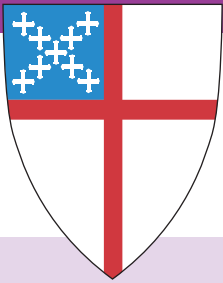


# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

September 2011



## Breaking ground on September 25!

### Mark Your Calendar

#### September 10

Inquirers'/Confirmation  
Classes (9 - Noon)

#### September 17

Inquirers'/Confirmation  
Classes (9 - Noon)

#### September 24

Walter Hobgood's  
Ordination to the Priesthood  
4 p.m.

#### September 25

Bishop Benhase's Visitation  
Combined 10 a.m. service  
Groundbreaking for new  
Education Building



Architectural rendering of the new education building.

By Clinton Beeland and Stefani Carroll

The Miller House site has been cleared, the Bray House has been removed, the ground has been tested, plans are near completion, and Bishop Benhase is coming. This can only mean one thing:

### It's time to break ground!

An exciting time begins for Christ Church on September 25 as we break ground for our long-awaited education building during the Bishop's visitation. With a new nursery, new classrooms for Sunday School classes and Christ Episcopal Preschool, as well as new spaces for our Middle School and High School EYC programs, this building will be the first "concrete" step in realizing our Master Plan.

On Monday, August 15 the Christ Church Vestry voted unanimously on a John Hiers/Steve Roberts motion to "begin construction on October 1 on the education building using the current total pledges and committing the church to no more than \$300,000 in long-term debt."

Please join us September 25 as we continue to "strengthen our stakes."



### Building Fund

Cash on Hand  
\$690,715

Pledges & Other  
Commitments  
\$1,515,573

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## The Vineyard On the Web

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## The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to [juliacarai@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliacarai@bellsouth.net).

## 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, Assisting Priest  
The Rev. Stephen Norris, 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. Elliott	242-3333
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The Rev. Dcn. Clark	559-6159
The Rev. Dcn. Hobgood	630-6444
The Rev. Dcn. Marks	244-5159
The Rev. Dcn. Sartin	834-0147
Molly Stevenson	292-8215

## Vestry Report from July 18, 2011

- Reported on the status of moving the Bray House, taking soil samples for the builders, grading, re-sodding, and installing a sprinkler system at the Rectory.
- Reported and discussed the Facilities Committee's struggle to obtain the best building design within the budget of pledged money and the need to encourage more pledges and pre-payment of funds already pledged.
- Announced Ordination to the Priesthood of Walter Hobgood on September 24th at 4 p.m. and the official visit of Bishop Benhase on September 25th with combined Sunday services at 10 a.m.
- Announced the VSU college ministry plans for fall and the anticipated full enrollment of the Parents Morning Out and Christ Church Preschool programs.
- Reported on the success of the 30-member mission team from Christ Church to the Dominican Republic in the 10th year of work



Mike Tanner,  
Junior Warden

Dave Clark,  
Senior Warden

in El Pedregal including Vacation Bible School, construction, knitting and crochet classes as well as the ministry of presence.

- Announced the Church Development Institute project by The Revs. Jim Elliott and Tar Drazdowski, Deacon Walter Hobgood and Molly Stevenson to engage young adults in a more active role in our church.
- Reported on upcoming youth events including Happening #87 and Sunday School Kick-off.
- Displayed the first needlepoint kneeler completed by Frances Crawford as part of the project to create 10 new kneelers for our altar rail.

