

# The Disciple

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## Christ Church Welcomes Parish Nurse

Less than a year ago, one of the goals identified through our parish strategic planning process was to hire a parish nurse. We are thrilled to announce that Lynne LeBlanc, RN, has agreed to join our Christ Church staff as of March 1 on a part time basis as our parish nurse.

Parish nursing is a unique blend of professional nursing and spiritual caregiving. Much of Jesus' earthly ministry was dedicated to serving and healing the sick and disabled. His redemptive message embraced the whole person. Our spiritual, mental and physical health is intertwined and each impacts the other. Some of the most difficult days any of us know are when we are sick or someone we love is sick. We are worn out physically, mentally and spiritually. A parish nurse ministers to the whole person, encouraging and promoting wellness and healing.

Here are the initial priorities Lynne will address as our parish nurse:

- **post-hospital visitation**, fielding questions about medications, recovery, wound care, community health resources, home care equipment.

- **health educator**, organizing classes, programs or support groups on health issues, helping parishioners understand their illnesses and treatment plans, teaching CPR classes, taking phone calls about health issues.
- **servicing families dealing with chronic illness**, providing additional support to those with long term ailments, such as diabetes, Parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, depression or those undergoing cancer treatment
- **supporting parishioners caring for aging relatives**, identifying resources, information, and encouragement, guiding families to best care options for all involved
- **helping families with end of life care**, providing advice, support and guidance

Lynne LeBlanc is fully qualified for this position. She has been a registered nurse for 17 years, working in oncology, surgery and as a hospital floor nurse. She is a member of Matthews United Methodist Church, which has had a parish nurse for over ten years. Lynne assisted her own church's parish nurse and completed the parish nurse certification course taught at Queen's University.

She has volunteered at the Matthews Health Clinic, and most recently Lynne has served as a nurse case manager in home health care. She is a certified CPR, Automatic External Defibrillator, and First Aid instructor. Lynne is also a woman of deep faith and feels called to walk with people through the transitions of life, to help people grow spiritually and to find a language of hope in the midst of difficult health circumstances. She is excited to join our staff. We know you will find her to be compassionate, warm and personable.

In response to Christ's grace and love for each of us, the Christian community must be a place where people can be open about their needs and find support and healing. Our parish nurse ministry is an invitation to seek wholeness in Christ.

Lynne will be commissioned for her ministry at the 8:45 service in the church on March 2 and will be present at our *Consider Your Call* Ministry Fair on the same day.

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# Parish Life & Fellowship

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## Vestry Viewpoint

*“The church exists for nothing else than to draw men into Christ, to make them little Christs. If they are not doing that, all the cathedrals, clergy, missions, sermons, even the Bible itself, are simply a waste of time.”*  
C.S. Lewis

I was put in mind of this quote by something I read recently concerning that most unholy of American pastimes, the presidential primaries. A pundit seeking to explain the fading prospects of a candidate wrote that problems had developed with the campaign’s “message.” In the long forced march of the primaries, she noted, candidates, staffers and speechwriters all become preoccupied with the crisis of the day, and the long view gives way to the immediate. It

is tough to keep the message right in this environment because, she wrote, it “requires answering this question: ‘Why are we here?’”

The question seems an apt one for us to ponder during this season of Lent. Why are we here? Why is Christ Church here? Why all the buildings, programs, mission and staff, all the sermons, concerts, committees and pledge campaigns? As a parish with more than its share of hard-charging, “Type A” individuals, we can easily lose the long view, and all these things can start to feel like ends in themselves. We need to be reminded, as Lewis does so eloquently, that they are only means to an end, and as such are meaningful only as they help us to live into our faith and show the face of Christ to

others.

How can we as a parish stay “on message?” Christ Church’s March 2 ministry fair, “Consider your Call,” is a good place to start. The opportunities to serve others both within and without the parish are endless. Whether you are ready for a commitment of only an hour or a lifetime, there is a need with your name on it and a way for you to meet it. Take the time to learn about these service opportunities, pray about your personal gifts of ministry and bring your commitment card to church on Easter. Together we can send a mighty message about why we are here.

Peace,  
*Skip Smart*  
Senior Warden

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She will be working in and out of the church office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Sundays, March 9 and April 27, Lynne will be here to meet parishioners at a parish nurse station. Come say hello and get your blood pressure checked! Her email address is LeBlancL@christchurchcharlotte.org. Please see page 5 for more information on Lynne.

