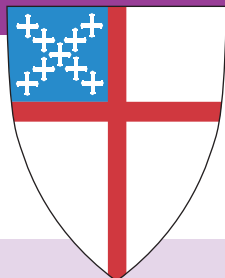


# The Vineyard



Christ Episcopal Church - Valdosta, Georgia

April 2012



## Mark Your Calendar

### April 1

Palm/Passion Sunday  
(9:30 & 11:30 services begin  
outside - weather permitting)

### April 4

Stations of the Cross/  
Holy Eucharist - 6 p.m.

### April 5

Maundy Thursday -  
Agape Meal - 5:30 p.m.  
Holy Eucharist, Footwashing  
& Stripping of the Altar - 6 p.m.  
Watch Before the Blessed  
Sacrament - 8 p.m. (continuing  
until 7 a.m. Good Friday)

### April 6

Good Friday - services at  
7 a.m., Noon and 6 p.m.

### April 7

Holy Saturday -  
10 a.m. service followed by  
decorating for Easter

### April 8

Easter Day  
The Great Vigil of Easter  
w/Holy Eucharist - 6 a.m.  
Holy Eucharist - 8, 9:30 &  
11:30 a.m.  
Easter Egg Hunt - 10:45 a.m.  
Paschal Vespers - 6 p.m.

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

## Christian Education Planning



As we enter a time of transition for Christ Church, we need to take a fresh look at our Christian Education program and explore new initiatives for Sunday School, EYC and other youth programs. We will have a new Education Building, scheduled to be finished in early summer 2012, and our long-time rector, Fr. Peter Ingeman, will retire on July 31. These transitions in facilities and leadership provide both opportunities and challenges to examine what we do.

On March 4 Stefani Carroll, interim youth coordinator, led a discussion to revamp, recharge and revisit our youth programs. Approximately 30 parents, grandparents, Sunday School teachers and friends attended the meeting. Several suggestions emerged. We need to:

- Provide better communication - remind people several times when events occur,
- Provide more adult leadership, - the success of Christian Education is centered on adult relationships. We need to provide trained teaching teams of 2 or 3 for each class so 2 teachers can be there every Sunday,

- Provide more Adult Sunday School classes so parents stay, and
- Provide more special activities for adults and children which will include service projects in our community.

Phyllis Hiers and Julia Ariail agreed to design a questionnaire to be distributed in the Sunday bulletin and posted online on the church website. The questionnaire asks for specific suggestions and preferences for Sunday School programs.

Stefani announced a joint Vacation Bible School for Christ Church, First Christian and First Presbyterian Church on June 3 - 6 to be held at First Christian Church, 1905 N. Patterson Street, in the evening from 5:30 - 8:15 p.m. We need volunteer teachers and musicians to assist the group in making this a success for all.

Save the dates

**June 3 - 6**

**Joint Vacation Bible School**

with First Christian and  
First Presbyterian

**5:30 - 8:15 p.m.**

## The Vineyard On the Web

The Vineyard is posted to the Christ Church Web site in color at [www.christchurchvaldosta.org](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org). Look in the "Publications" area to see this newsletter.

## The Vineyard Deadline

The newsletter deadline is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send information to [juliacaraiail@bellsouth.net](mailto:juliacaraiail@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. Deacon Stella Clark  
The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks  
The Rev. Deacon Nancy Sartin  
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 -'12	Phyllis Hiers -'14
Clinton Beeland -'13	Aaron Parten -'12
Stefani Carroll -'13	Steve Roberts -'13
Robin Coleman -'14	Sandy Sandbach -'14
Susan Elliott -'12	Jeani Synyard -'14
Sparky Greneker -'13	Joe Tomberlin -'12
Philip Gunter -'12	Lucy Tomberlin -'13
Jeff Hanson -'14	

## Phone Numbers

Church Office	242-5115
The Rev. Ingeman	245-0799
The Rev. Drazdowski	249-0895
The Rev. Elliott	242-3333
The Rev. Dcn. Clark	559-6159
The Rev. Dcn. Marks	244-5159
The Rev. Dcn. Sartin	834-0147
Molly Stevenson	292-8215

## Vestry Report from February 20, 2012

- Held a question and answer session about the transition of rector and interim rector with The Rev. Canon Frank Logue.
- Received treasurer's report that the \$24,000 in additional pledges have been received.
- Approved the 2012 amended budget for \$314,271.
- Discussed the Youth Minister position.
- Received report from the Facilities Committee on the progress of the education building.
- Discussed the need for a new roof on the existing church and parish hall. Estimates from Quillian Powell Construction for roofing to match the new building are coming soon.
- Announced the upcoming service schedules for Ash Wednesday and Lent.
- Announced the new Back Pack



Steve Roberts  
2012 Senior Warden

Aaron Parten  
2012 Junior Warden

Program to feed hungry children in Valdosta and Lowndes County on the weekends. Volunteers, back packs, and money are needed.

