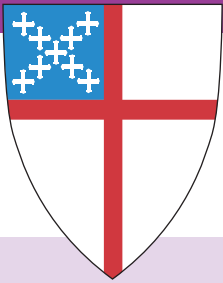


The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

July 2010



One God, One Church, One Mission!

Mark Your Calendar

Honey Creek Camp

June 27 - July 3

St. Peter's Camp

July 4th

Independence Day - Sunday
Regular Sunday morning
schedule followed by
Hotdog Lunch

July 16 - 17

Happening #85 Staff Lock-in at
Christ Church

July 18

5:00 PM - Happening Dinner &
Reunion Group at
Molly & Paul Stevenson's
All former Happeners are
invited & encouraged to attend
as we help Elizabeth Hanson
prepare for the upcoming
Happening.

July 22

Father Peter's Birthday

August 4

A Walk With the Good
Shepherd Bible Camp

August 21

Jim Elliott's Ordination
St. Peter's, Savannah
11 a.m.

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



The 2010 Mission Team included: l. to r., front row, Robbie Beeland, Nolan Yuro, Elizabeth Welch, Fred Richter, the Rev. Tar Drazdowski, John Nall, Jim Drazdowski, Clinton Beeland, Jeana Beeland, and Julius Ariail; second row, Riley Yuro, Mitchell Beeland, Diane Halim, Stefani Carroll, Mimi Allen, Jim Ellis Fisher, Mike Richardson, and Julia Ariail.

The sounds of cheering, clapping, shrill whistling, and shouts of welcome greeted and totally surprised the weary travelers on the small bus as they made the second to the last lurching turn down the gravel strewn road toward the Campamento de Transfiguracion in the village of El Pedregal near the city of Jarabacoa. It had been a two-day trip from Valdosta to Orlando to Santo Domingo that now ended in this village. This was the ninth time that a team led by the Rev. Tar Drazdowski had come to this place to build, to teach, to learn, and to share Christian love and friendship with the people. All the cheering people had been waiting for hours to

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Padre Carlos Santana and three young men from his congregation

Photographs by Julius Ariail



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The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Assistant
Rector

Stella Clark, Deacon

Jim Elliott, Deacon

Patricia Marks, Deacon

Molly Stevenson, Parish Administrator

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Ben Stroup, St. Gregory Choir Director

Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leader

Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter

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Vestry Report from May 17, 2010

- Reported the projects Junior Warden Mike Tanner will work on this summer: resurfacing alley, outdoor carpet from church to office and Tomberlin House gas.

- Voted to authorize architects at Barganier Davis Sims to make new drawings up to \$100,000 for Education Building and Parish Hall to include use of building as a school with exterior doors to meet building codes and separate kitchen to deal with elevation concerns.

- Formed Building Committee with Sr. Warden Dave Clark as chair, to include Julia Ariail, Aaron Parten, Blake Ellis, Steve Roberts, and Jerry DeMott.

- Received report from Sandra Fletcher and Capital Campaign Chair that we are half-way to our goal. She encouraged 100% participation from the Vestry.

- Announced approval of Jim Elliott and Nancy Sartin for ordination. Jim's ordination to the priesthood will be at 11 a.m. August 21 at St. Peter's in Savannah.

- Reminded the Vestry of the upcoming mission trip to the Dominican Republic, June 12-19, with 18 participants.



Dave Clark, Senior Warden and Mike Tanner, Junior Warden

- Received report from Deacon Patricia Marks that participation at the Langdale Tuesday morning service is up to 18 and room will be converted permanently to a chapel soon.

- Announced that Deacon Stella Clark will be on a six-week, 400 mile pilgrimage walk in the Way of St. James in Spain in May and June.

- Received report from Beth Baker about end of the year EYC activities and August 4 one day event to start the 2011 school year. August 5 we will sponsor a rafting trip on the Ichetucknee River.

- Recommended encouraging parents to send children to Camp Honey Creek. There is \$2,000* in scholarship money available.

* As of June 23rd these funds have been awarded.