The next step to “build out” our pastoral care program is to hire a congregational care coordinator. This individual will assist us with our lay ministry care teams,

support groups, and will work to build a broader education program and referral network for our parishioners. We hope to have this position filled by the late fall.

As always, the clergy will continue to be the primary pastoral caregivers at Christ Church. We are available to provide support in all times of need. All you have to do is call!

With love and prayers,  
*Lisa Saunders and Chip Edens*

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**Blanket Drive:** The YWCA Women in Transition Program (supported by our Outreach Commission and *One in the Spirit* funds) provides safe and affordable housing and support services to over 100 single women at risk for homelessness. As new occupants arrive, the Y likes to provide each woman a new blanket, mattress pad, pillow and quilt (all for twin beds). If you would like donate a new item for one of the Y’s wonderful women, please contact or bring items to Aimee Norman at 704.714.6940.

**Family Promise needs volunteers** to help families move into independent housing after completing the program. Volunteers would be called on a rotating basis 3-5 times a year to help with Saturday moves. This is a great opportunity for youth! If interested, please email Kathy Bolster, Network Director, kathybolster@yahoo.com.

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## *In The Parish*

### **NEW MEMBERS:**

Mike and Ceci Turner, Zach, Samuel, and Anna  
Janine Dahlgren  
Lamar and Kimberly Lloyd, Emma Grace and Jeb  
Vicki and Porter Durham, Elisabeth, Leighton, and Grey

### **BIRTHS:**

Thomas Hammond Daly, son of Ginger and Brian Daly  
Katherine McMillan Wagner and Philip Tilford Wagner, daughter  
and son of Maggie and T.J. Wagner  
Sarah Hazel Moore, granddaughter of Mary Harrisonranson  
Emerson Grey DeCurtins, daughter of Alicia and Reade DeCurtins  
Emma Elizabeth Hutchison, daughter of Laura and Chris Hutchison  
Josephine DeWitt Sanchez, granddaughter of Sharon and Brent Jeffcoat

### **BAPTISMS:**

McCollum Addie Mettetal Combs, daughter of Lowell and Doug Combs  
Marion McCafferty Gefaell, daughter of Caroline and Robert Gefaell  
John William Grant, III, son of Kim and John Grant  
McLean Frances Jenkins, daughter of Jessica and Camp Jenkins  
Charles Alexander Nelson, son of Charlotte and Ryan Nelson

### **DEATH:**

James Mack Dillashaw

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### **2008 ECW Mission Funding Recipients**

At total of \$58,000 from the Good News Shop and the ECW Christmas Bazaar were joyfully donated to the following worthy agencies that support programs for women and children in need. Thank you to all of our patrons and volunteers for being part of this exciting ministry: A Child's Place, Camp Sky Ranch, Chapel of Christ the King Weekday School, Charlotte Convocation Episcopal Pastoral Counseling Services, Charlotte Rescue Mission, Child Development Center in Central America/Jubilee House, Children's Theatre of Charlotte, Communities in School, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Elida Children's Home, Emergency Winter Shelter, ECW Diocesan Christmas Fund, The Family Center, Inc., Family Promise of Charlotte/Interfaith Hospitality Network, Friendship Trays, Hospitality House, Jacob's Ladder, Jesus Abbey, KinderMourn, Lex Matthews Scholarship Fund, LOVE, Inc., Our Little Roses, The Relatives, Southminster Foundation, Thompson Child & Family Focus, Tryon Hills Pre-K, UMAR, YMCA of Greater Charlotte, United Family Services Shelter for Battered Women

**The Phoebe Guild salutes our January Chefs** who prepared and delivered meals: Whitley Hamlin, Gray White, Kristin Lewis and Alice Adams. Thanks also to our Friendly Freezer contributors, Betty Garner and Ainslee Wall. A big thanks also to Susan Morris, who keeps us so up to date, and helps manage the Friendly Freezer contents and traffic! Phoebe Guild contact is Robbie Horn @ rhorn4@carolina.rr.com, or phone 704.366.3336.

**The Lex Mathews Scholarship Fund**, sponsored by the ECW and the Diocese of NC, awarded \$14,000 to eleven women last year. It is time to consider candidates for the 2008-2009 academic school year. This fund provides educational opportunities for those who have been out of the workforce for a period of time or who need to upgrade their skills or education to advance their career opportunities. Women who are 23 years of age or older may apply. Application forms are available at the Reception Desk or online at: [www.ecw-nc.org](http://www.ecw-nc.org). The deadline for applications is March 15.