- Announced the upcoming meeting on March 4th to revise and revamp the Christian education for the youth of Christ Church.
- Reported on the participation of four youth in the Happening at Honey Creek
- Announced the Sister-to-Sister Program sponsored by the AAUW.
- Announced the Shawl Ministry and Pocket Shawl Ministry to be conducted by the Stitchers of Love.

## New Adult Sunday School Class

### ***Raising Kids with a Faith That Lasts***

a five-week series beginning April 15  
Sundays at 10:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall  
taught by Karen May

What will your child's faith look like 20 years from now - firm, fragile, or forgotten? Our Creator has provided loving teachers and role models to help build a foundation of faith that lasts.  
They're called parents.

Join us!

# From the Rector



## TELL THEM WHAT HE TOLD THEM

The Army has a formula, a procedure, to be followed in virtually every situation; it saves time and prevents confusion. There is even a formula to be followed for public speaking, for presentations and it is this: (1) Tell what you are going to tell them; (2) Tell them; (3) Tell what you told them; then sit down. So let's talk about Sunday school and all of Christian Education. We are approaching the Feast of the Resurrection, Easter, the supreme moment of Christian Education. Jesus had taken care of step (1). He had preached the resurrection, spoken plainly to his disciples and to multitudes about overwhelming, transcending love. God had taken care of step (2) at the moment of Resurrection when that love, preached by Jesus, had been made unmistakably real and present in this world. So there is step (3). That's our job. We are here to tell them what Our Lord and God the Father have done in that Easter moment. If we fail to do so the message may well be lost. We have 50 days in Easter. Jesus used forty of them, before His Ascension to do, what you and I must do now, educate a generation. This Easter season we have a very special Adult Program in the Parish Hall during our Sunday school hour. Have a cup of coffee, have a snack, but above all, if we are to take responsibility for a new generation, please come.

Peter+

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## Missioners or Mission Field?



According to the *Book of Common Prayer*, the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace and love. The Church carries out this mission through the ministry of all its members. As the Body of Christ works out its mission, the mission takes on all types of shapes and sizes. We all have the opportunity to participate in the mission of the church. Sometimes we are the missioners and sometimes we are the mission field.

On March 8th, the students from Jamestown College in Jamestown, North Dakota, came to Valdosta to participate in Collegiate Challenge, a program sponsored by Habitat for Humanity. The students from Jamestown raised the funds for their airfare as well as the money needed to buy materials to be used on the worksite. In a very real way they came to Valdosta with the intent to help someone have a decent and affordable house in which to live. Was it mission work to them? For some of them it was, and for some, maybe not. Frequently, we engage the mission of the church because it is the right thing to do or because it gives us great pleasure, and it does not seem like work at all.

Canterbury Club decided they wanted to host the dinner for the students from Jamestown. During dinner, our students provided them hospitality, and then the next morning, they joined them on the job site. The work was intentional. It was an example of how sharing a meal and extending the hand of hospitality is one of the many ways of accomplishing the mission of the church.

Mission opportunities are always before us! It is our decision to engage them or not. There are very exciting things happening at Christ Church, Valdosta. Christ Church is a community of individuals who have a reputation for taking the mission of the church seriously. If you have not found your place in that work, just keep your eyes open and God will show you how to use your time, talent and treasure to work in the mission field he has designed for you.