Vacation Bible School

**Postponed until August 4 for one-day
Good Shepherd Bible Camp.**

**Second Saturday Eucharist will become the
Sunday Evening Eucharist beginning September 19 at 8 p.m.**

Borders and Valencia Bible Studies

Suspended for the summer to reconvene in the fall.

Words for the Season After Pentecost

God's Word Hospitality Hope of Glory

From the Rector



Strengthen Our Stakes

Quite a few years ago I went to seminary in Wisconsin. Many of the seminarians went home for the summer months, but for Happy and me Nashotah was home, so we stayed. For those that did stay we had a daily celebration of the Holy Eucharist in a very old and tiny building called the "Red Chapel," one of the original buildings dating from the 1840's. As a Deacon I served almost every day. One week, in the summer between our first and second year, there was a visitor at the services, a rather unusual event. He was a priest taking a retreat. The priest was from the cathedral in Orlando, Florida. One morning he asked if I might be willing to take two months at the cathedral as the first seminarian in a proposed "Teaching Parishes" program, and would Happy like to come too. The two months in question were January and February. Pausing but a moment, thinking of the Wisconsin winter, we said "Oh yes!" Actually, we weren't sure the offer was official until we received a letter from the Dean of the cathedral. The cathedral in downtown Orlando was begun in the 1920's during the Florida land-boom. Work ceased, uncompleted, in the ensuing land-bust, so, although beautiful, the building was clearly not what the architect originally had in mind. We arrived in the midst of the Capital Fund Drive to finish the work begun. The name of the drive, taken from Isaiah, was "Strengthen our Stakes." It was a massive program, and there were some doubts about its completion. Happy and I had occasion to return to Orlando a few years later to find that the campaign had been successful. The cathedral had "caught the vision," and the completed building was and is magnificent. Should you be in Orlando, I highly recommend a visit to the cathedral. It is a wonderful example of what a church as a parish can accomplish. I have had all that in mind as our own campaign goes forward. I thank those who have made a pledge to our own stakes-strengthening program.

Peter+

\$1,207,475
June 20,
2010

Campaign Pledge
Total to date



From our Mission Field

In a nutshell, this was the most successful mission trip ever. The community of El Pedregal is thriving. The community greeted us with love and opened up their homes and hearts to us! We were able to see how God is moving in this very special place. The children

looked healthy, the church is growing, and

the children are being educated. This year they had 47 students and next year they will have 150. Padre Carlos Santana does not know how he will raise the money, but he knows that God will. Thank you from your team for your prayers, support and for sending us to this very special place. The mission continues with plans in the works for next year. Our plans for the future include working in the community to provide better housing, Vacation Bible School and leadership training for the youth group, the knitting project, and arts and crafts they could sell to visiting teams.

Look for plans for a dinner and special presentation in the very near future!

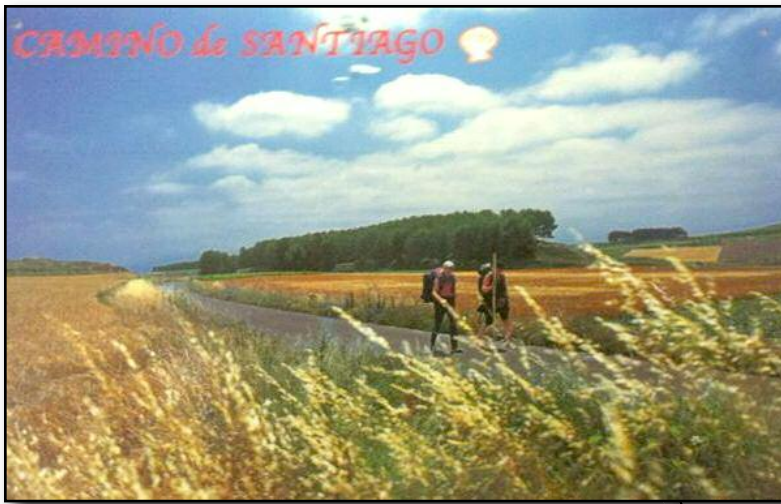
Tar+



A new Daughters of the King class will start in July and run through September. Please email or call Pat Bezona for information at [<pbezona@bellsouth.net>](mailto:pbezona@bellsouth.net) or 229-242-8289. There is a \$50 fee for national membership.

