

# The Messenger



August 2010

## CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL MOBILE, ALABAMA

### Dear Cathedral Family,



*Above: The Reverend Cn. Beverly Gibson baptizes Emily-Marie Persons Butler, daughter of Amy and Wayne Butler, and granddaughter of Erica and Ken McElhaney on Sunday, June 27.*

In August we savor the last free moments of summer even as we plunge into the beginnings of new stages in our lives. Students begin a new year in school; young adults go off to college and professional school; the rhythms of working life shift out of summer gear and resume a faster pace. Here at Christ Church Cathedral, August is a time for planning and organizing the program year that begins on Rally Day—Sunday, September 12.

Musical events for the year are set, and choirs for adults and children will soon resume. Christian formation classes and opportunities for children and adults are being planned. A calendar of outings for our young people in EYC is being put together by parents. Fall stewardship time is taking shape. Special events and celebrations throughout the year have been calendared.

As we prepare for and begin this busy season in our lives, it is important for us—individually and together as the Cathedral family—to be disciplined and intentional in our prayer. We can so easily become too occupied with many things and neglect the one thing that is most important—centering our lives in the love of God. Following Jesus’ teaching to his disciples about prayer, we should: find quiet time each day to listen more closely to what God is saying in our lives and to offer ourselves to God; persist in asking to know God’s will for what we should be and do; open ourselves to receive what God gives us through the Holy Spirit, especially the unexpected and new. Together, let us pray to be the Cathedral that God has called us to be.

Faithfully,

*Beverly J. Gibson +*

### The Cathedral Chapter

#### Class of 2010

Robby McClure  
Susan Clinton  
Jamie Davidson  
Bob Israel  
Happy Henson  
Mark Weeks

#### Class of 2011

Burnley Davis  
Carolyn Eichold  
Mary Carol Ladd  
Meg McGovern  
Rick Mitchell  
Leland Moore

#### Class of 2012

Ginny Behlen  
Carter Drane  
Ken McElhaney  
Win Thurber  
Laura Warren  
Charles White

#### Chapter Members

The Rev. Ken Cumbie, *St. Luke's, Mobile*  
Magoo Hamilton, *St. Thomas', Greenville*  
Mendy Henderson, *St. Agatha's, deFuniak Springs*  
Joy Tway, *St. Andrew's, Destin*

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## The Dean's Travel Diary

Dear Cathedral Family,

We are now past the midway point in our time away for renewal and education and have some preliminary thoughts on the benefits of travel, rest, study, and reading for fun. Our recent travels through the Southeast gave us the opportunity to see churches and downtown areas with fresh eyes, and wonder how some of those features could be considered for our own church and downtown Mobile.

On our way we finally had the opportunity to visit Montgomery and the beautiful northeastern part of the state, staying in Mentone and Desoto Falls State Park. Our next stop had us staying with friends who live on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina. They took us to see the artists at work with basket weaving, glass blowing, wood and metal works, pottery and painting. This was our first time to visit Blowing Rock, Boone and Spruce Pine, North Carolina and see how the Episcopal Church has a vibrant presence in these charming mountain towns.

Our visit to All Souls Cathedral in Asheville, North Carolina was very informative as it is the second newest cathedral in North America, Christ Church Mobile being the newest. Their story of becoming the cathedral began fifteen years ago. They are still exploring ways to invite parishes to come to the cathedral, and for the cathedral to learn about and celebrate the ministries in these parishes. They are also looking for a way to move the Bishop's office closer to the cathedral. Only street parking is available for this cathedral, as it was for all the downtown churches we visited.

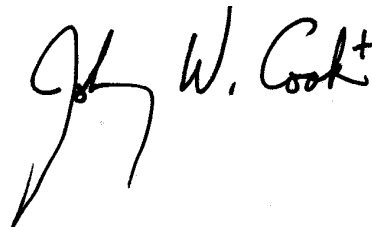
Trinity Cathedral in downtown Columbia, South Carolina is located in the heart of the government complex. They are in the midst of a major restoration project that has taken several years to complete with scaffolding still in place in the church and services being held in the chapter house. This is a very large and active congregation with roots deep in the history of South Carolina and Trinity continues to provide leadership in the city and state.

We were charmed by old town Charleston and Savannah with their vibrant street life and historic churches. Their common heritage with Mobile provided wonderful opportunities for comparison. Seeing all the beautiful parks being used by local citizens and visitors made me even more aware of the opportunities we have to provide such value-added attractions to downtown Mobile.