Blessings,  
Tar+



## Senior Warden's Corner



Steve Roberts

### Greetings.

First, a backward glance, then a look ahead at a busy month at Christ Church. Concern about our 2012 budget, which a month ago faced a \$30,000 deficit, has been eased by the addition of more than \$26,000 in new pledges plus an undesignated gift of \$12,000.... Our new building is beginning to take shape with the addition of trusses and roofing. Take a few minutes for a walk through while you're at church, and keep up with the progress by checking out the photos on the Christ Church website. We remain on schedule for a late June, early July completion.... Concerning the transition process, The Rev. Frank Logue, canon to the ordinary in our diocese, has forwarded the vestry the vita of a potential interim rector, currently serving a parish in Montgomery. More names will follow, and your vestry should be able to begin serious work on this bittersweet task in late April.... Holy Week, the busiest of the church year, provides many worship opportunities, beginning with Maundy Thursday's Agape service and watch and ending with Easter day. I commend all of these services. Happy Easter!

Steve



The four Christ Church canoes are ready for a river trip. The trailer has new tires and newly packed wheel bearings (courtesy of David Singleton's hard work) as well as new shock cords to tie down the canoes. The trailer will hold up to 6 canoes. We are fortunate to have many delightful rivers close to Valdosta: the Alapaha, Withlacoochee, Suwanee, Santa Fe, and Little Rivers are all within a short driving distance. There are also several lakes (such as Reed Bingham and Banks Lake) as well as Grand Bay that are open to the public. The church has life jackets and paddles. Call Molly Stevenson at the church office to reserve the canoes and get the keys.

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## Construction in March



Photographs by Deacon Patricia Marks, Phyllis Hiers and Julia Atrial

## Christ Church April Schedule continued from p. 1

- April 9** - Easter Monday - church office closed
- April 14 - 15** - Acolyte Festival @ St. Anne's, Tifton
- April 21** - SW Convocation Service with General Convention Listening Session at St. Thomas, Thomasville (10 a.m. - Noon)  
Confirmation at 4 p.m. at St. Thomas, Thomasville
- April 27-28** - ECW Annual Meeting at St. Anne, Tifton
- April 29** - Sally Shovar Diaconal Ordination  
at St. Margaret, Moultrie - 4 p.m.



## Charles Davis, Jr. *in his own words*



### 1. Favorite memory of Christ Church

The richness of my experience at Christ Church makes it hard to say there is a favorite memory. It is the people I remember most clearly and the love they were willing to share with me during my years in Valdosta. Worship was central. Mom and Dad moved to Honey Creek in 1978; I was attending Augusta College and was living at home. I chose Valdosta State because of Christ Church and your community of faith. Sunday mornings were glorious, rich experiences. I remember singing and playing the guitar; being challenged by Henry to function as lector and sing in the adult choir. I remember the celebrations that took place on the lawn after worship and the joy that you shared with me. I remember suppers and music and laughter. It truly was a celebration of being in communion. My favorite memory really is a collection of many memories that were filled with love and support during my college years.

One of my favorite memories was very embarrassing. My first experience leading the prayers was a disaster. As I read the prayers I came to the last of the prayers in Form IV which reads, "we commend to your mercy...." I said, "we condemn to your mercy...." It took a while for the laughter to die down before he could continue. It was the last time I was asked to read the prayers.



Coleman & Sara



Alicia & Fr. Charles, Sr.

### 2. Favorite memory of Honey Creek

I had the great opportunity to experience Honey Creek in a unique way. Dad and Mom shared the ministry of leading Honey Creek while I was at VSC. Not only did I have the opportunity to spend time there each summer but it was where I spent Christmas and Thanksgiving. Summers were always special with camps and all the activities that make summers at Honey Creek unique. I had the great joy to participate in Cursillo and Happening. My Cursillo changed and shaped me in that glorious space.



Fr. Charles (Bear) and Alicia Davis

But there is one moment I remember more than any other. Summer camps had finished. As I was sitting near the dock I heard a sound. I did not know what it was or where it was coming from. At first it was startling, then scary, this sound that seemed to appear from the emptiness of the dark night. It repeated several times. Finally I realized what I was listening to. Dolphins had come into the creek and each time one breached the surface they would release their breath and take in another. I sat and listened for 30 minutes before they finally made their way out of the creek. For a time that night I listened to them breathe and I listened to my own breath. Very few times have I felt as at peace in the midst of God's creation as I did at that moment. Honey Creek will always be for me holy ground.

### 3. Favorite memory of a priest at Christ Church

Henry was my priest.