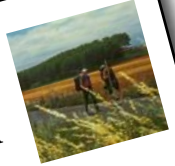


The camera symbol indicates that a series of photos on this subject is available at [<http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta>](http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta).



Deacon Stella Clark sent a postcard from Spain

To: Christ Episcopal Church,
1521 N. Patterson Street,
Valdosta Georgia 31602, USA



*This could easily be me and Joan
[Kilian] walking through wheat fields as we
travel the "Camino de Santiago."
[Road to Santiago]. It has been a
wonderful journey.*

Dios, Stella



Team communicators at work in the Dominican Republic



Communication is vital to a mission team in a foreign country. This year's mission team from Christ Episcopal Church to El Pedregal was fortunate to have three communicators, Stefani Carroll, John Nall, and Julius Ariail, who were assisted by three El Pedregal teenagers, Anny,

Jamell and Leidy.

Stefani speaks Spanish fluently having grown up in a bilingual family. She worked at every site in El Pedregal with

the team translating questions, answers, Bible stories, knitting patterns, and confidences for Tar. She proofed the certificate for the Rev. Tar from the school and awarded the certificates on stage at the graduation. John Nall knew enough Spanish to be able to come up with the right word or phrase whenever Stefani was out of range, especially on the construction sites in the afternoons when Stefani was working with the Bible School or knitting projects. Julius Ariail made good use of a key phrase supplied by John, "Con permiso?" (with permission?) to roam the village to document the work of the entire

team and the people of the village, including being allowed to photograph the interiors of several of their homes (with permission via John's phrase, of course). He also used his iPhone to send e-mail messages and post updates to his Facebook page. Anny, Jamell, and Leidy could also translate between English and Spanish, and eagerly followed along and helped us with our mission tasks.



Anny



Leidy (l)
and
Jamell (r)

Preschool Graduation at Christ Church - May 27, 2010



End-of-the-Year Swim Party for Christ Church Preschool



The Jim Scruggs family donated a granite bench for the playground in honor of Preschool teacher Norma Tomberlin. The bench was dedicated on May 27 by the Rev. Tar Drazdowski.

IN HONOR OF
MRS. NORMA TOMBERLIN
WITH LOVE AND GRATITUDE
ELDS
2009-10



Special Days Remembered in July



BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 Aleta Corley | 21 Hayden Coggins |
| 2 Hugh Bailey | Nancy Sartin |
| Julian (Boots) Tudor | 22 Peter Ingeman |
| 4 Beverly Cowart | Alexandra Peeples |
| Grace Diamond | 23 Gail Hobgood |
| 5 Laurie McCall | Caroline Prine |
| Theo Reed | Richard Rigby |
| 6 Katherine Mayer | 24 Jeff Hanson |
| 8 Dottie Eager | Walter Hobgood |
| Walter Williams | Brett Nelson |
| 9 Katie Wisenbaker | 25 Pat Bezona |
| 11 Brooklyn Prine | Andrew Greneker |
| 14 Jerry DeMott | Philip Gunter |
| 15 David Cribb | 26 Andrew Hummel |
| John Hiers | Gregory Hummel |
| David Holland | 27 Juanita Quinn |
| 16 Sandra Fletcher | Billy Tidmore |
| 17 Michael Black | Al Turner |
| Linda Burch | 28 Griff Holland |
| Rachel Rumstay | 29 Emory Warrick, Sr. |
| 18 Pepi Nelson | 30 Debi Saeger |
| 19 Lisa Gilchrist | |
| 20 Pam Pitts | |

BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Carter Coleman
5 Dori Carter
7 Kelly Lambert
Carol Roberts
Philip Roberts
9 Marge Fitzsimons
10 Griff Holland
19 Diane Halim
20 Pam Pitts
25 Victoria Warrick
26 Edith Shepherd