### **CC Foundation Scholarships**

One of the funds included in the Christ Church Foundation Trust is a scholarship fund. Applications for the Christ Church Foundation scholarships are now available and may be obtained at the front desk in the parish office or can be downloaded from the church website. These scholarships are designed primarily for college and post-graduate studies. The deadline for application is April 1, 2008. Please return applications to Sarah Brincefield.

# Parish Life & Fellowship

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## SAGES UPDATE

The Sages Commission thanks Fran Redic again for compiling the results of the survey for us. A few interesting findings:

- 1) 290 surveys were returned out of 550  
(about 40% returned)
- 2) 68% of couples responded
- 3) 25% of singles responded

The names of people who requested assistance from time to time have been given to the Commission who can help the quickest. The people who offered to help will be notified when a need arises. Please be patient with the process. The bringing of these two groups together signifies a beginning to answering the needs and desires of the Sages. The Sages Commission will now discuss what we will attempt to implement this year. We will need your patience as we move forward.

The Commission is still looking for 1-3 people to join our group. New thoughts and ideas are always welcome. We are also putting out an appeal for someone who would like to develop a quarterly newsletter. Please contact me if you are interested. People who checked handiwork on the survey might receive a call to join a group for a new project. Keep your eyes on the Shepherd Center offerings. If there is an interest in a class that the survey mentioned, call Marnie Rodgers or Barbara Wells, and we will provide you with names of people with the same interests. You might enjoy going together. There are copies of the Shepherd Center schedule in the office of the church.

*Barbara Wells*  
bwells6470@yahoo.com  
704.366.9344

## SAGES SPRING EVENTS

The Sages Program Committee met recently and decided to plan two day trips and a possible luncheon for this spring. We will take a bus trip to the Daniel Stowe Gardens Orchid Conservatory on April 3 for a tour and box lunch. In May, we will car pool (or take the church van) to the Billy Graham Museum for a tour and lunch. Please refer to the inserts for registration information. We are also trying to put together a luncheon in May with Chip giving his recent Sunday School class on finding God during troubled times.

Volunteer needs:

- The Sages Commission and the Sages Program Committee would like to have new members join us. Please call Barbara Wells, 704.366.9344 for the commission and Marnie Rodgers, 704.366.4010 for programs.
- Bob Irby has been dedicated in his efforts to ensure the Sages Bridge group have fellowship and fun during their once a month meetings from September through May. It would give Bob such pleasure to know that someone else is willing to give this group some tender care. Please call Bob Irby or Aimee Norman, 704.714.6940 if you would be willing to help.

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## Chamber Music for Teens

Christ Church will again welcome the Chamber Music Teen Camp the week of June 16-20, 2008. Jointly sponsored with Chamber Music at St. Peter's, this intensive performing and coaching experience for middle and high school student musicians features small ensemble playing for strings, woodwinds and piano. Coached by artist faculty from the Charlotte Symphony, Queens University, USC and our own Chris Brayne, students perform in a Friday night concert which is free and open to the public. New this year: music theory and composition taught by composer David Crowe. Brochures with application form are available at the Reception Desk and on our web site [www.christchurchcharlotte.org](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org) (under the Music section). Contact: Dottie Hollowell, Project Director [dottie@hollowell.net](mailto:dottie@hollowell.net).

## Protect Your Identity

How do you safely destroy old documents and papers? By shredding them! The Shepherd's Center of Charlotte is hosting a Shred-It Truck at their Adventures in Learning Program on Monday, March 3 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church on South Blvd. Shredding safely disposes of your unwanted sensitive material and helps the environment through recycling. Anyone in the community is welcome to take advantage of this FREE service provided by Shred-It of Charlotte. Please call The Shepherd's Center at 704.365.1995 for more information.

# Congregational Care

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**Life Matters** - *Sunday morning educational and fellowship opportunities for healthy and holy living*

**Sunday, March 30: "Blended Families"** - 10:00 a.m. in *The Blue Room*

When two families come together, the stresses and blessings are many. Christ Church parishioners, Jane and Howard Duvall, share what they have learned in 20 years of step-parenting and blending their families. They will be joined by Jan Keny, LPC, who counsels children of divorce.