From the moment I arrived, I knew that Henry and Jan and their girls were there for me. Henry and Jan always had time for me. My favorite memories are of their home. The menagerie of creatures always felt like an adventure, and I had the great joy to add to their collection. "Smokey" was a pigeon rescued from a fire on VSC campus. I remember clearly their willingness to take him on and care for him. To go to their home and hear their stories was wonderful, but more wonderful was the time that they always had for me. It seemed that whatever I needed, whatever the situation, there was always room for me at their home. I think I would like to "grow up" and be a priest like Henry. I'm just not willing to wear those madras pants.

### 4. What's in the water in Valdosta that makes us special?

I'm going to change the question a little: What makes Christ Church special? There is nothing in the water, but God's Holy Spirit does seem to be especially lively in you. I found in Christ Church an ability to welcome, greet, and include. You did that for me. I know that I felt special. But as I look back, I realize you made all of us

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The Rev. Canon Charles M. Davis Jr. is Canon Pastor and Canon to the Dean for Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in The Diocese of Upper South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina, where he has served for 11 years. He and Alicia have been married for 26 years and have two children Sara (22) and Coleman (21). Charles' father, the former director of Honey Creek, is now an assistant for pastoral care at Trinity, where he works part time at age 80.

# SPECIAL DAYS

APRIL

## BIRTHDAYS

2 Cecilia Carroll	17 Lucy Tomberlin
Mallory Lind	18 Jane Ferrell
3 Eric Herndon	19 Thomas Greneker
4 Leanne Balanis	20 Cathy Hanson
5 Pierce Baker	Sue Ellen Rumstay
Jan Carter	21 Bob Johnson
Lee Page	22 Happy Ingeman
6 April Cox	23 Sophia Bajalia
7 Tal Barnidge	Allan Dear
8 Jennifer Lawrence	Carter Elliott
Cindy Waters	Summer Warrick
Kari Wilkin	24 Allan Canup
10 Edward Preston	Patricia Greneker
11 Ann Kasun	Tristan Guice
12 Sis May	Anne Singletary
13 Jake Adams	25 Annie Reid
Elizabeth Davis	Jennifer Singleton
15 Bobbie Ann Mitchell	30 Kathleen Parmelee
16 Joel Williams	Elise Sandbach

## BAPTISMAL ANNIVERSARIES

2 Sparky Greneker
3 Mitchell Beeland
Jim Elliott
4 Joe Tomberlin
5 Jan Carter
Joan Dear
Richard Saeger
6 Brandon Jackson
7 Carolyn Eager
Paul Stevenson
9 Matilda Stubbs
Sylvia Warrick
10 Brian Nelson
Steve Roberts
12 Sue Ellen Rumstay
13 Robert Church
John Roberts
Keith Tucker
15 Jessie Querin

17 Will Armstrong
Anna Coggins
Janet Dickman
18 Merrill Guice
19 Jordon Jackson
20 Olivia Nunn
Brooklyn Prine
23 Madison Jackson
25 Caroline Prine
Greg Prine
28 Pat Tudor
29 Ann Kasun



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14 Mike Richardson & Nancy Sartin
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.

## 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)>.

**Hungry at Home Program** - Deacon Stella Clark chairs the project in conjunction with other churches to collect backpacks and financial support to be used to send food home on Fridays to children in need. (559-6159); <[stellamclark@att.net](mailto:stellamclark@att.net)>. **NEW!**

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

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

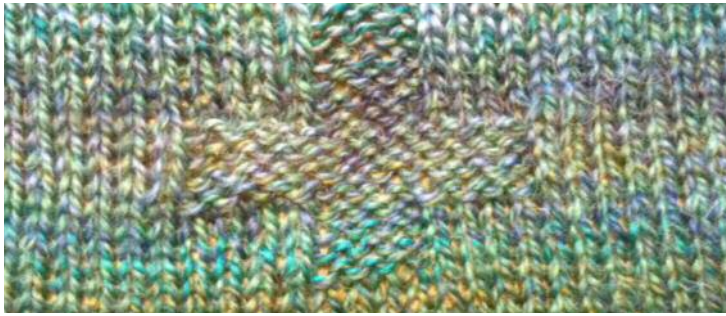


## Blake Ellis Wins Architecture Award

Christ Church member Blake Ellis recently won an award for designing one of the 100 best buildings in Florida, St. Paul's by the Sea, Episcopal church in Jacksonville Beach, Florida. The Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) wants to know which buildings are your favorites. You can vote for Blake's design to be chosen one of the top 20 at this web address: <<http://www.aiaflatop100.org/>> and select "Jacksonville Beach" as city.