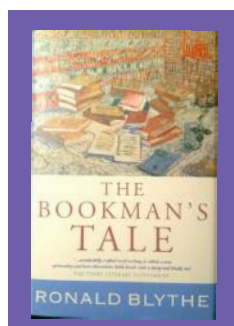
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 Cliff & Elizabeth Baker
Ralph & Julie Jackson
12 Bill & Lucille Sineath
16 Marty & Karen Diamond
22 Rusty & Laurie McCall
24 Bill & Kathy Armstrong
25 Dave & Pat Armstrong
26 Halim Faisal & Diane Halim
29 Jack Fisher & Elaine Yontz
Aaron & Josie Parten
30 Bill & Helen Tucker

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



Palin hasn't found a home yet. Please call Karen Gunter at (229) 794-8146 or (229) 560-4472.



The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

The Bookman's Tale

By Ronald Blythe, Canterbury Press, 2009



Deacon Patricia Marks

A Church of England reader living in Wormingford, a village with a church, a pub, and a post-office. A historian and literary critic, at home in an old cottage with a white cat and a garden. Blythe is all this and more: one of today's finest essayists, he captures the distinctive character of British rural life in this collection of columns that appeared in Church Times. We are privileged to be welcomed into a landscape whose pervasive spirituality finds expression in the most down-to-earth way – good friends and long walks, drenching rain and wild daffodils. As this "Bookman"

weeds through nettles and horsetails so that roses and irises may breathe, he meditates on his sermon about St. Barnabas. The notes of Thomas Tallis echo through his writing, where the voices of the choir are "waving and weaving their way to the painted angels, and out over the marshes." With him we visit Little Gidding of T.S. Eliot fame and muse over the grave of John Constable and the words of poets like John Clare and John Betjeman. At the end when we step back into our own world, we carry traces of the scented English garden with us.

The Honey Creek Summer Camps

by Pam Guice



It is 1932 - the depths of the Depression - and Episcopalians allocate scarce resources to create Camp Reese on St. Simon's Island. Why? Because children are important in the life of the church. Some twenty years later, Camp Reese, squeezed by development, is moved to the mainland marshes at a significant cost. Why? Because children are important in the life of the church. Currently called Honey Creek, the camp continues its seventy-eight year mission to provide holy time and sacred space for children and youth to experience community, worship and study. For fifty of those years, Christ Church has actively supported and benefitted from the camp program. All of our clergy have made camp a priority. Over 100 families (from Allen, Ariail, Baker, Boatwright...to Warren, Wisenbaker, Wright and Zipperer) have committed time, talent and treasure to support it. Why? Because children are important in the life of the church.

So what are these benefits? We all know that instruction in the Faith is vital to Christian living. That's why we support Sunday School, VBS and EYC. We can also confess that there are obstacles to regular attendance. If we do participate fully for a year, we would experience about twenty-four hours of religious instruction. One day. Out of 365. If we participate faithfully. Summer camp gives us the chance to "catch up" our obligation to our children.

Another benefit from camp is the exposure to our

extended church family. Community.

Episcopalians are a minority in the thicket of Christian denominations found in South Georgia. We can become lost in this maze of diversity. If from a small congregation where size will not allow for a regular youth group or Sunday school community, our children may not understand why we worship, believe or act as we do. Camp provides a place and time to explore and experience identity and community. Quick test for adults: How many Episcopal family members do you know in Albany, Augusta, Bainbridge, Brunswick, Savannah and Tifton? Your children have enduring friendships throughout our Christian community.

The most important benefit is having the time, space and support to develop a relationship with Jesus. This relationship engenders a wholeness and security that leads to ministry (and not just the ordained kind!). Consider the story of the Transfiguration (Mark 9) where the

disciples, who have known about Jesus, finally know Jesus. They want to stay in that sacred space and moment: "Let us build three booths." But Jesus is not collecting friends for his Facebook page; he is establishing a meaningful relationship that leads into changed lives. It happens at Honey Creek

Why support summer camp? "Let the children come to me" (Mark 10:14).