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## Meet Lynne LeBlanc, RN, Our New Parish Nurse



We welcome Lynne to our church staff as our parish nurse. Lynne grew up in Louisiana and received her nursing training at Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, Louisiana. Her husband is a true Cajun, as their French last name attests (LeBlanc is pronounced "LeB-lan"). They moved to Charlotte 11 years ago. Her husband sells veterinary equipment. They have two daughters, ages 9 and 12. Lynne will be commissioned for her ministry at the 8:45 a.m. service in the church on March 2 and will be present at our *Consider Your Call* Ministry Fair on the same day. She will be working in and out of the church office on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. On Sundays,

March 9 and April 27, Lynne will be here to meet parishioners at a parish nurse station. Come say hello and get your blood pressure checked! Her email address is [LeBlancL@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:LeBlancL@christchurchcharlotte.org).

## Care for the Caregiver

*Thursdays, February 21-  
March 27, 6:00-7:30 pm*

A support group for adult caregivers of aging parents and loved ones will be held on Thursdays from 6:00-7:30 p.m. February 21-March 27 at Southminster's East Wing Card Room. Come with your questions and learn from others dealing with similar issues. To register, please contact Dawn Hanna, MSW at 704.551.3816

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## Health Matters

**What Exercise Can Do For You** – From *Exercise: A program you can live with* — A Special Health Report from Harvard Medical School, Copyright © 2008 by the President and Fellows of Harvard College

Whether you're 9 or 90, abundant evidence shows exercise can enhance your health and well-being. But for many people, sedentary pastimes, such as watching TV, surfing the Internet, or playing computer and video games, have replaced more active pursuits. Adding as little as half an hour of moderately intense physical activity to your day can help you avoid a host of serious ailments, including heart disease, diabetes, depression, and several types of cancer, in particular breast and colon cancers. Regular exercise can help you sleep better, reduce stress, control your weight, brighten your mood, sharpen your mental functioning, and improve your sex life. In a nutshell, exercise can:

- reduce your chances of getting heart disease. For those who already have heart disease, exercise reduces the chances of dying from it.
- lower your risk of developing hypertension and diabetes.
- reduce your risk for colon cancer and some other forms of cancer.
- improve your mood and mental functioning.
- keep your bones strong and joints healthy.
- help you maintain a healthy weight.
- help you maintain your independence well into your later years.

Fuel your body with good nutrition to get the best results. Medical evidence shows that we must maintain good nutritional habits in order to get the most healthful benefits of exercise. Make the choice this year to eat better, exercise and be healthy. Look for our Health Matters Tip of the Week on the church website (under Parish Life/Congregational Care) and join us with your expertise on healthy living. Please email your comments on this column and this topic to Lisa Saunders, [saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:saundersl@christchurchcharlotte.org). Written by Maude and Tom Root ([MnTRoot@Yahoo.com](mailto:MnTRoot@Yahoo.com))

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# Service

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## *Service Education*

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**Feeling a spiritual hunger? We've got food!** Join Paul Hanneman, Director of the Urban Ministry Center, for one or both series of classes that will be offered at Christ Church which will help equip you for ministry.

**Class Matters:** Series of four classes seeks to explore and help us understand "class" differences. Utilizing Bible study, readings, discussion, and guest presenters as ways to explore the Biblical vision of inclusive community; class differences in perception and values, how class issues affect community life in Charlotte, and the call to servant leadership in overcoming barriers to human community, including class. This class is especially relevant for those interested in or already serving our homeless population including Room in the Inn, WISH, Interfaith Hospitality Network and more. Sunday at 10:00 a.m: 3/30, 4/13, 5/4, 5/11.

**Servant Leadership School:** Series of eight 2-hour classes that cultivate both the inner journey of spiritual formation and the outward journey responding to God's call to service as Christ's hands and feet in the world. This class uses readings (scripture and other), written reflections, and small group discussions coupled with prayer and worship to truly help you discover where God may be calling you to serve. \$60 per participant (scholarships available). Wednesday evenings from 5:45-7:45 p.m: 3/26, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7 and 5/14.

For questions or to register for either class, contact Aimee Norman at [normana@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:normana@christchurchcharlotte.org) or 704.714.6940.

