

The 190th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia

James H. Rainwater Conference Center
February 10 - 12, Valdosta, Georgia

Mark Your Calendar

March 3

Working Ultreya

March 8

Shrove Tuesday

Confessions Heard

(call priest for appointment)

Pancake Supper, 6:30 p.m.

March 9

Ash Wednesday - Holy

Eucharist & Imposition of
Ashes: 7 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.

No Wednesday Night supper.

March 13 - 20

VSU Spring Break

March 17 - 20

Cursillo #118 at Honey Creek

Elise Sandbach, Rector

March 20

DOK meeting at 10:40 a.m.
in Molly's office

March 25 - 26

Congregational
Development Institute
at Honey Creek





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The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to juliacaraiail@bellsouth.net or phone 229-559-7329.

Christ Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Scott A. Benhase,
Bishop of Georgia
The Rev. Peter Ingeman, Rector
The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, Assistant Rector
The Rev. Jim Elliott, Priest Associate
The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark
The Rev. Deacon Walter Hobgood
The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks
The Rev. Deacon Nancy Sartin
Beth Baker, Youth Coordinator
Molly Stevenson, Parish Administrator
Amy Creasy, Bookkeeper
Sue Ellen Rumstay, Organist
Kathy Armstrong, St. Gregory Choir Dir.
Maggie Roberts, St. Francis Choir Leader
Julia and Julius Ariail, Newsletter Editors

Vestry

Julia Ariail	Philip Gunter
Clinton Beeland	John Hiers
Tammy Borders	Aaron Parten
Stefani Carroll	Steve Roberts
Dave Clark	Mike Tanner
Jerry DeMott	Joe Tomberlin
Susan Elliott	Lucy Tomberlin
Sparky Greneker	

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The Rev. Dcn. Sartin	834-0147
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Vestry Report from January 17, 2011

- Presented the 2011 budget from the Finance Committee based on pledges of \$325,000.
- Reported on repairs and suggested ways to trim the utility costs by monitored use of heat and air.
- Approved painting of rectory with a bid of \$6,200.
- Installed the 2011 Vestry.
- Received report from Facilities Committee on new architectural drawings and separating the two building projects so that we can begin construction soon.
- Received report from Finance Committee that three local banks will give a competitive rate on a loan for the building.
- Discussed how to proceed with building, how to pay back a loan and how to present our case to the Standing Committee in May.



Mike Tanner,
Junior Warden

Dave Clark,
Senior Warden

- Approved a motion to form a committee to decide what to do with the AA house.
- Announced that Fr. Jim Elliott has been assigned by Bishop Benhase to serve as priest-in-charge of St. James' Quitman and will conduct services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month.
- Received reports from all the clergy on projects, assignments and upcoming events. Reminded everyone of the Diocesan Convention and ordination of Walter Hobgood.

Thanks so much for everyone who has brought in their hotel toiletry items for our ongoing collection. I took a large quantity of items to the LAMP/New Horizons shelter recently and they were extremely grateful. They were very low on shampoo and several other items. Just a reminder - Don't let these items sit around your house taking up space!! - remember that someone else really needs them.

*Thanks
Gail Hobgood*

Dear Christ Church Family,

Thank you so much for the sweet calls, cards and prayers offered to us of late. Your love and support help sustain us and mean the world to us.

*We love you all.
Pat & Boots Tudor*



The camera symbol indicates that an album of photos on this subject is available online at <http://picasaweb.google.com/christchurchvaldosta>.



The Christ Church Capital Campaign hosted a Valentine's Gourmet Dinner on February 14. See page 4 for photographs.

From the Rector

A LENTEN BEGINNING



The season of Lent begins this month. We often say that Lent begins with the services of Ash Wednesday, the ninth of March this year. Perhaps we might better say that it begins one day earlier, a day we call Shrove Tuesday. The word Shrove is from a very old English word; it means to have made a confession and to be absolved, shriven, in preparation for the days of Lent. The Greek and Russian Orthodox churches date the beginning of Lent to the previous Sunday, called in their tradition "Forgiveness Sunday." What is it all about? Forgiveness is the key. In confession and absolution we are assured of forgiveness in response to our resolve to repent, to turn our lives around and live as God would have us live. The example we are called to follow is the perfection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the one without sin. Unlike Jesus, we have sin; big sins and little sins, sins of commission and sins of omission. Lent is the season in which we are called to admit that, to acknowledge our failures and shortcomings in our relationship to God, to vow to amend our lives and then, and here is the difficult part, to actually amend them. And then what? And then we have the promise of God of forgiveness and restoration to wholeness in His love and presence. It all points to that restoration; it points to Easter, the Feast of the Resurrection, and the joyous demonstration of God's love for us all. On Ash Wednesday we will invite you to a "Holy Lent." We invite you to take upon yourself some special task or ministry, some special reading, to mark the season and to prepare for the good news, "He is Risen."