*Walter Hobgood  
will be ordained  
to the Priesthood  
by Bishop Scott Benhase  
at Christ Episcopal Church  
Saturday, September 24,  
at 4 p.m.  
A reception in the Parish Hall  
will follow the service.*

**Bishop Scott  
Anson Benhase  
will be present  
at Christ  
Episcopal  
Church  
Sunday,  
September 25,  
for his annual visitation.**



**The 9:30 and 11:30 services will be combined for a joint service at 10 a.m.. Walter Hobgood will be the celebrant at 8 a.m.**



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

# From the Rector



## A MONTH OF BEGINNINGS

I suppose September has always been the month of new beginnings. For some it is the month when school resumes after the summer vacation; in some places it marks the onset of cooler autumn weather. I like September although I know school has been in session for weeks, and the heat shows no sign of abating. It is still a time of beginnings. The Bray House, last obstacle to the construction of our new Education Building, has gone to serve another community as a much-needed halfway house facility. The property is cleared for construction, an exciting beginning indeed. You may remember that last year our Bishop was present at a grand parish cookout marking the parish dedication to the project. This September he will be at Christ Church again, this time to ordain our own Walter Hobgood to the Priesthood on Saturday, September 24, a very special beginning, and to celebrate at 10 a.m., Sunday, September 25. While he is here, we can be pleased to show him the progress made toward construction. Beginnings are wonderful but, of course, it is the "long-haul" that will make our plans a reality. The parish does need your ongoing commitment. As always, I am proud to serve such a dynamic, dedicated parish family.

Peter+



Kelly Lambert, L., and Tar+

### New Opportunities for VSU Students at Christ Episcopal Church

College Ministry kicks into high gear in September as our neighbors across the street settle into a routine of school and social functions. This year we are delighted to offer new opportunities to the VSU students.

In addition to the Sunday night Canterbury Club from 6:00 until 8 p.m., we are using diocesan college ministry funds to hire Kelly Lambert, who is working on her master's degree in Education, to act as college ministry intern at Louttit Hall to open the house on Tuesday and Wednesday from 12 n. until 6 p.m., and on Thursday from 12 n. until 4 p.m. Most classes at VSU are on Monday/Wednesday or Tuesday/Thursday schedules. Opening Louttit Hall on our schedule should offer some time in every week that would be convenient for a student to drop by for an hour or an afternoon to study or just relax.

In addition, we are offering the students the newly installed wireless Internet free of charge to do research and stay connected to friends and family.

From the days when I was a student, what struck me most about Christ Church was that it was a family of good people who offered a safe haven, as well as food for my body and my soul. We hope to continue this tradition as we expand our services for our college neighbors.

Tar+

Dear Christ Church Family,

Many of you have heard me speak of my journey in life with Christ, which brought me to Valdosta, GA and to Christ Episcopal Church. For the past 13 years you have nurtured, encouraged and fed me on my journey. For this I am eternally grateful.

These years have been filled with challenge and growth. The challenge of starting a new career late in life while continuing my involvement in business, church and community activities has been accompanied with many opportunities for growth. I have grown spiritually in many ways through EFM, summers at Sewanee, Tuesday night bible study, regular attendance at church, vestry and the list could go on. All of this was made possible by God's plan to put me at Christ Church in a loving, nurturing, encouraging environment to help open my eyes and ears to God's call.

On September 24, 2011 at 4 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, I will begin a new chapter in my journey as an ordained priest (servant) in God's Holy Church. Just as you have shared my journey along the way, I truly hope you will share this occasion with me by attending the ordination ceremony.

Walter Hobgood



## Three of the new kneelers are finished!



Frances Crawford, L., displays the first needlepoint canvas completed for the kneeler project sitting beside the kneelers completed in 1973 at the Christ Church altar rail. Bill Nunn, r., and Gnann Moser, below, display the second and third completed canvases.

Frances Crawford finished the first of the new kneelers for the altar rail of Christ Church in May. She stitched the shields for St. Stephen and St. Jude on a gold background of the 11.75" x 38.375" needlepoint canvas. The group of 10 who are working on the project decided from the beginning to duplicate the design of the existing kneelers as closely as possible. Fr. Ingeman chose the 12 apostles minus Judas, John the Baptist and the 4 evangelists as the saints to be represented. The group voted on the remaining 4 saints choosing Mary, Martha, Cecilia and Clare. The group received the canvas and yarn in November 2010. Frances worked as much as 8 hours a day at home, in the car while travelling, and on vacation finishing in just 6 months.