## *Service Opportunities*

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**Hundreds of hammering hands needed...**to build a home for Jessica (a CMS worker) and her 7 year old daughter, Jordan! Christ Church is delighted to start building its 20th Habitat House (and community among our parishioners) on March 13 (Saturdays 3/15-5/24). Christ Church has built more houses in Charlotte than any other faith community! Christ Church has also been asked to be the first faith community to tackle building a 2-story house! Don't miss all the excitement or the opportunity to be Christ's hands in the world! Become part of our Habitat team by contacting Carrington Coulter at [Carrington.coulter@morgankeegan.com](mailto:Carrington.coulter@morgankeegan.com) – no experience required!

Don't want to break a sweat? Sign up to make and deliver lunches to the hungry working crew. Contact Jennifer Grainger to feed our "working sheep," 704.332.9135.

Join us for the Habitat Kick-Off dinner on Thursday, March 6 at 6:30 p.m. in The Blue Room. RSVP to Aimee Norman, 704.714.6940.

**Consider your Call...**during Lent this year we pray that each of you are seeking to discover where God is calling you to serve at and through Christ Church. We have created an awesome *Consider Your Call* brochure listing hundreds of volunteer ministry opportunities ranging from weekly commitments for a year to one-time, one hour long engagements. We seek to gather information to know where you are currently serving, what some of your skills/talents are, and where you would like to serve this fall. Please come to the *Consider Your Call* ministry fair on March 2, pray, read your *Consider Your Call* brochure (cover to cover!), pray, ask questions of volunteers and program staff, pray, and offer your time and talents on your commitment card on Easter Sunday.

**7th Annual Christ Church Service Day....**Saturday, April 19, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Join Christ Church parishioners – of all ages – as they seek to serve Christ in all persons throughout the Charlotte community. We will host projects at agencies throughout Charlotte like Crisis Assistance Ministry, YWCA Women in Transition program, building our Habitat House, landscaping at Thompson's Child and Family Focus, and stocking food at Loaves and Fishes. We will also have great service projects on-site: "Stop Hunger Now" will return as we will fill hundreds of baggies with dried food to ship overseas and Caregiver Kits will be made to ship to those working with AIDS patients in poor countries. Don't miss an incredible opportunity to serve with your family, friends and neighbors! Save the date – and stay tuned for more details.

# Outreach & Mission

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## Two Gulf Coast Mission Trips in May

Our trip to Bay St. Louis, MS in January was so successful, we have decided to offer another Christ Church trip in May in addition to the trip planned by the Episcopal Churches in our diocese, called the Carolina Connection. Please join us for one of these trips.

The Christ Church trip will be May 12-17. We will drive down on Monday (a 10 hour trip with stops every 2 hours!), work Tuesday through Friday and return on Saturday. We eat most meals at Mission on the Bay and we stay at either Mission on the Bay or in local hotels. We usually take one afternoon and evening to go into New Orleans to see the reconstruction progress or lack thereof and to have dinner. For more information or to sign up, contact the Rev. Marty Hedgpeth, 704.333.0378, or hedgpethm@christchurchcharlotte.org.

The Carolina Connection trip will be May 22-27. The group will drive down on Thursday and return on Tuesday. As this is over the holiday weekend, participants will not have to take as many days off from work. The other difference in this trip is that you will work with and get to know other Episcopalians from all over our diocese. We had a great time with this group on our first trip down. The same room and board information applies as noted above. For information or to sign up, contact Rebecca Yarbrough, 704.589.6137, or ryarb@carolina.rr.com.

## Outreach and Missions Commission

In addition to developing the 2009 budget, the Outreach Commission is busy organizing Spring Service Day to be held on April 19. We will have opportunities for groups and families to volunteer together with many agencies on Saturday.

The Outreach Commission is currently communicating the 2008 Grants to the 29 community agencies we support. Our 2008 budget reflects a financial emphasis on housing and homelessness as our strategic plan has directed us. Grant request forms for 2009 have been revised and are being submitted to our agencies. We look forward to having a full-time Outreach Coordinator later this year.

**Thanks to all those who rolled up their sleeves and shared the gift of life!** We collected 65 pints of blood at our Annual Blood Drive last month. Your donation makes the difference between life and death for nearly 5 million people who need blood transfusions each year.

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## MDG<sub>oal</sub> #6: Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria, and Other Preventable Diseases

In January we began a focus on Millennium Goal #6 (Combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases), specifically looking at the problem of HIV/AIDS in Africa. We saw a very moving DVD about children ages 6-17 who have the disease. Some bad news is that of the estimated 15.2 million children who have lost one or both parents to AIDS, fewer than 1 of every 10 receive help from governments, churches or other charities. Some good news is that in Uganda the rate of persons with HIV dropped from 21% to 7% between 1991 and 2004. This was due to an aggressive education campaign about awareness and prevention of the disease.