## Shawl and Pocket Shawl Ministry



The Rev. Deacon Patricia Marks is organizing a shawl and pocket shawl ministry by the Stitchers of Love at Christ Church. Prayerful intentions are knitted and crocheted into shawls, lap afghans, and prayer shawl cards which are given as an expression of the ministry of presence, both to comfort and to celebrate.

A prayer shawl blessing was held on March 7, after the 6 p.m. Wednesday healing service. For more information about Stitchers of Love and Friends, see Dcn. Patricia Marks ([spmarks@bellsouth.net](mailto:spmarks@bellsouth.net)).



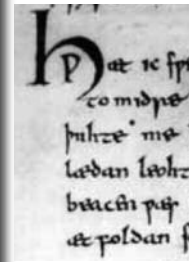
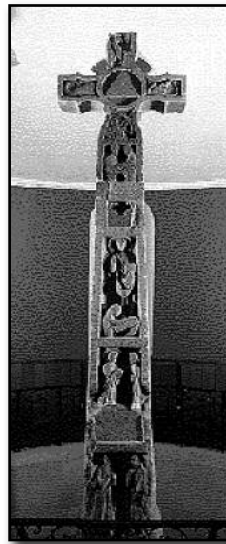
### Cards for David Holland

As we all know, David Holland, who is currently studying at the Roosevelt

Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation, has a special fondness for all things related to trains. He recently received this set of notecards especially designed for him from several of his friends at Christ Church that he can use to write about his experiences in Warm Springs.

## The Church Bookshelf

by Patricia Marks



### The Dream of the Rood

by Caedmon (?) or Cynewulf (?).  
8th century.

"The Dream of the Rood," perhaps the earliest Old English Christian poem, is an evocative and moving Easter reflection in which a dreamer recounts a vision . . .

I beheld the tree of the Mystery  
rise in the heavens, spinning out rays  
of perfect light. That beacon glowed  
spattered with gold, shining with jewels,  
clear to earth's corners: five gems  
defined the crossbeam.

But the "tree" becomes drenched with blood. And then it speaks of the day it was severed from its roots and placed on a hill, to be the "high gallows" for a resolute Warrior, "eager to ransom mankind." Because it refuses to "crush all those fiends" without the Lord's consent, it too suffers the wounds of the nails.

The rood, or cross, recounts its agony: it is scourged by fiends, and it grieves over the death of the Warrior. It too is buried and then exalted, dressed in gold and silver, blessed as the tree of the Mystery:

the whole glorious creation  
worships this beacon. On me God's Son  
suffered his trial. Now I am exalted,  
towering under Heaven, and I can save  
every person who looks to me.

"My purpose comes straight from the cross," the dreamer says near the end. May we have the grace to echo his words.

[Lines from the poem appear on the 8th-century Ruthwell Cross in Dumfriesshire, Scotland, and the fullest version of the poem is in the Vercelli text, in Italy.]







### Canterbury Club Hosts Visiting Habitat Builders

Read about the Canterbury Club dinner and Habitat build in Tar+'s column on page 3.

### Sign-up Deadline of May 1 Set for DR Mission Trip

If you are so called to the international mission field, you are welcome to join us for the 2012 Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. The mission has two mission teams, the Go Team and the Home Team (look for more information next month about the Home Team). Both Teams are equally important and neither of them can function independently. We will be returning to the village of El Pedregal. Our work will include the knitting project, Vacation Bible School and construction in the community or within the camp property. Once we have identified who is going we will be able to plan for the construction project. Everyone is welcome to go! If you are under 18, you will need to bring a parent with you. If you need more specific information, check our website at the following address: [http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page\\_id=729](http://www.christchurchvaldosta.org/?page_id=729) or call Tar+ @ 242-5115. The deadline to sign up for the trip is May 1st.



### Back Pack Program

The Rev. Deacon Stella Clark is chairing a new program for Christ Church. We will join other churches and individuals in support of the Back Pack Program which was started at Lake Park Elementary. Angie Hendley, gifted teacher and Teresa Parkerson, academic coach at Lake Park Elementary, co-founded the "Hungry at Home" project which provides food on the weekends for 70 at-risk children - one out of every 10 children enrolled at the school.

Our parishioners are asked to donate back packs and financial support to purchase food as well as volunteering to pack food on Thursdays for one hour.

Eight schools are now involved in the program. Contact Stella+ for more information at 559-6159.