We finished our time in the Southeast with a visit to historic St. Helena's Parish in Beaufort, South Carolina and then on to Jekyll Island, Georgia where we enjoyed touring the island by bicycle.

We now head to the Pacific Northwest where we will be at a more leisurely pace. We hope to catch up on reading and reflecting on our time away. I want to begin to try to bring together some of the themes that have emerged while away. Although I have enjoyed the opportunity to engage this time of renewal and study, it has not been easy to be away from our cathedral family. Mary and I miss being with you and look forward to our return and hearing your stories of the summer. We pray that all will be well as you are entrusted to the hands of a loving God.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John W. Cook". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

### Financial Update through June 2010

#### Income

Actual	\$ 237,676
Projected	\$ 310,000

#### Expenses

Actual	\$ 307,059
Projected	\$ 295,910

#### June 2010 Pledges

Actual	\$ 30,882
Projected	\$ 46,667

### One Book+One Parish+One Summer 2010

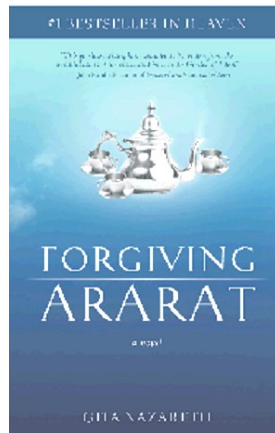
#### *Forgiving Ararat*

Christ Church Cathedral Discussion Session

Wednesday, August 25 at 5:30 p.m.

In the Chapter House

Come for Conversation and Wine and Cheese



A young lawyer dies unexpectedly and, arriving in heaven, learns she has been chosen to join the elite lawyers who prosecute and defend souls in the final judgement.

*Forgiving Ararat* by Gita Nazareth is a miraculous and mesmerizing novel about life, death, healing, justice, forgiveness, and what it means to be both human and Divine.

Nominated “#1 Best Beach Read for 2010” and “Favorite Spiritual Novel” by readers on Oprah.com. “This novel tucked itself in my heart for all time, so overwhelming was its message at the end.” — Christianity.com, Crosswalk.com

It’s not too late to begin reading. *Forgiving Ararat* can be purchased online from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) and other online booksellers. Audiobooks can be purchased from MP3 Virtue Audiobooks.

### *Save the Date! Kick-Off Sunday, September 12*

*Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. followed by*

*Holy Eucharist at 10:00 a.m.*

*Our children will process out prior to the recessional for Christian Education classes.*

### *Are You Called?*

*The Kick-Off of the Christian Education year is a month away. We have been busy planning, and we would love to have you join us. We need art room helpers, hospitality for EYC, and suppliers and organizers for our materials. Call the Cathedral office at 438-1822 to let us know how you can help.*

## Choir Notes

*Peggy Lyden, Cathedral Organist and Choir Master and Teri Williams, Assistant Choir Master have been working hard this summer planning music for the year. Look for the list of musical celebrations for the 2010-2011 year in your September Messenger. Peggy extends an invitation to everyone to join the choirs. To join, you may contact Peggy through the Cathedral office.*

## Choir Rehearsals Resume

*The Adult Choir will resume regular Wednesday evening practice on Wednesday, August 25, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.*

*The Handbell Choir will resume practice on Wednesday, September 1, from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.*

*The Christ Church Children will begin rehearsals on Wednesday, September 15 from 4:30 p.m. until 5:15 p.m.*

## 60th Annual Sewanee Church Music Conference

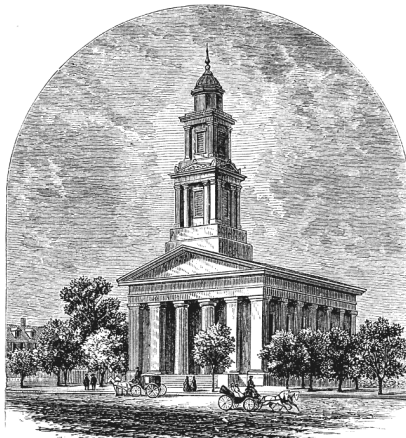
Peggy Lyden has attended the Sewanee Church Music Conference each summer for many years. The conference is an opportunity for renewal, a time to discover new ideas and gain fresh insights. While she is in Sewanee Peggy spends time looking for new selections for the Cathedral music library, which she is able to purchase with funds from your financial contributions to the Cathedral Music programs.