In response, we are trying to collect \$2,000 to pay for Caregiver Kits that contain basic supplies needed (cotton balls, acetaminophen, disposable latex gloves, etc.) in the care of persons with HIV/AIDS. The supplies for the kits will be provided by World Vision, will be put together by us on Service Day, April 19, and then distributed throughout the world by World Vision. In response to the powerful DVD, we have already collected over \$1,100. If you wish to contribute, please send your check (made out to Christ Church, earmarked Caregiver Kits) to the Rev. Martha Hedgpeth at the church.

*Marty Hedgpeth*

# Music and Worship

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## Musical Notes

What a delightful occasion this year's Mardi Gras Pancake Supper was. It was a real inter-generational event with great food and fellowship and the appearance of the Court Jester! It would not have been possible without the leadership of Melissa Burns, Gigi Harris, Sarah Lathrop, Mary Hahn Fetter and many parents who gave of their time and energy to make the occasion so successful. As the program year moves on we look ahead to the visit of Bob Chilcott, the international composer and Choral Director who is coming to work with some of our singers. Full details of his visit in April are available on the website under the music page. We look forward to welcoming David Hill, Chief Conductor of the BBC Singers, who will conduct the four Adult Choirs in a concert at Myers Park Baptist Church on Sunday April 27. In addition, I am working on the U2charist which will be offered to the parish and community on April 20 and features our contemporary band. The Larry Stephenson Bluegrass Band will be performing for us at our Spring Parish Day on Sunday, April 27. In fact, April is going to be a busy month for all involved in our music program. But before all of that, there is time to discern and reflect on how our future vision for Music and Worship will continue to evolve and how you can become more involved. Please make sure you visit the Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 2 and see how your talents and gifts can be put to use as we seek to draw closer to God in our work together. I hope the following poem will help you on your journey through Lent and Holy Week.

**“Maundy Thursday”** by Chris Price

Tall arches spanning darkness;  
High invisible roof: warm still air.  
The shadowed crucifix outlined against carved beams.

And light spilling out through the pillars:  
Soft radiance from a firmament of flickering candles,  
Gold and white in the night, swaying shadows.  
Burnished sanctuary lamp mirroring the arc of fire below;  
Dark grouped leaves and boughs, and frozen flowers:  
Christ on the altar in Gethsemane.

The dull roar of traffic sounds outside the walls.  
Silent worshippers kneel or sit to keep their watch,  
With only the rustle of a page, the shifting of a chair  
To move the soft silence.  
Waiting for death to come to their Lord in the morning  
To bring them life.

Footsteps echo quietly down the dark aisle. The vigil  
Goes on. The faithful watch with Christ.  
Outside the cold midnight brings another Good Friday.  
Inside, no time, only the soft shadow of eternity.

Surely, God is here.

Pax vobiscum,  
*Chris Brayne*  
Director of Music

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## Upcoming Music Events

- **During the weekend of April 18-20** our children's choirs will combine with the Charlotte Childrens' Choir to work with Bob Chilcott, international composer and conductor. The choirs will combine forces to sing at the 11:15 a.m. service in the church on Sunday, April 20 with Bob Chilcott conducting.
- **Sunday, April 20** at the 8:45 a.m. service - celebration of U2charist in All Saints' Hall.
- **Sunday, April 27** - The Larry Stephenson Bluegrass Band will perform at our Spring Parish Day. At 5:00 p.m. the Christ Church Choir will combine with the choirs of Myers Park Baptist, Myers Park Presbyterian, and Myers Park United Methodist Churches to sing a concert at Myers Park Baptist Church with the conductor of the BBC Singers, David Hill. Featured on this concert will be "Zadok the Priest" by G. F. Handel, "Dona Nobis Pacem" and "O Clap Your Hands" by Ralph Vaughan Williams.
- **Tuesday, April 29** at 7:30 p.m. - Christ Church will host the St. Thomas Choir of men and boys from St. Thomas Church, New York in a concert with John Scott conducting. This choir is one of the premier choirs in the world and we are fortunate to be able to host them in the beautiful acoustics of Christ Church.
- **During the month of July** members of the Christ Church Choir and the Christ Church Singers will travel to the United Kingdom to sing at Salisbury, Coventry, Worcester, and Bristol Cathedrals, as well as St. Mary's Church in Warwick. They will be in England from Tuesday, July 22 until Thursday, July 31.