### Update of the buildings at the camp in El Pedregal

Padre Carlos and his staff have done lots of hard work at the Camp of the Transfiguration in El Pedregal. A second story has been added to the dormitory, and you can see the rebar on the second story. Rebar is the physical sign of the sure and certain hope that a second story will be added in the near future. The dining hall has doubled in size and a new roof with a high pitch has been added. A new shelter has been built at the site of the large pit we dug last summer. The generator is located underneath the shelter, and the main section is a beautiful pavilion which is still under construction. This might be a possible worksite for this summer's mission trip.



## Southwestern Convocation (That's Us!) - April 21

April 21st will be a very busy day in the Southwestern Convocation. The day will begin at 10 a.m. at St. Thomas, Thomasville, with a listening session with your deputation elected to attend General Convention. The listening sessions are designed for people in the convocation to come and express their thoughts concerning the blessing of same sex unions. You can find more information on the diocesan website.

Schedule of Events      10 a.m. - 12:00 noon Listening Session  
   1 - 3 p.m. Hughes Choral Workshop (see below)  
   4 p.m. Confirmation Service

The Southwestern Convocation is composed of St. Barnabas, Valdosta; Christ Church, Valdosta; Christ the King, Valdosta; All Saints, Thomasville, St. Thomas, Thomasville, Good Shepherd, Thomasville, St. James, Quitman; St. John's, Moultrie, St. Margaret's, Moultrie; and St. John's, Bainbridge.



St. Thomas Episcopal Church  
216 Remington Ave., Thomasville, GA

### General Convention 2012

This summer the General Convention will meet in Indianapolis to set a budget for the coming three years and to consider hundreds of pieces of proposed legislation. This will include two resolutions from the Diocese of Georgia. We are calling on the convention to name Deaconess Alexander to the calendar of saints through inclusion in *Holy Women, Holy Men*. We also have endorsed a resolution to place the focus of our church on mission through restructuring the General Convention. The most discussed legislation is a proposed trial rite for the Blessing of Same Gender Relationships.

Our eight elected clergy and lay deputies and their alternates will meet together with Bishop Benhase

### A Chance to Have Your Voice Heard

in six sessions, one in each convocation. These listening sessions will take place in Eastertide from 10 a.m. to 12 noon on the following dates at the following locations:

April 14 - St. Augustine,  
Augusta

April 21 - St. Thomas,  
Thomasville

April 28 - St. Paul, Albany

May 4 - St. Mark, Brunswick

May 12 - St. Paul, Savannah

May 19 - Christ Church, Dublin

The Bishop will be joined by as many deputies and alternates as can be present with reports on each meeting conveyed to our entire deputation. You may also email the bishop and deputies at:

<[deputies@georgiaepiscopal.org](mailto:deputies@georgiaepiscopal.org)>.

### Same Gender Blessing in Georgia

Bishop Benhase has created a document answering frequently asked questions concerning both his personal views and what any proposed rite would mean for the Diocese, its clergy, and congregations if approved.

The document is online here:  
<<http://gaepiscopal.org/docs/FAQBlessingRite.pdf>>.

The proposed rite with supporting materials is now online here: <<http://houseofdeputies.org/blessingexcerpts>>.

All of this information and more is at the Georgia Deputation website: <<http://gc2012.georgiaepiscopal.org>>.

### Choral Workshop with Raymond Hughes

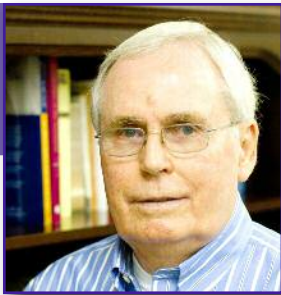
All are invited to participate in the choral workshop at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Thomasville from 1 to 3 p.m. on April 21. Music for the confirmation service will be rehearsed, and the combined choir will sing at the 4 o'clock service.

Choirmaster Raymond Hughes is from a musical family in Thomasville, Georgia, and graduated from the University of Georgia. He did graduate work in conducting at the University of South Carolina, Indiana University, and the Aspen Festival. He earned a diploma in Russian Language Studies from the Gorniy Institute in St. Petersburg, Russia in 1997. In 1991 he was the Chorus Master of the Metropolitan Opera in New York from 1991 until his retirement in 2007.

Highlights of Raymond Hughes' biography can be seen at this website:  
<<http://www.festivaloftheaegean.com/hughes.html>>.