Peter+

The Ingemans Host Dinner at the Turner Center for the Arts



Fr. Peter and Happy Ingeman hosted a gala dinner at the Turner Center for the Arts for the Christ Church Diocesan Convention delegation, their spouses, and several members of the diocesan staff on Thursday, February 10. The catered dinner followed the Evening Prayer service attended by over 250 at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center.

The Christ Church delegation consisted of John Hiers, Dave Clark, and Joe Tomberlin and alternates Julia Ariail, Tammy Borders, and Jerry DeMott. All the clergy are voting members also.

In addition to the meal, the group enjoyed the current exhibits at the center.

Continuing Interest in our Companion Diocese



The Companion Diocese display in the photo on the left at the Diocesan Convention reflected the growing interest in missions from our diocese. The Rev. Tar Drazdowski is the chair of the commission and

represented Bishop Benhase at the Dominican Convention in February in Santo Domingo.

Five large containers of yarn were donated by church members around the diocese for the June 2011 trip to El Pedregal for the knitting project.

Valentine's Day Gourmet Dinner



The Capital Campaign Committee hosted a dinner on Valentine's Day in the Christ Church Parish Hall. Jeani Synyard chaired the event, which had a sellout crowd of 96. Chef Mac Parks treated the guests to a gourmet feast with the assistance of a host of volunteers including several from the youth group. The dinner raised approximately \$3,000 for the campaign and contributed \$300 to the youth group.

Bishop Henry and Jan Louttit were surprise special guests.



The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks

40-Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Ed. Ron Klug. Augsburg Press, 2007.



Like other books in the "Journey" series, this collection offers spiritual guidance along the Lenten path. The selections, taken from Bonhoeffer's *Discipleship* and *Life Together*, serve as a basis for thoughtful consideration of how to live out one's faith in a concrete way, so that radical obedience to Christ's call to love our neighbors is exercised through ethical action in the day-to-day world. Each section begins with an excerpt from Bonhoeffer, followed by a Biblical quotation, "Questions to Ponder," a quotation from a psalm, suggestions for journaling, a call for intercessions related to the readings, and a short

prayer. As the editor points out in his helpful introduction, everyone approaches mediation differently, and so he urges us to consider our own spiritual landscape as we plan our Lenten reading. He suggests, as well, that we read, reflect, and journal in solitude as preparation for sharing insights with a group, should we wish to do so. The *40-Day Journey with Dietrich Bonhoeffer* has been chosen as a Diocesan reading project, and so reflections may be shared online at <http://1book1diocese.georgiaepiscopal.org/>, a web page that also provides further resources for studying Bonhoeffer's life and theology.

The Church in Georgia

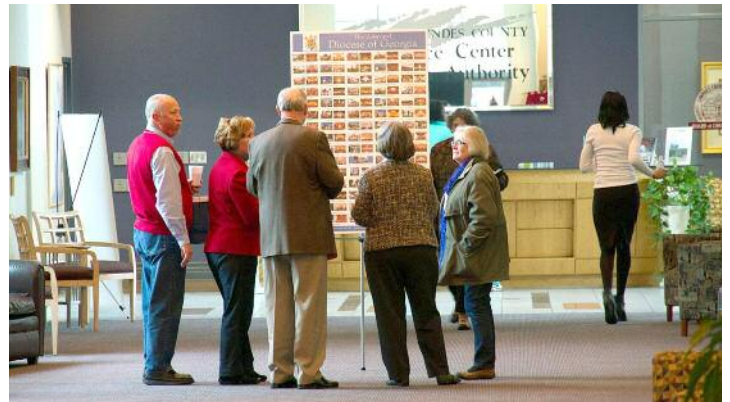


The Church in Georgia, the 10-time-a-year newsletter of the Diocese of Georgia, is now being published in an all-digital version. Issue #1 of Volume 76 appeared in January, 2011. Subscriptions are free, and are available via a sign-up form on the lower left of the diocesan homepage at

<http://georgia.anglican.org>. Using this same form, one can also subscribe to the diocese's weekly newsletter, *From the Field*, e-mailed each Tuesday.