Frances has had lots of experience doing needlepoint. She did all the designs and three-fourths of the stitching on all seven of the kneelers for St John's and St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Albany, where she was a member before moving to Valdosta.

"I love doing this," said Frances about her needlepoint. "This is something I have to give to the church. I don't have much money, but this is part of my tithe."

Frances is now completing a second canvas. She took over Eloise Smith's canvas when Eloise became ill and asked for help after completing the shield sections.

Bill Nunn not only stitched one of the kneelers, he painted the designs on all 10 canvases before anyone began to stitch them. In order to paint the designs he reconfigured his art studio so that he would have space to accommodate all the canvas and yarn. He devised a simple numbering system and color-coding scheme to keep up with the yarn. When those who were stitching

needed extra yarn to complete their designs, he knew exactly which of the 6 yellow-gold colors they needed.

Bill described the project as, "a labor of love of God and church."

Gnann Moser stitched the kneeler with the symbols for St. Thomas and St. Matthias. As a school teacher at Valdosta High School and an adjunct professor at VSU, she had difficulty finding a time to come to the kneeler meetings. "I was the last one to begin stitching," she laughed. Beginning in January, she finished her kneeler the first week of August.

Jane Ferrell, Sally Nunn, Rita Hightower, Dot Chambers, Lavoe Houck, Frances Crawford, Gnann Moser and Julia Ariail are working on the remaining kneelers.

These heirlooms are truly remarkable gifts to our church. When the committee of 10 began to investigate creating the new kneelers, the Twiggs of Savannah, yarn store owner Alice Vantrease told us that another artist would charge \$350 each to paint the designs on the canvas and \$3,000 each to stitch the kneelers. Each canvas has over 80,000 stitches. The group set December 2011 as a goal for completing the project.



## Leslie Hiers Chadwick

*in her own words*



### **Favorite Memory of Christ Church**

Adults on a "parish day" or evening dancing around a lake house to "Lord of the Dance" or one of the *hora* songs when I was very little. They were probably just back from Cursillo, and I remember revelling as a child in the joy and spirit. It was rainy and dark outside, but the warmth is what I remember. This image of dance comes to mind when I think of the Holy Spirit.

### **Favorite Memory of Honey Creek**

It's so hard to nail down one favorite memory from a place that has become an *axis mundi* for me. I have memories of walking early in the morning with Ashley (Connell Meade) and other counselors and watching the sunrise over the creek. After dinner, as older campers and later as counselors, we'd go into the cool AC of the chapel, lie on our backs on the pews (back when there were pews), and sing songs in harmony as we looked at the prints of the hands that pressed the beams into place. Watching dolphins swim by from the dock, etc. Happenings, camps, meals, saying compline by candlelight and having Pam say, "FROM EVIL" really loud to stop people from saying the longer version of the Lord's Prayer by accident.



### **Favorite Memory of a priest at Christ Church**

Hard to narrow down: Bishop Louttit saying at our youth leader Jackie Ellis' funeral: "Life is fragile and I don't like it that way." Fr. Louttit swimming with the children in the ocean at camp (we believed that sharks wouldn't get us because God had put a special circle of safety around him). Fr. Ingeman training me so patiently after my first year of seminary and saying after we'd done a funeral for a family not connected to Christ Church. "It's time to go. We



have done them a service that they could not do for themselves. Now it's time to let them do for each other, what we cannot do for them."

### **What's in the water?**

Christ Church, Valdosta is special because it is a REAL community. I remember my Sunday School teacher weeping on the front pew after her oldest daughter was killed in a car accident and thinking, "This is where she wants to be when she is sad." It was impressive even to a child.

### **Education**

Valdosta High School, Sewanee (B.A. the University of the South--majored in English and Music), The University of VA (M.A. in Music), taught at Episcopal High School -- English (+ chapel organist and winter musical accompanist/musical director) for 6 years, VA Theological Seminary (MDiv).

### **If you were not a priest, what would you have done?**

Continued to teach English at the H.S. or college level. I also enjoyed teaching and tutoring at seminary and in college and graduate school.

