "Rectory," including construction of a downstairs bathroom, to begin by September 1, 1952. Third, the Vestry was to call Mr. White as Rector of Christ Church, "subject to approval of Ecclesiastical Authority (Canon 22)." Robert G. Macks seconded the complex motion, which received unanimous approval. Immediately afterward, Senior Warden Robinson moved that the Vestry "extend at

this time a call as Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, Valdosta, to Rev. Clifton H. White, subject to the approval of Ecclesiastical Authority (Canon 22)." Seconded by D.C. Roddey, the motion passed unanimously.

Though his letter no longer exists in Christ Church's records, Mr. Robinson quickly informed Bishop Barnwell in writing of the Vestry's momentous actions, as the Bishop confirmed in his return letter of May 20, 1952. He made clear that "some difficulties" existed with the Vestry's actions, and the first was that Christ Church could not call Mr. White as Rector because of its status as a mission of the Diocese of Georgia. Mr. White could not be Rector until Christ Church became a parish, and that was possible only by an act of the Diocesan Convention.

He also wrote, "I am going along with you on your financial program as outlined and I feel sure you can meet the new obligations you are assuming. You are, however, taking on a pretty heavy increase for the next three years and I'm wondering if you are doing this on faith or if you know where the money is coming from." The Bishop said that if the Vestry were certain it could carry its new financial commitments and made "proper application," he was confident the next convention would approve parish status for Christ Church. At that point, he asserted, "you can satisfy Clifton about being a 'rector.' You should

bear in mind, however, that when you get him as a 'rector' you will have him permanently. . . . [Once] he becomes head of the parish I will have no further control over him." Finally, Bishop Barnwell added, "I think Clifton is turning out all right but it would not be fatal if he accepted a call to North Carolina, as I feel sure I can find some good man to put into Valdosta."

The Bishop's letter caused consternation among some vestrymen, who, at their next meeting on June 1, 1952, displayed reluctance about the motions they had approved on May 16. Discussion resumed about the salary increases promised to the Vicar. Both Mr. Fry and Dr. Perry expressed the opinion that keeping the salary pledge was impossible "under present circumstances." Mr. White agreed that the financial situation was difficult but explained how the church's income could be increased by present members bringing in new members and thus new pledges. Mr. Carroll then brought Vestry back to the essential point, which was that the group had made a "firm agreement" on May 16 and that "it remained for the Vestry to devise . . . ways-and-means to fulfill it." He recommended that Senior Warden Robinson and Mr. Fry draft a letter to church members calling for a discussion of the financial future at a meeting after a Parish dinner on June 11, 1952.

And the story goes on, slowly, in the May *Vineyard* and becomes increasingly murky.

The Youth of Christ Church

by Beth Baker

Senior Sunday May 23 Christ Church will be honoring our graduating seniors. Please send names to the church office so that all will be listed in the bulletin.

Local Women's Shelter Work Day The Christ Church kids have been very busy in the recent weeks! With the completion of Undie Sunday, the youth decided to do a full work day for the Haven. With 48 parents and children, we cleaned out the donation shed, hung clothes and unloaded donations in the clothes room, organized the toiletries area, removed expired food from the food bank area, mulched and weeded the flower beds around three buildings, power-washed the buildings, scraped and painted the front door, swept, bought and installed three new swings, mulched the playground, fixed the slide, cemented the swing set, removed debris, and did yard work. The youngest volunteers helped in the donation house, then left to do a Lemonade Stand in front of the church. They raised almost \$120 for the project. Everyone was exhausted but proud of the hard work. The Disney "Give A Day, Get A Day" program is giving our crew free Disney tickets in exchange for our volunteerism! How magical!

Cookies for Cops The Middle School EYC class baked yummy cookies for the Valdosta Police Department's late shift workers on March 10th. Although it was messy, it was a load of fun! Plus, the kids stuffed themselves with hot, delicious homemade cookies in the process! EYC is so awesome! If your child is not involved yet, come on...you are missing out on lots of Christian fellowship and action.

Vacation Bible School June 6 - 9, 2010 Please mark your calendar and plan to send your children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends. Any children who are already potty-trained are welcome.

Easter Eggs We need filled plastic Easter Eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on April 4. Please bring them by the church office by April 1!

Relay Deadline With only 4 volunteers, we may be cancelling our Relay For Life team this year. If you are interested in helping with this project, contact Beth at [<bethbaker@bellsouth.net>](mailto:bethbaker@bellsouth.net) by April 10.

Photos by Saber Simmons, Eric Herndon, and Patricia Greneker, from left to right: Happening #84 (two photos), New Beginnings #37



Some of the Christ Church youth who worked at the women's shelter

A note of thanks from the Haven

I just emailed my director that I didn't realize all that we did until I wrote it out! Like a whole page! I can't believe we accomplished so much! Everyone worked so hard, and I know that everyone will appreciate it as well, staff and clients. I'm so excited about that middle house. It has never looked so good. Thank you so much for planning all this out. It was really fun, and we were very successful! I can't believe those boys got that garage in such tip top shape! And the playground, swing set, outside, ramp, etc., etc., etc. I really, really appreciate all that you have done, and all the entire church has done. You all are so caring and have come together to benefit the Haven so much. It really means a lot. Thanks,

*Jenna Lasseter
Volunteer Coordinator*





Lay Ministers' Conference at Honey Creek

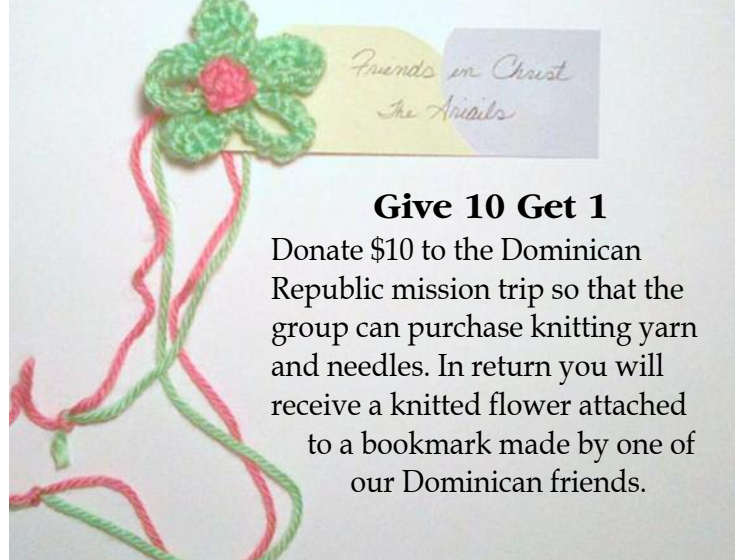
Phyllis and John Hiers, Julia and Julius Ariail, Nancy Lutsko, Pauline Brown, Marc Rogers, and Michael Carroll attended the spring lay ministers' conference at Honey Creek, March 12-13. The Rev. Dr. James Lemler, an expert on congregational development from Greenwich, Connecticut, was the keynote speaker. Other workshop leaders included the Rev. Steve Norris, the Rev. Sr. Deborah Magdalene, OSH, the Rev. James Parker, and the Rev. Dr. Stan Christian.

Cursillo #116 March 5-7, 2010

Jim Drazdowski, the Rev. Denise and Dave Ronn were on staff at the 116th Cursillo. If you are interested in participating in the next Cursillo, scheduled for October 21-24, please contact Jim at 249-0895 or download an application from the website <<http://sites.google.com/site/georgiacursillo/>>.



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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

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