The new editor of *The Church in Georgia* is The Rev. Canon Leigh Hall. After praising the years of work of the publication's former editor, The Rev. Deacon Marcia McRae, Canon Hall addressed the limitations of the digital format as follows: "It is our hope that parishes will take care of people [without Internet access], seeing to it that copies of *The Church in Georgia* are available in the information areas of a church or in the hands of a Lay Eucharistic Minister who brings Communion to the sick or shut-in."

Church Poster Distributed



The six-month project to photograph all of the diocese's 70 churches, 3 chapels, and 1 convent was concluded at the convention with the distribution of a 2x3' poster with 148 photographs, an exterior and interior photograph of each site, to the delegates as they left after the Saturday business session. An even larger copy of the poster, seen in the photograph above, was on display in the convention center's main hallway and attracted much attention as delegates and other attendees spotted their own churches or other churches they had visited. Additional copies of the 2x3' poster are currently available without charge from the diocesan office. The photographs will remain online as part of the diocesan photograph albums.



The Convention *continued from page 1*



The 190th Convention of the Diocese of Georgia, held in Valdosta at the James H. Rainwater Conference Center from February 10-12, was a huge success. Almost 400 delegates and other attendees were registered for the event, which began with a service of Evening Prayer on Thursday and concluded with a second business session on Saturday morning. Three people from Christ Church were elected to diocesan positions: Lucy Tomberlin, member of the Ecclesiastical Trial Court; The Rev. Tar Drazdowski, alternate clerical delegate to the 2012 General Convention in Indianapolis; and Molly Stevenson, lay delegate to the General Convention.

The exhibits room featured tabletop exhibits from the Companion Diocese and the

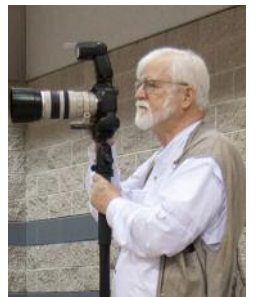




Cursillo commissions, chaired by The Rev. Tar and Jim Drazdowski, respectively.

Along with four others, Walter Hobgood was ordained to the transitional diaconate Friday afternoon during a service attended by over 600 people. The Rev. Peter Ingeman served as master of ceremonies for the ordination, and the service was supported by our altar guild, choir, and ushers.

Following the ordination service, there was a banquet during which several awards were presented by the diocesan deacons, the convocation deans, and Bishop Benhase. The Bishop's award, the major announcement of the evening, went to Pam Guice for her long-term service to the diocesan family, including her many years as our summer camp director.





Special Days in March



BIRTHDAYS

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

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 & Sue 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.

Christ Church Ongoing Projects

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

Kneelers Project - Julia Ariail chairs this project to create 10 additional kneelers for our altar rail. (559-7329); <juliacariail@bellsouth.net>.

Partnership for Health Clinic Project - Diane Halim chairs this project for donations for specific items to patients and families.
<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.
<stellaclarkcamino@gmail.com>.

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

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The Rt. Rev. Scott Benhase has appointed our own Fr. Jim Elliott to serve as Priest-in-Charge of St. James' Episcopal Church in Quitman, Georgia. Fr. Elliott will celebrate Holy Eucharist at St. James' on the second and fourth Sundays of each month and will preside at their vestry meetings. Fr. Elliott said: "I am grateful for the opportunity to do ministry with the good people of St. James' while continuing my priestly work with our Christ Church family."

St. Francis Group Rescues Dogs



Myrtle



Piggy



Turbo

by Karen Gunter

Several weeks ago, our St. Francis group rescued seven dogs and nine puppies from the Sumter County Animal Shelter. They were all scheduled to be euthanized the day before, but thanks to the efforts of Laura Powell, Rescue Coordinator for the Sumter Humane Society, they were able to get them a reprieve for a day until they could make arrangements to get them to Valdosta. They finally arrived here at 8:00 one Thursday night and were checked into their beds at Baytree Animal Hospital. They all received thorough check-ups and the necessary medical treatment for their individual ailments. Most of them were in good health while others needed some extra special treatment. With the help of the dedicated employees of Baytree Animal Hospital, they were able to find loving homes for five of the these beautiful creatures but they are still to place Turbo, a brindle pit-mix; Myrtle, the hound; Piggy, her three-month-old daughter; and eight playful six-week-old lab-mix puppies. If anyone is interested in visiting with any of them to see if they will fit into their family, please contact Karen Gunter at (229) 560-4472 or (229) 794-8146. They are all being boarded at Baytree, which is fine for the puppies but the big dogs need homes so they can run.