### **Do you still use that other interest?**

I LOVE to teach: Confirmation classes, adult faith formation classes, occasional Sunday School cameos, etc. Preaching requires me to teach as well. I don't miss grading or writing comments.



This is the first in a continuing series of interviews of priests who grew up at Christ Church Valdosta. Each responded to a series of questions which are the highlighted headlines.



## Canterbury Club - the Episcopal College Ministry

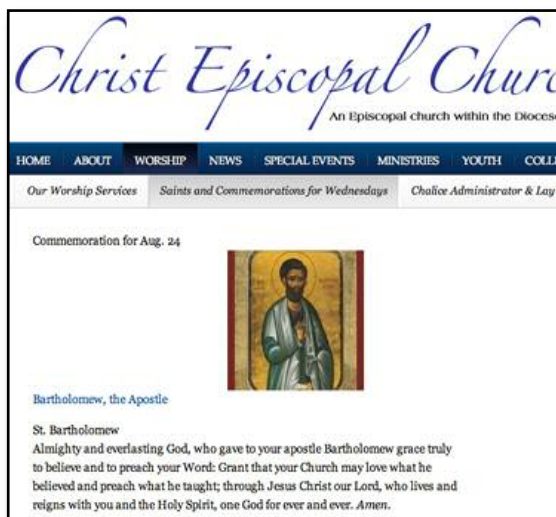


The Canterbury Club college ministry began the year with a steak, potatoes, salad and rolls dinner cooked by Merrill and Frances Guice. Several others contributed desserts - cakes, brownies and watermelon. The watermelon provided the seeds for the Seed Launching contest. Griff Holland won the title and a T-shirt.

The Rev. Tar Drazdowski announced that Louttit Hall will be open to the university community on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from noon until 6 p.m. and Thursdays from noon until 4 p.m. with Internet access. Canterbury Club meets from 6 - 8 p.m. Sundays to enjoy a free meal, fun, and fellowship. The 8 p.m. service follows the meeting.



## New Features on the Christ Church Website - [www.christchurchvaldosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org)



Our team of "web sextons," including Julia and Julius Ariail, Jim Drazdowski, The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks, Molly Stevenson (a new member -- welcome, Molly!), and Joe Tomberlin, are working steadily week by week to add new features to our church's website. Deacon Patricia has recently started expanding the "Worship" section by creating information pages for the saints and other commemorations we recognize during the regular Wednesday night services. Each saint or other commemoration has a separate page with an illustration and basic information, plus links to other Internet sites with additional information. Molly, our parish administrator, has recently taken over the responsibility of posting the weekly bulletin announcements and calendar in the online "News" section. If you happen to miss a Sunday service, you can now catch up on the latest news and calendar events online.



# Happening #87 at Honey Creek, July 29 - 31, 2011

photos by Mitchell Beeland

Several members of Christ Church attended Happening #87 at Honey Creek over the weekend of July 29-31, 2011. Happening is a Christian experience presented by teenagers for teenagers, and two Happening events are held at Honey Creek each year. Following a Happening weekend, the participants are encouraged to continue meeting in reunion groups in their local church communities. Christ Church's reunion group, or "RUG," is led by Beth Baker, Youth Minister, and meets on Sunday evenings during the school year. Mitchell Beeland, a senior at Valdosta High School, was part of the staff at Happening #87 and took these photos as part of her assignments that weekend. To see more of Mitchell's photos from Happening #87, go to the church's Picasa album site.