# Adult Spiritual Formation

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## Celebrate Lent at Christ Church

### Wednesday Lenten Lunches

This Lent we are offering daytime educational classes with local speakers and clergy. We begin in the chapel for the Noon Eucharist and Healing Service and then gather for lunch and a speaker. Lunch is \$6. Register by emailing [beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org).

- Wednesday, March 5 - Davis Kuykendall
- Wednesday, March 12 - Chip Cash

### Wednesday Evening Lenten Preaching Series

We invite you to join us for our Wednesday Evening Lenten Preaching Series. Distinguished speakers join us as we seek to set this season apart as a holy time of prayer, reflection and repentance. Our Wednesday evenings begin with Evensong in the Church at 6:00 p.m. and continue with a meal in All Saints' Hall. Each week, our guest will preach at Evensong and speak during dinner. Reservations are required for dinner. Please call the church offices for reservations, 704.333.0378.

- March 5 - Spiritual Life of a Soldier  
The Rt. Rev. George Packard, Bishop of the Armed Forces
- March 12 - Living in the Shadow of the Cross  
The Rev. Eugene Sutton, Canon Pastor, Washington National Cathedral, Director of Center for Spirituality and Pilgrimage

### Uptown Christ Church

*12:00 -1:00 p.m. at the Childress Klein YMCA*

Join us for noonday prayers, lunch and a speaker. Come enjoy a spiritual booster shot in the middle of your workday. Guests are always welcome.

Call the office to register for lunch or email

[robertst@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:robertst@christchurchcharlotte.org). Lunch is \$5

at the door. Questions? Contact Jenny Beaumont, 704.714.6945 or [beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org).

**March 3 - Chip Cash presents "How Much is Enough?"** Forbes Magazine asked this question a decade ago and it is as relevant today as ever. Join us for a Biblical perspective on contentment and a look at the illusive line that is drawn between need and greed.

*Upcoming speakers:*

*April 7 - Chip Cash*

*May 5 - Davis Kuykendall*

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### Mark your Calendars!

### Writing the Sacred: A Psalm and Journal Writing Workshop

*Tuesday, April 1 from 9:30-12:00 p.m.*

At *Writing the Sacred* workshop, Ray McGinnis will conduct a series of step-by-step writing exercises leading toward being able to write a psalm independently. In this workshop, he breaks open the imagination and spirituality of psalm writing by illustrating how the ancient psalms can be a creative catalyst and healing balm to help reclaim the soul's voice. No previous bible knowledge is required. Give yourself the gift of time to reflect on your life in a supportive, nurturing, spiritual setting. Email Jenny Beaumont, [beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:beaumontj@christchurchcharlotte.org) to register.

# Children and Family Ministry

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2008

### Surfin' through the scriptures!

*Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.* 1 John 3:18

Calling all surfer dudes and dudettes! We are excited to bring you Vacation Bible School 2008. Our theme this year encourages our younger parishioners (rising 4 year olds through 5th grade) to develop Beach Be-Attitudes: Be Obedient; Be Kind, Be Forgiving, and Believe. Fourth and Fifth graders will spend the week off-campus, involved in hands-on service activities. Rising sixth graders and above serve as our teen helpers and will assist lots of activities (there will be a separate registration form for teen helpers). Look for registration forms and Volunteer Commitment forms in the mail soon! They will also be available on our website [www.christchurchcharlotte.org](http://www.christchurchcharlotte.org).



### Leadership Opportunities Still Available:

We still have a few Steering Committee leadership positions available:

- **Mini-Boardwalk Crafts** - coordinate crafts for our preschool surfers
- **Surf 'n' Sand Science Lab** - coordinate science and discovery activities
- **Rockin' Rec** - plan and supervise our outdoor recreation time

*Each position has a helpful manual to assist with the planning process.*

We are thrilled to report that last year we had a 97% parent volunteer participation and are looking forward to having 100% this year! We always need teachers and help with short projects prior to and during the week of VBS. There is no shortage of opportunities for all parishioners to help!

If you would like to be a part of the Vacation Bible School ministry, please let us know and we will contact you. You will have a great time with friends and have the opportunity to make some new friends. Contact at Kim Gordon, 704.366.1979 or [buttonpkg@hotmail.com](mailto:buttonpkg@hotmail.com), or Anne Cullen, 704.714.6944 or [cullena@christchurchcharlotte.org](mailto:cullena@christchurchcharlotte.org).