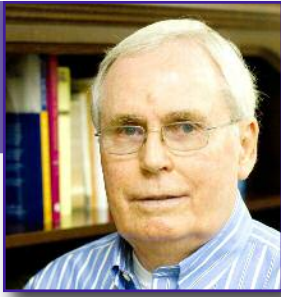


Super Bowl Sunday Cookout



by Karen Gunter

The Super Bowl Cookout for 2011 was a tremendous success for the St. Francis Ministries for Animals. Aaron Parten, Matthew Barnes, Philip Gunter, Wayne Ellerbee, Charles Boatwright, and Steve Manning took care of the grilling while, Eleanor & Josie Parten, Sally Hunnicutt, and Karen Gunter manned the preparing, wrapping, cleaning, and the baked goods part of the event. Throughout the day, the men grilled 37 slabs of ribs, 38 sets of tenderloins, and 180 chicken halves. And, thanks to the generosity of many of our patrons, St. Francis was able to deposit \$3000 into their account (all of which goes directly to help animals). A large portion of the expenses were donated by Josie, Aaron, and Eleanor Parten so our profit margin was greater than expected. Also, we could never have reached this amount without the generous donations of some of our regular patrons. Donations this year exceeded over \$500. Two-thirds of the sales came from Christ Church members while the remaining one-third of the sales and a greater portion of the donations came from our other local supporters (employees of Valdosta State University and Lowndes High School).



Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

The sequel to the letter of November 10, 1953, from Zoë Colburn to Omer Franklin, mentioned in February's article, was a brief note, dated November 13, 1953, from Franklin to Richard P. Kent, Jr., Secretary of the A.C.B.F.C. Mr. Franklin enclosed a copy of the Colburn letter and stated that he would be in contact again when "we hear further from Bishop Barnwell." He also reported that the "title work" on Christ Church's property was finished and that he could complete the "title [certificate] when the other documents are ready." If he received a reply from Kent, it has not been preserved in the Vestry minute book.

It is clear from the records that nothing happened in Savannah, despite Miss Colburn's statement in her November 10th letter that Barnwell would attend to the file of loan-related materials from Christ Church "immediately upon his return" from the House of Bishops. In the meeting on Sunday, December 6, 1953, the Vestry conversed at some length about the problem of "the Bishop's approval of the loan application to the American Church Building Fund." The outcome was the decision that the Vicar, Michael Kippenbrock, would "contact the Bishop and take necessary steps for prompt action." Also, Vestry member Harry M. Davis was to be in Savannah the following week and promised that he would "endeavor to see the Bishop."

In the same session, the new Senior Warden, Noah E. Fry, sought "action
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to iron out details on the Sunday School addition." The ensuing debate focused on "new building costs" and apparently aroused some apprehension about total expenses. Thus, the Vestry chose to cut out all expenditures "for extra equipment . . . at this time." The phrase "at this time" obviously was a conditional aspect of the Vestry's action should the money be available for the so-called "extra equipment." In the Vestry minute book is an undated document, probably from this particular Vestry meeting, entitled "Extras at Christ Episcopal Church, Sunday School Addition." Actually, the items described as "Extras" appear to be absolutely essential. On the list are: 1) an 85,000 B.T.U. heater at \$326.00; 2) the ductwork for the heating system at \$315.00; 3) an attic fan at \$164.67; 4) lighting fixtures at \$89.50; 5) the extension of the [north] side entrance porch at \$100.00. The most unusual entry, given that he had long since finished his design work and had been paid \$100.00, was the \$220.00 Architect's Fee charged by Joe Bright.

In conjunction with the decision to eliminate extras "at this time," Senior Warden Fry moved, with a Glen Robinson second, that the profit from a recent concert by two communicants "be applied towards the Sunday School addition to cover the discrepancy between the contract plus extras and the amount to be received on mortgage." The Fry-Robinson motion won Vestry's approval. The concert, incidentally, produced a profit of \$800.00, which later paid for the heating system, and

possibly the attic fan, the total cost being \$805.67.