**... because
children are
important
in the life
of the church.**



Pam Guice (center of photo) at Honey Creek on July 4, 2009, at a reunion of camp counselors.



Mimi Allen and Jamell lead a game during Vacation Bible School at the Episcopal Camp.



El Pedregal children watch the school graduation from outside the gate.



Then were invited in as the gate opened for the reception following the ceremony.



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Julia Ariail and Stefani Carroll teach women and teens to knit purses and small flowers.



The Rev. Tar loves the children of El Pedregal, and the children love her.



The mission team divided to work on two construction sites, teach Vacation Bible School and teach knitting classes.

welcome the 13 people on the bus. A family of four others would join them by car within 30 minutes and the eighteenth team member arrived the next day.

Padre Carlos Santana, deacon-in-charge of the church since January 2010, welcomed the team members, and we were served an evening meal by Anna Maria and Tomasina, cooks and longtime friends of the team. The food was delicious, the first of many good meals throughout the trip. Seven teenagers, two of whom spoke English eagerly and well, translated the rapid words of welcome and added their own delight in seeing their old friends and meeting the new members of the team. The tired travelers quickly spread out to sleep in the four dorm rooms on the corners of a 20' x 30' common room after evening prayer. The fans mounted on the walls of the dorms helped cool and stir the tropical air.

On Sunday morning we walked the short distance to the church with an attached school which had been built by the Christ Church team and others over the past nine years. The three-story concrete block building painted terracotta and cream stands far above the other buildings of the village. The people of the church

welcomed the team with the joy of seeing old friends, presenting new babies, and introducing new members. Deacon Carlos honored the Rev. Tar by inviting her to celebrate the Eucharist in his church. He prayed in Spanish for our team and for Juanita Quinn, a member of the Valdosta group who was not able to come to the Dominican this year because of illness.

Afternoon highlights included a walking tour of the village of El Pedregal where many people remembered members of the team and called out a welcome in Spanish. Pablo, the caretaker of the camp, showed us the two construction project sites. We would assist the Pedregal construction workers to put a roof on Pablo's new home so that his current house near the school can be used in September as a kindergarten. Padre Carlos wants to expand the school and needs that space for the youngest children because it has a side yard with playground equipment Christ Church bought and installed on one of the previous trips.

Several team members walked about a mile down the mountain road to the river past greenhouses where large anthurium flowers were being cultivated. The four teens on the trip particularly enjoyed cooling in the water. They followed the



The Church of the Transfiguration and the school were built with the assistance of the Christ Church mission team delegations for the past nine years. The teams have contributed their labor, funds, and enthusiastic encouragement.

Pedregal teens jumping from a 20-foot high rock.

From Monday through Wednesday the team, divided into groups, worked on Site 1 with Pablo, Site 2 with Euclides, Vacation Bible School, or knitting. Julius Ariail photographed all the sites, moving from place to place throughout the day, making friends and documenting the efforts. The children came to call him "*Foto loco senior*," "Crazy Photo Man." He took over 6,000 photos during the stay. Stefani Carroll, who speaks Spanish natively, worked extremely hard at the work sites doing physical labor, VBS telling Bible stories in Spanish, and the knitting class, translating purse pattern terms.

Carlos, one of the young men who has been at the camp during all the nine years the team has come, now works at the church and camp. He also plays on a local baseball team. He invited the group to come to the field to watch him play after supper on Wednesday. We walked about a mile through the town to the field and cheered throughout the first of a double-header. The first half of the first inning, we cheered for the wrong team because every player had on a different uniform and our friend was not on the field. Much embarrassed, we cheered even louder when he did appear and hit

several triples, doubles and a single. His team eventually won 13 to 8 in the first game and 20 to 2 in the second.