Raymond  
Hughes



# Christ Church Looks Back

by Joseph A. Tomberlin

During the Vestry meeting of September 5, 1948, Senior Warden Jerome Tillman provided a succinct account “of the building situation.” As he reported, the Building Fund had \$28,187.15 in hand, with \$23,000.00 still to come from the Diocese of Georgia. The bad news was that the total of \$51,187.15 was “not enough for our purposes, and we must add to our funds, especially securing payment of promises and unpaid pledges.” As Mr. Tillman summarized the situation, Christ Church required \$2,136.00 more “to actually complete the building (without assembly hall)” and would need another six to seven thousand dollars to purchase “furniture and fixtures.” Vestry Clerk Bob Macks noted that “construction bond had been placed and issued, covering [the] performance of Mr. Tinker, the contractor.”

Vicar Clifton H. White, informed Vestry that plans for “a larger and more efficient kitchen” than originally visualized had been completed and accepted by the women of the Church and by the Building Committee. He confirmed that he and supervising architect Lloyd Greer had the task of selecting the hardware and lighting fixtures for the building. Also, he said, the cornerstone from the original Christ Church on East Central Avenue “had been cleaned and re-engraved and was ready to be reset.” Thereupon, Vestry decided to hold the cornerstone laying ceremony on Friday, September 10, 1948, with Mr. Arthur Goodin serving as the deputy for Bishop Barnwell, who was still in Europe.

In the next meeting, on October 3, 1948, Vestry dealt with additional building project business. Fr. White raised the “matter of insurance on the new building. The decision, after discussion, was to purchase \$50,000.00 worth of “Builder’s Risk” insurance, half of which would come from the McKey-Tillman Agency and the other half from the Bass Insurance Agency. The coverage was to be obtained at “prevailing rates,” and the Diocese of Georgia would be the beneficiary.

Though unmentioned in the Minutes of October 3, 1948, Vestry apparently urged Mr. Macks to contact Zoë Coburn, Secretary-Treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Diocese of Georgia, about the \$23,000.00 Christ Church still had not received for the Building Fund. The next day, Macks wrote Miss Coburn to remind her that on September 4, 1948, he had sent a letter to her “asking that, at your convenience, whatever funds available for Christ Church Building Fund be sent on to us.” He observed that after a month’s wait, he had heard nothing from her. Macks also declared that, several payments already having been made to the contractor, H.G. Tinker Concrete, “we will be in a position of needing additional funds in very short order.” Therefore, “your taking care of this matter will be sincerely appreciated.” As a closing note, he reported that “Contractor’s Construction Bond and Builder’s Risk Insurance have both been placed in requisite amount.”

Macks’s letter elicited a quick response from Miss Coburn, who wrote on October 5th that she owed

him an apology. His September 4th letter had been on her desk when she returned from vacation on September 16th. She claimed that her desk had been piled “high with mail” and that Bishop Barnwell had arrived home from his European trip at the same time. The consequence was her not knowing “what to do first” and thus she filed his missive without acting on it. Her return letter of October 5th also contained a check for \$23,000.00. Miss Coburn already had paid John C. LeBey, the architect, his fee of \$2,000.00 before she departed for vacation. In closing, she wrote, “I hope I have not inconvenienced you. Had matters been reversed I would have been very angry. Terribly sorry.”

Macks received the Coburn letter and the check the following day, October 6, 1948. In a letter to Jamie Carroll, Chairman of the Building Committee, he reported that he had the check, which was in Macks’s name, in hand. As he wrote, “Why the check was made out to me is a question I cannot answer, but I have endorsed it and am turning it over to you herewith.” However, before mailing the letter and check to Mr. Carroll, Macks contacted him by telephone and was told to deposit the check in the Building Fund account at Citizens and Southern National Bank, which he did. In a postscript in the Carroll letter, he confirmed that “I have deposited the check to the account of the Christ Church Building Fund in the Citizens and Southern National Bank and enclose herewith duplicate deposit slip.”

More on the building of the new Christ Church in the May *Vineyard*.