The Nursery Committee is proud to sponsor:

### Red Cross Babysitter's Training Class

*Saturday, March 1, 2008*

*9:00-3:00 p.m. in St. Francis A*

For ages 11- 15

\$50 includes class and Babysitter's Kit

Lunch provided by the Nursery Committee

Combining video, activities, hands-on skills training and discussion for a complete learning experience.

Register by calling the Church Office at 704.333.0378.

### Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt

The Parish Life and Fellowship Commission is proud to present the return of the Annual Christ Church Easter Egg Hunt. Join us Easter Sunday, March 23, 3:30-4:00 p.m. as we bring back this annual tradition at Christ Church!

This event will feature egg hunting (divided by age group) and will be filled with refreshments and fellowship for all. Stay tuned for more details of this fun parish event. If you would like to help organize this fun event, please contact Anne Schleusner at 704.366.2011.

# Youth Ministry

## The youth have been busy!

- "Happening Sunday" on January 27 in All Saints' Hall was a smashing success. Youth who have participated in Happening took leadership roles in the service.
- Wednesday nights are going great! On January 30, the middle schoolers shocked the Porter-Acees with a surprise "baby shower" for John, Whitney, and "baby boy" to be! Thank you to all who contributed to the great surprise. You all were very generous and "he" will be living in high style!
- Our 86 middle schooler's have come back in one piece from their ski trip to Winterplace and 27 high schoolers also had a great trip to Snowshoe.



*Shower for John & Whitney*



*Happening*

## And they will stay busy...

- We hope to see you all at Mama C.C.'s Spaghetti Dinner and Auction on March 2 at 6:00 p.m. Funds from this event support the youth and the 10th grade pilgrimage to Croatia. Tickets for children, youth, and adults are \$10 each (toddlers free). If you haven't bought a ticket yet, you may get one at the door. This dinner and auction also offers a great chance to bid on some terrific items. Contact Anne Ratcliffe with questions, 704.714.6941.
- Our 10th graders are also selling AutoBell car wash tickets. Contact Missy Miller, 704.367.2211 for information on the car wash tickers or purchase some youth stock at \$30 a share to support their



*Youth Ski Trip to Winterplace*

cause. Please send your check to Christ Church, attn: Anne Ratcliffe.

- Check with the Church Office now to secure a space on some or our summer trips including: The 9th grade Urban Adventure to DC, one of two Mission Trips to Costa Rica (July 12-20 or 19-27), and Episcopal Outreach Camp for all rising 7-9th graders (July 27-30).

*John Porter-Acee & Anne Ratcliffe*

March	April	May	June
1 - Red Cross Babysitting training at Christ Church  2 - Spaghetti Dinner and Auction at Christ Church  30 - "Deadly Weapons" (6-8th graders) at the Children's Theatre	18 - Midnight Madness Lockin at Christ Church  19 - Spring Service Day at Christ Church and in the community	2-4 - MS and HS Beach Trip at Fort Caswell  18 - Youth Sunday/ Senior Brunch at Christ Church	1 - Confirmation  11-21 - 10th Grade Pilgrimage to Croatia  12-14 - 9th Grade Urban Adventure to DC

We will be taking a group of middle schoolers to the play "Deadly Weapons" on March 30. Please contact Anne Ratcliffe, 704.714.6941, if you are interested, first come first serve basis. This is a thriller presented at Children's Theater that explores the hazards and consequences of reckless behavior. This play is comparable to a PG13 due to violent content. Tickets are \$15 each and include lunch before the 2:00 p.m. show.

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# SAGES SPRING TRIP TO STOWE BOTANICAL GARDEN

*Thursday, April 3, 2008*

Join us for fellowship and fun while we  
tour the Orchid Conservatory and the gardens!

Meet at church at 9:45 a.m.  
in the Rotunda area.

We will depart by small buses promptly at 10:00 a.m.,  
returning to church by about 3:00 p.m.

Our guided tour begins at 11:00 a.m.  
A box picnic lunch will be provided by our  
own Craig Zenner!

RSVP by Thursday, March 27  
Send your check for \$25 made out to  
Ann Lathrop  
1805 Meadowood Lane, 28211.

Questions: call Eileen Griggs at 704-362-1662