Thursday was a day to remember. So much happened that even those who had come for many years could not remember ever experiencing so much. For the Rev. Tar Splash Day is always the highlight. That's the day the 150+ children of Pedregal come to the camp to enjoy jumping in and out of inflatable pools filled with cool water, slide on the soap-coated tarps being splashed with water from a hose, swing on swings or just run and turn cartwheels. This year we missed the part where Tomasina and Anna Maria and the Pedregal teens supervised feeding the children hot dogs and popsicles, because we joined a parade. Yes, a parade!

At 3 o'clock the team rode about a mile in a taxi provided by the school and driven by the music teacher to the turn from the Jarabacoa road. We were astonished to find all 47 of the school's children - the boys dressed in black suits and white shirts; the girls dressed in white dresses; both wore red capes and red mortar board hats with white yarn handmade tassels. They were lined up by



Splash day is fun for the children and team members alike. Above right, Mitchell Beeland plays with several children.



Forty-seven children marched in a one-mile parade from the beginning of the road into El Pedregal to the school for the graduation.



The Rev. Tar received a certificate for the work and support she and her mission teams have given to build the church and school.



The El Pedregal church family brought a pot luck supper for the team and stayed to dance and celebrate into the evening.

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Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

Our story continues with the Vestry meeting on July 18, 1952. Following Fr. White's reading of his letter of July 13, 1952, and his explanation of differences between "low" church and "high" church and an ensuing debate, the Vestry moved to a motion by Mr. Dawson to repeal the portion of the May 16, 1952, agreement to increase Fr. White's salary over three years in return for his ending his V.S.C. teaching. Four of the six vestrymen present voted for the motion, while two abstained. The gathering ended with "a general discussion of details of the Service, and items of publicity which were not received with favor by various members of the Vestry because of their possible tinge of a 'high' Church interpretation on the part of the public." The Minutes become vague at this point and mention specifically only "the use of the title 'Father'" and "chanting during the service," and then add the generalized phrase "several other points." Whatever "several other points" meant, Fr. White "agreed to carry out wishes expressed" by Vestry members.

Vestry met in regular session on August 3, 1952, and again covered some of the same ground. To clarify Mr. Dawson's motion [see the paragraph above] for those absent from the July 18th meeting, Fr. White spelled out the decisive reason for his offer to relieve Vestry of its commitment to assume

responsibility for his V.S.C. salary. He said he perceived that Vestry "would likely refuse the proposed \$16,000 loan" from the American Church Building Fund Commission "if they had the additional salary burden for him to handle also." He insisted that "he was more interested in the progress of this Church than in abandoning his teaching even though it still . . . [meant] more work for him."

The issue of Fr. White's long letter of July 13 to vestrymen then arose again owing to comments by two members about the missive. Because "they seemed to question his objections to caucus meetings," the Vicar asked to have the floor to address the points they raised. Here a sentence written by Winston Churchill in November 1940 comes to mind:

"History with its flickering lamp stumbles along the trail of the past, trying to reconstruct its scenes, to revive its echoes, and kindle with pale gleams the passion of former days."

History is not a science. The statements Fr. White subsequently made to the Vestry seem relatively clear, but the correspondence with the Bishop that he refers to does not exist in Parish records, so we actually can see only part of the story.

The Vicar declared that he had reviewed the correspondence that "had prompted the caucuses" and in doing so "had discovered that the Bishop's letters implied that he (the Vicar) was trying to trick the Vestry into carrying a heavier [financial] load than was wise." The first phrase quoted suggests

that the Vestry caucus after the regular Vestry meeting on July 6, 1952, was not the only such, but perhaps Fr. White intended to speak only of a single caucus. In any case, to counter the Bishop's charge Fr. White showed "correspondence between himself and the Bishop" which, he claimed, demonstrated that Bishop Barnwell knew the Vicar had rejected a "call" from a church in Salisbury, North Carolina. Fr. White also displayed documents from the Salisbury church to prove that the salary and car allowance there would be about \$400 more than he had told the Bishop would keep him at Christ Church. This aimed to rebut the Bishop's contention that Fr. White had told him the Salisbury salary and car allowance would be \$100 more than at Christ Church.