## Youth News

### Preschool

Registration for our Preschool Program is currently underway. Christ Church has an excellent PMO and Preschool program, and we will begin the 2012-2013 school year in our new education building. If you know of anyone looking for an excellent educational opportunity for their children, please have them call the church office. The hours for the Preschool are from 9 a.m. - 12 noon five days a week. We are now accepting applications for children in the following classes:

Class	Teacher
2 1/2-year olds	Betsy Kirk
3-year olds	Norma Tomberlin
4-year olds	Elise Sandbach

### Stefani Carroll new teacher for Middle School EYC

The Wednesday evening middle school EYC will begin using the program, "Rock Your Face Off" small group collision, and it's titled "Knowing the Messiah." Stefani is taking over from The Rev. Tar Drazdowski and Julia Ariail who have taught the program since October 2011. The group needs a second teacher to assist and substitute. Please consider volunteering.

Consider sending your child or grandchild to

### Camp Honey Creek

Look for camp info:

<<http://www.honeycreek.org>>



### Sessions

**High School Camp - June 17-23**

Completed Grades 9-12

**St. Joseph and Mary I - June 24-30**

Completed Grades 3-5

**St. Peter - July 8-14**

Completed Grades 6-8

**St. Joseph and Mary II - July 15-21**

Completed Grades 3-5

**TUITION \$395**

### Claire Hanson Has Highest SAT Score at Valdosta High

Claire Hanson, daughter of Drs. Will and Bonnie Hanson, scored the highest grade on the SAT among students who attended Valdosta High School in 2012. She applied to eight colleges and has narrowed her search to three. Congratulations!



### New Beginnings March, 2012



Photograph by Rachel Greneker

Several Christ Church youth and young adults assisted as staff at New Beginnings 40: Andrew Diamond, Andrew Greneker, Rachel Greneker, Sparky Greneker, Thomas Greneker, Holly Querin, Lauren Sandbach, Tanner Fudge, and Katie Wisenbaker.

### No Sunday School on April 1st (Spring Break)

**Easter Egg Hunt** between the 9:30 and 11:30 Services on Easter Day with three age divisions.

**Acolyte Festival, St. Anne's Tifton** April 14 & 15!

Mark your calendars for the joint **Vacation Bible School** with First Christian and First Presbyterian to be held at First Christian Church, Sunday, June 3 - Wednesday, June 6. Dinner at 5:30 and program from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m.

### Senior EYC April Schedule

Dan Schert, Fr. Jim and Susan Elliott  
Senior EYC Leaders

**April 4 - No EYC - Spring Break**

April 11 - Elliotts' home

April 18 - Louttit Hall

April 25 - Querins' home

**interview with Fr. Charles (Bear) Davis continued from p. 5**

transients feel special. Henry invited me to join in your stewardship program about twenty years ago. Alicia, Sara, Coleman, and I came from Ocean Springs, Mississippi, where I was the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, to join you for a weekend. At the parish dinner I told the story of a California psychological study where every teacher in the school was told they had an exceptional student in their class. Because the teacher didn't know which student was exceptional, he or she treated them all as special and all tested higher. Of course the change took place because of the expectations and time which they had been given. The teachers expected something extra-ordinary and the students began to believe in themselves. They began to live out those expectations.

In our Baptismal Covenant we are challenged with this question: "Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself." Christ Church is special because you see the Christ in others more than they can ever see in themselves. It was the gift you gave me.

**5. What was your total educational pattern**

I went to St. Andrews High School outside the gates of Sewanee. Dad was a senior at The School of Theology when I was a senior. My first two years of college was at Augusta College. I transferred to Valdosta in 1976 and graduated in

1979. I entered The General Theological Seminary in 1982 and graduated in 1985.

**6. If you were not a priest, what profession would you have chosen?**

From my earliest memories I have been called to serve at God's altar. It is very difficult to imagine doing anything else. At the age of seven and after two sets of confirmation classes, Bishop Stuart consented to my confirmation. In Jesup at that time confirmation was a requirement to be an acolyte and I knew that I was supposed to serve. I asked Santa, at thirteen, for acolyte vestments. I can't imagine any other vocation. For my earliest memories I expressed clearly that perceived call. I do remember being asked by the Bishop of Atlanta what I would do if I couldn't be a priest. I responded that I thought I would like to open a limited menu comedy bar. He looked at me and responded that it sounded a lot like church. The truth is that I do not know what else I would have done.

**7. Do you still use that other interest in your ministry?**

My priesthood is a part of me. It is who I am. Charles has been called and all that I am and all the gifts that I have been given have found their way into living out this impossible, wonderful vocation.

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## 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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