*Peggy Lyden on the organ at Christ Church Cathedral*

For sixty years, the Sewanee Church Music Conference has offered continuing education in liturgy and music and has long been recognized by the Standing Commission on Church Music of the Episcopal Church. Choir directors, singers, organists and clergy from parishes large and small interact for a week with some of the finest teachers in America and Europe. Clinicians for the conference this year were Malcolm Archer, former organist and choir director at St. Paul's Cathedral, London and Peter Conte, organist at the Wanamaker Store in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The Very Reverend Joe Burnette, Bishop of Nebraska, served as Chaplain to the conference.

## Living in History



*J. G. Holland Scribner's Monthly an Illustrated Magazine for the People (New York: Scriber & Company, 1874) VIII:526*

A week does not go by at Christ Church Cathedral that does not include exploring the history of this place. A history class from Mobile College recently visited our campus. Architect Craig Roberts has included Christ Church Cathedral in his new personalized historic tours of Mobile. The lithograph at left was sent to us by The Rev. Mark Collins who is Assistant to the Rector at Christ and St. Stephen's in New York City. Cathedral Archivists, Vic Stanton and Carolyn Levensailor regularly research family history for genealogists. A church is made of its members, not its buildings, but we have the added benefit of beautiful spaces that are inviting to our community.

## Cathedral Prayer List

### WE PRAY FOR:

**Members:** Lisa Cooper, Hetty Cunningham, Brink Brinkley, Walter Moss, Dolores Drane, Nick Nichols, Alice Carwie, Bubber Carwie, Win Thurber, Jim Ryall, Tom Twitty, Raymond Fields, Butch Trawick, Connie and Marion Gonzales, Daly Baumhauer.

**Friends & Family:** Sandy Blankenship, Glenn Foster, William Hicks, Lewis Tyner, Dolores Sullivan, Taylor Lee, Penny Johnson, Sharon McDonald, Enola Shields, Curtis Stone, Rhett Boyd Leake, Bill Meyer, Gwen Cook, Dauren Hamilton, Katie Hamlin, Lois Anne King, Van Davies, Isabelle Smith, Chas Pierce, Bobby Clark, George Seymour, Jr., Kathryn Wessinger, Robert Bressett, David Key, Ted Middleton, Andrew Ewaskiewicz, Derry Hargett, Melody Williams, Dyson Deaton, Steve Chandler, Sr., Brenda Puckett, Marvin Williams, Clinton Taylor, Bill Johnson, Sally Boom, Steve Lauten, Peter Martin, Alice Crook, Gray Thorworth, Charlie Alexander, Betty Torbert, Jean Wentworth, Kate Granada, Mark Micalizit, Babe Macpherson Curry, Jeffrey Ezell, Mary Ladd Turner, Blanche Hatter, Will Nichols, Janie Houser, Steve Zalopany, Rebecca Hatcher, Mary Thompson, Victor Leon, Helen Corley, Linda Logan, Amie Marks, Ann Tyner, Lydia Bennett, Don Heaton.

**For Those Serving in the Military:** Brad Israel, Christopher Hume, Brandon Warren, Darrien Gibson, Kelley Hood, Jensen Basenberg, Andy McMillan, Kevin Lock, Evan Sizemore, Robert McNeil, The Rev. Bowen Woodruff, Thomas Key, Daniel White-Spunner Reed, Jimmy Burgess, Jonathan Duralde, Andrew Campbell, Michael Boggao, Ron Lansong, John Rogers, Jr., Patrick Little, Thomas Middleton, Dallas Carl, Brett Granger, Sam Garcia, Chris Marslender, Jerry Olin, Abby Hutchins, Marvin Walker, Thomas Clough, Justin Rickert, Tyler Gamble, The Rev. Martha Kester, Dwight Williams.

**Baptism:** Emily-Marie Persons Butler, daughter of Amy and Wayne Butler and granddaughter of Erica and Ken McElhaney.; Kimberly Anne Gaillard and Trinity Gaillard, daughters of Cornelia Gaillard and granddaughters of Anne Gaillard.

**Rest of the Soul:** Jack Wright; Emile Zoghby, father of Melanie Cummins; Gene Moree, Sr. father of Gene Moree; Doris Lister, Grandmother of Candace Lister; Morgan Thompson; Cora Singleton, grandmother of Cathedral housekeeper member Judy Jones.