# SPECIAL DAYS

SEPTEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

2 Jim Drazdowski	15 Will Armstrong	24 Rick Coleman
3 Trent Coggins	Caitlin Kirk	Christopher Hanson
5 Norma Barnidge	16 Ellie Copeland	Chris May
Robin Coleman	Stephen Sandbach	26 Andrew Flemer
Beth Curtis	17 Nicky Balanis	27 Jerry Puckett
6 Tamara Dennis	Tim Pitts	28 Jeana Beeland
Brandi Parsons	19 Lucile Griffin	29 Jim Nelson
Randi Parsons	20 John Bennett	30 Bill Armstrong
Steve Roberts	Charles Boatwright	Wade Coleman
7 Ron Borders	Judy DeMott	Danny Mansukhani
Karen Gunter	Gus Elliott	Molly Stevenson
Eliza Jane May	Will Hanson	
8 Paul Stevenson	21 Betty Chason	
9 Sylvia Warrick	Gnann Moser	
Mickey Williamson	Dylan Phillips	
10 Jo Church	22 Mandy White	
11 Jim Zager	23 Monique Bajalia	
12 Alex Lind	Vicki Lauckhardt	
13 Frances Hatcher	Paul Leake	
14 Kymberly Parsons	Jacquie Thigpen	

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

4 Julie Jackson
6 Pat Bradley
12 Katie Bell
Alex Elliott
17 Holly Querin
Katie Querin
20 Brooks Lovelace
22 Tyler Johnson
Katie Wisenbaker
24 Peter Ingeman
Adair Pizer
27 Jerry Byrd

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

2 Jerry & Mollee Puckett
3 Richard & Debi Saeger
7 Jeff & Mandy White
Danny Mansukhani & Karen Rainey
8 Merrill & Frances Guice
David & Caitlin Kirk
11 Jim & Tar Drazdowski
12 Charles & Tamara Dennis
19 Grif & Lucile Griffin
22 Frank & Diane Corker
24 Jeff & Cathy Hanson

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](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net)>.

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

**Partnership for Health Clinic Project** - Diane Halim chairs this project for donations for specific items to patients and families. <[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. <[stellaclarkcamino@gmail.com](mailto:stellaclarkcamino@gmail.com)>.

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



## Cursillo To Be Restructured by Jim Drazdowski

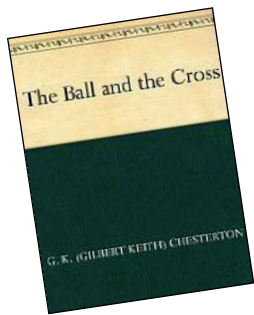
With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and in consultation with the Bishop of Georgia, the Cursillo Commission has prayerfully decided to suspend Cursillo weekends for an indefinite period. It is the intention of the Commission to use this time to restructure the organization, strengthen the Servant community, and revitalize the Cursillo community in our Diocese. We ask for your continued prayers and support in discerning the will of the Holy Spirit as we move forward.

## Stitchers of Love donate to Haven Auction by Patricia Marks

The Stitchers of Love from Christ Church donated a baby basket with clothes, toys, and a crocheted baby blanket. They also donated a shawl. The items were auctioned in the silent auction on August 13 to benefit the Haven, a shelter for abused women and children.







## The Church Bookshelf

a review by Patricia Marks

### *The Ball and the Cross*

by G. K. Chesterton



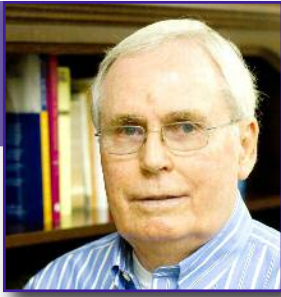
"A fine, uneven, annoying work," says one critic: sometimes it pays to look to the past for works that make you think. Chesterton's 1910

novel about the Ball (the world) and the Cross, figured in the shape that crowns the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, is a fantasy novel with a serious thread--the clash between atheism and belief. The two sides are embodied in James Turnbull, a Scottish Lowlander who publishes an atheist newspaper, and Evan MacIan, a devout Scottish Highlander who smashes Turnbull's window because he believes Turnbull has blasphemed the Virgin Mary. No one—not the police, not the variety of characters they encounter as they flee across England—can understand why they wish to duel to the death over a religious question, an attitude that is Chesterton's condemnation of society's trivialization of serious beliefs. These fierce opponents argue tirelessly as they try to find a peaceful spot to duel, but eventually become fast friends. Oh yes, there's a "flying machine," an orthodox monk, and Lucifer himself, to say nothing of a frightening insane asylum where those who engage in thinking for themselves are locked up, including Michael (the monk), MacIan (suffering from religious belief), and Turnbull (diagnosed with Eleutheromania—the desire to be free). It all ends when Michael walks serenely out of the asylum, "singing as if he were alone in a wood in spring," through a corridor of flames. . . well, I'll let you read it for yourself. Available for free on Kindle at Amazon.com; as a Gutenberg e-text; and as an audio download from Librivox.