Finally, Senior Warden Fry reported to the Vestry on Sunday, January 3, 1954, that the "final papers" for the loan from the A.C.B.F.C. "would be ready to send . . . to Savannah on [January] 4th for the Bishop's signature. The requested loan of \$9,000.00 would be available to Christ Church about ten days after the signed documents were submitted. Vestryman M.S. Sadler recommended that the Vestry make "a complete inspection of the premises . . . before any payments are to be made." Marion P. Tucker reported at this point that the contractor, E.W. "Bill" Tullis, was asking to be paid \$8,000.00 on account. Vestry, however, agreed that Mr. Tullis was to be held to the terms of the contract he had signed with Christ Church, which stipulated that final payment to the contractor was to be made ten days after the architect had approved the building.

Three weeks later, on Sunday, January 24, 1954, Vestry held a called meeting, in which the Vicar, Fr. Kippenbrock, confirmed that Omer Franklin "had secured all necessary papers" for the loan application to be submitted to the A.C.B.F.C.; Bishop Barnwell had signed the documents "so that there should be no delay in receipt of the proceeds of the mortgage." Following the business session, the vestrymen inspected the Sunday School Annex and charged Clerk Bob Macks to write Mr. Bright about the particulars of the inspection.

This story continues and concludes in the April *Vineyard*.

Happening #86 by Thomas Greneker, Rector



I was recently given the opportunity to serve as Rector of Happening #86 at Honey Creek. Happening is a very unique program designed for youth in grades 10 – 12, and was created along the premise of showing and presenting God's love in a very tangible way that people can easily grasp. The structure of the weekend is set up as somewhat of a virtual walk with Christ in his last few days on earth. Like so many other things, the weekend intentionally starts out slowly but picks up more and more as the weekend progresses and as everyone starts to feel more open and comfortable with each other.

A couple weeks ago, we had 25 incredible candidates walk through the doors of Stuart Hall completely blissfully unaware of the love they were about to feel. It really isn't an understatement to say that Happening changes lives. That can be confirmed by anyone who has either participated in a Happening weekend or attended

a Closing Eucharist and seen the glowing faces of so many teens that have just experienced the most spiritually impacting weekend of their lives. I know firsthand the impact Happening has on people. It introduced me to God's love in a way that answered a lot of questions I had as a youth and helped me mature into the person and Christian I am today. Teens don't always have all the answers, contrary to what we believe, but Happening provides a very active support network and a strong set of core Christian values that assist us as we grow into responsible adults. The next Happening will be held at Honey Creek, July 29 – 31 and registration can be easily done online at: www.edogy.org or www.georgiahappening.com and following the registration link; or contact the church office.



As a graduating senior, Thomas Greneker received a certificate from The Right Reverend Scott A. Benhase recognizing his service on the Diocesan Youth Commission at the recent convention in Valdosta. He participated in the business sessions, helped with the voting process, served as an acolyte during the Friday afternoon ordinations, and addressed the delegates on Saturday morning about his experiences as Rector of Happening #86 at Honey Creek.



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New Schedule for 2011

High School — June 19-25

FINISHED GRADES 9-12

St. Joseph & Mary I — June 26-July 2

FINISHED GRADES 3-5

St. Peter — July 10-16

FINISHED GRADES 6-8

St. Joseph & Mary II — July 17-23

FINISHED GRADES 3-5

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912-265-9218

Senior EYC Schedule

March

- 2 Church
- 8 Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper –
Sr. EYC cooks for
parish at the Church
- 9 Ash Wednesday –
No EYC
- 16 Querins' Home
- 23 Elliotts' Home
- 30 Church – Valwood
Spring Break

The February 6 Undie Sunday collection of underwear for children at The Haven was a success. New children arrive at The Haven every week. Don't wait for another official request. Contact Beth Baker about being a regular contributor for this opportunity to help children in need in our community.



Support Christ Church youth by attending the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on March 8 at 6:30 p.m. Contributions support the youth activities.



Join us for Regular Services

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
11:30 a.m. Holy Communion*

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion*
6:00 p.m. Vespers
***Nursery Available**

10:45 a.m. Christian Education*
8:00 p.m. Holy Communion

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

Wednesday: 6:00 p.m.*

Thursday: 7:00 a.m.

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