The materials offered by Fr. White seemed to show Bishop Barnwell had made errors, though we do not have the Bishop's letters to confirm so. Fr. White asserted that he made no charge against the Bishop of having deliberately maligned him, but because "the Bishop erred, and such errors seemed to reflect ill against himself, the Vicar wished to prove his record clear." Mr. Jamie Carroll then declared his intention to inform the five absent vestrymen "about these proofs of record." Vestry Clerk Robert Macks being absent, Fr. White not only transcribed the Minutes but placed an intriguing remark at the end: "Other discussions followed, not made a matter of record. . . ."

This story continues in the August *Vineyard*, and perhaps ends.

Diocese of Georgia Feasibility Workshop #5 at All Saints, Thomasville, June 3



Fifty-two participants from the Southwest Convocation attended the feasibility workshop held at All Saints Church in Thomasville on June 3. Twelve members of Christ Church took part in the session. With Royster Hedgepeth as facilitator, the group listed as top priorities:

1. Congregations making a visible difference in communities; 2. Honey Creek renovated and self supporting; 3. Expanded training for deacons, priests, and lay persons; 4. Membership up by 10%; 5. Collaborative outreach programs; and 6. Broad financial stability. The Hedgepeth Group will present a final report at the February 2011 Convention.

Honey Creek Camp Schedule

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

Send your child to camp! Brochures and applications are available on the information table in the parish hall. Cost for each camp is \$395. 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.

New Diocesan Web Page

by Julius Ariail



The webpage for the Diocese of Georgia has been redesigned and is now available at this new address:

<http://gaepiscopal.org>.

This new design highlights information of interest to laity and clergy as well an expanded collection of photos.



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grade from kindergarten to 5th grade with the teachers, principal, parents, Deacon Carlos, a band of musicians and people on motorcycles. We paraded back to



Mitchell Beeland and Mike Richardson work on site #2 with a young Dominican.

the school for a three-hour ceremony with musical presentations and dancing, certificates of completion and certificates of honor presented. Padre Carlos, who is also in charge of the school, honored the Christ Church team by inviting them to sit at a table near the stage. At one point the music teacher changed into a clown costume and entertained the crowd, all of whom were seated in white plastic chairs on which the word "familia" was printed, under a double tarp strung on wires and ropes from the church and school building, a tree, and a pole. Near the end of the ceremony, Padre Carlos presented the Rev. Tara a framed certificate for her work in building the church and school. The gates to the school were opened to the community, and the school hosted a reception for all.

That evening the entire church family came to the camp to share their food with the team and later to dance to music on a boom box.

Tired and sad to be leaving old and new friends, the team left by bus to ride again to Santo Domingo, spend the night in a hotel, fly to Orlando, and drive home. But we'll be back in 2011!



Rainbow over the camp on Thursday, June 17.

Happening Lock-In at Christ Church July 16th & 17th

Christ Church will be hosting youth and adults from around the Diocese on July 16th and 17th. These people were chosen to serve on staff for the upcoming Happening. We really need a family/Ultreya/Reunion Group to provide breakfast for our young people. If this sounds like a calling that you may have, please contact Beth Baker (251-1143) or <bethbaker@bellsouth.net>. Baked goods would also be greatly appreciated.

The photo on the right is of the staff and participants of Happening #83 with the familiar faces of many Christ Church youth at Honey Creek.

Walking With The Good Shepherd

Please sign up for our exciting Day Camp on August 4th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. We will provide age appropriate activities for all of our children. Forms are located in the Parish Hall on the information table.

Ichetucknee Family Float

August 5th will be our Church Family Float! Mark your calendars and ask for the day off! This is a day of fellowship and fun! Look for the sign up sheet coming soon.

Happening # 85

Happening #85 will be held July 30 - August 1! Check out <www.georgiahappening.com> for more information.

Elizabeth Hanson, on the left in the photo above, is a member of Christ Church. She will serve as the rector of Happening #85. Several other Christ Church youth will serve on the staff. Look for an expanded article in the August *Vineyard*.



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

8:00 p.m. Holy Communion beginning September 19

***Nursery Available**

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

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

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