## Josie and Aaron Parten's 50th Wedding Anniversary

Karen Gunter and Eleanor Parten surprised their parents with a 50th Wedding Anniversary party on July 29 at the Gunters' home. Philip Gunter arrived at the party to have the guests sing "Happy Birthday" to him as well.





# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

In the Vestry meeting of April 26, 1946, a major concern was to sell the church on East Central Avenue in preparation for constructing a new one on North Patterson Street. Vestry rejected a \$4,500.00 offer from a Mr. Puett because the price was not worth considering. Vestrymen, however, did approve a motion to sell "the complete church property" to the Valdosta Christian Scientists for \$12,500.00 "provided we share the use of the church as is for two years or until we can build our proposed new building."

Bishop Middleton S. Barnwell in June 1946 approved by letter the plan to sell the church on East Central to the Christian Scientists for \$12,500.00. He also recommended swapping the Christ Church "Rectory" at 115 West North Street for a house on East College Street directly behind the lot at the corner of North Patterson Street and East College where the new Christ Church would be erected. In keeping with the Bishop's suggestion, Vestry, on June 24, 1946, passed a motion to offer the owner of the East College Street house, a Captain Burrows, \$2,500.00 (and as much as \$3,000.00) "difference in exchange of property on North Street for the property in question. This money is to be paid by the congregation within two years."

The action on June 24, 1946, did not end the matter. In the Vestry meeting of September 1, 1946, the issue of trading the "Rectory" for a house of East College arose again. Vestrymen apparently discussed the question at *The Vineyard*, p. 10, September 2011

some length. Jamie Carroll offered to "investigate" the question of repairs possibly needed by both the "Rectory" and the proposed new rectory. The resolution, on a Jerome Tillman-Joseph Morrison motion, was to "forego further repairs to the present Rectory until decision has been made to keep [or sell] the present property." By the next meeting, less than two weeks later, the situation seemed to have changed for the worse. Senior Warden Abram T. Coppage reported to Vestry on September 13, 1946, that the Christian Scientists no longer appeared to have any interest in acquiring Christ Church on East Central Avenue.

Mr. Coppage, however, stated that "he thought he might receive a similar offer [to purchase old Christ Church] from Dr. C.O. Templeton. . . . He also said that "Dr. Templeton would probably want possession immediately after purchase." Further conversation led to a firm judgment that \$12,000 to \$13,000 was a fair asking price for the Christ Church property on East Central "without the pews or organ being sold." Further, the Vicar, Fr. White, pointed out that a temporary meeting place for the congregation of Christ Church "would have to be found suitable to the entire membership of the . . . church." He suggested that Georgia State Womans College, directly across North Patterson Street from the location of the new church, would be suitable, "subject to Bishop Barnwell's concurrence." A Horace Caldwell-Jamie Carroll motion to sell the East Central property at a minimum price of \$12,000.00 won

approval, but any action toward making the sale was tabled "until further data can be obtained."

Christ Church then held a congregational assembly on October 6, 1946. Vestrymen reported that the sale of the old Christ Church to Dr. C.O. Templeton had not been completed. If the sale were accomplished, Christ Church would make temporary use of an auditorium at Georgia State Womans College until completion of the new church and without any charge by the State of Georgia. Following that report, the meeting dealt with various aspects of raising money to pay for the new church. After the meeting, the fog of history descended upon Christ Church's work to construct and to pay for the present church on North Patterson Street. Parish records now contain no Vestry Minutes, no correspondence, no sources of any kind for the nearly eighteen-month period from October 6, 1946, until March 29, 1948.

Despite the lack of records, some facts are available about the time of silence from 1946 to 1948. Christ Church sold the old church to the Christian Scientists, not to Dr. C.O. Templeton, and for \$12,500.00. The Diocese of Georgia offered Christ Church \$25,000.00 toward the construction of the new church, provided that Christ Church could match the amount. The old church on East Central was deconsecrated in 1947, and an eminent Savannah architect, John Courtenay LeBey, designed the new Christ Church. More about Mr. LeBey and Christ Church on Patterson Street in the October 2011 *Vineyard*.



# Christ Church Youth

## BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL SPLASH BLAST

by Beth Baker

Our Sunday School year started off with a HUGE splash! Christ Church children were slippin' and slidin' their way down the Big Kahuna during the Sunday School hour on August 7th. It was a great way to start the new school year!

August 14th, the Sunday School hour was filled with tons of "Honey Creek" songs performed by our most fabulous volunteer, Sparky Greneker! We met our Sunday School teachers and enjoyed singing and dancing.



### Wednesday EYC

Grades	Teachers
Little Folks - Phyllis Hiers and (K-5)	Mimi Allen
Middle School - Beth Baker	
Senior High - Dan Schert, Jim and Susan Elliott, Bill and Sally Querin	

### Sunday School

Grades	Teachers	Location
K - 2	Jane Peeples and Elise Sandbach	2nd Floor, Louttit
3 - 5	Jacqui Thigpen and Diane Halim	1st Floor, Louttit
6 - 8	Susan Elliott and Stefani Carroll	2nd Floor, Louttit
9 - 12	Molly Stevenson and Mike Tanner	1st Floor, Louttit
We still need a teacher for Middle School and substitutes		

## High School EYC by Susan Elliott

Senior EYC got off to a great start with 17 bright, shining, eager faces ready to get closer to God! We have many new young people from all walks of life, most of whom attended the most recent Happening #87. Dr. Dan began by explaining what EYC is and is not. He charged everyone with the adventure of "finding out who you are" and "discovering what plans God has for you." He asked new EYC Alums Thomas and Alex to say what this group had meant to them over the past four years. Thomas said it had been "his foundation for getting through high school and keeping him grounded." "I would have been lost without these people." Alex added he learned valuable, practical life lessons that he has actually used and will definitely rely on once away at college. Dr. Dan helps our young people develop and fill their "Spiritual Toolbox" in a myriad of ways throughout the year. We are grateful for his continued presence in this ministry.

### September Schedule

- 7 - Elliotts' Home
- 14 - Louttit Hall
- 21 - Querins' Home
- 28 - Louttit Hall (Rosh Hashanah begins @ sundown)



## New Sod on Rectory Lawn

The Men (and woman) in Blue, White, Tan, Green and Red graded the lawn, installed an irrigation system and laid sod on the lawn of the Christ Church rectory on the evening of August 2. The funds for beautification provided by the estate of Lenora Hudson paid for the cost. The rectory is an historic building which is part of the extensive 3.9 acre campus of Christ Church and is one of our four free-standing buildings on one of the main streets of Valdosta.



## St. Francis Yard Sale

The Partens and Gunters held a yard sale on the lawn of Louttit Hall on Saturday, August 6, selling items donated by Christ Church parishioners. They made over \$725 which will be used to reduce the veterinary bill for the 30 animals they rescued this year. Some animals required operations while others received rabies shots and general checkups.



## The Special Olympics Scarf Project

Calling all knitters and crocheters to make scarves for the athletes in the 2012 Special Olympics Georgia Indoor Winter Games. For information, see Deacon Patricia Marks (229-630-8644; [spmarks@bellsouth.net](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net)). Guidelines about colors and yarn type will be linked to the Stitches' web page at [www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page\\_id=348](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page_id=348).

## 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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