**Prayer for the Gulf of Mexico:** We pray today for the preservation of our natural environment, especially the Gulf of Mexico and the lands and waters it touches: Guide those who labor to contain the oil that endangers the creatures of sea and land; Strengthen those who work to protect them; Have mercy on those whose livelihoods will suffer; Forgive us for our carelessness in using the resources of nature, and give us wisdom and reverence so to manage them in the future, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servants the help of your power, that their sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Jonathan Duralde has been on the Cathedral Military Prayer List during his service. He was most recently serving in Afghanistan, where he was wounded. He is now being treated at Walter Reed Hospital. His address, if you would like to send him a note, is:*  
*Sgt. Jonathan Duralde*  
*Walter Reed Army*  
*Medical Center*  
*6900 Georgia Ave., NW*  
*Washington, D.C.*  
*20307*

## Correspondence

*Thank you to our Lay Ministers*  
*The Cathedral Lay Minister corps is filled with dedicated volunteers who arrive on Sundays prepared for worship. Everyone does a beautiful job serving by adding their personal touch. We want to thank especially those who have served double or even triple duty during the summer, filling holes in the Rota. Your saying yes makes preparing for worship easier. Thank you.*

Dear Cathedral Family,

I realize that I still listen to three things that my grandmother, Jesse Haas Baumhauer, said: never put off to tomorrow what you can do today; always trust in the Lord your God (and your doctor); and never underestimate the power of prayer. I know that miracles occur because I have directly experienced two—Robin Herndon’s recovery from a school bus accident in 1987, and my own recovery from serious illness in 2010. Our communion each week is a miracle that occurs when we gather to pray and know God’s love. I want to express my gratitude for the outpouring of your love at the time of my father’s death this year and again at the time of my hospitalization during July. I feel blessed to belong to the Christ Church Cathedral family.



Faithfully, Daly Baumhauer

Dear Ms. Lucy Moore,

On behalf of the University of South Alabama Children’s and Women’s Hospital, thank you and the participants of the Christ Church Cathedral Vacation Bible School for your recent gift of two dozen fleece baby blankets for our hospital nursery.

Thank you for caring about our patients and their families and making a gift to help improve the comfort and quality of their lives during an often difficult time. To the families of tiny infants, a blanket offers comfort and will become a cherished keepsake for many years. Your kindness and generosity is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely, Travis Grantham

Dear Friend of the Service Center of Catholic Social Services,

We are very grateful for your generosity to the Service Center through your donation of \$300. The economy and BP oil spill continue to add significant financial burden to our clients. Our resources continue to be scaled back while the request for needed services grows. Thanks to your generosity since April 1, 2010 we have served 1,552 households. There were 211 new heads of households served....Do keep us in your prayers and know you have a special place in ours.

Sincerely, Sister Mary-Anne Plaskon

## August Birthdays

August 1	Jim Spangler Genevieve Johnson Jimmy White	August 16	Harriet Jean Boughton Mary Patterson Broome
August 3	Rebecca Butler	August 18	Ben Coale Adeimy Broome
August 4	Missy Patrick	August 19	Harley Henderson Robin Delaney Dan Drew Alex Gamble
August 5	Billie van der Giessen Kim Calder Leigh Rendfrey	August 20	Marston Raue Jack Malone
August 7	Ruth Whiting David Cooper, Jr.	August 21	David Cooper, Sr.
August 8	Katie Garth	August 23	Fifi Twitty
August 9	Anne Redd Barry Weeks	August 24	Paige Drew Elizabeth Sanders Norman Nicolson Skyler Alvarez
August 11	Alyson Gamble Suzanne White	August 25	Martha Middleton
August 12	Allison Gamble	August 27	Evelyn McCafferty
August 13	Ron Snider	August 28	Mimi Hudson
August 14	Sandra Kendall Win Thurber	August 30	Lawson Hamil

### *Loaves & Fish*

*Monday, August 16*

*11:15 a.m.*

*15 Place*

*Thank you to*

*July volunteers:*

*Caroline Clinton,*

*Christopher Clinton,*

*Susan Clinton*

*Betty Reniewicz,*

*Sam Power.*

### *Pastoral Care*

#### *Team August*

*Anne Gaillard,*

*Debbie Broome.*

## Diocesan News

The annual **Jonathan Myrick Daniels Pilgrimage and Procession** will be **Saturday, August 14th** beginning at 11:00 a.m. in Hayneville, AL, near Montgomery. Daniels was an Episcopal seminarian when he was killed in 1965 while working in the Civil Rights Movement in Alabama. He has been placed on the Episcopal Church's Calendar of Saints and Martyrs. This event has become increasingly popular and attracts pilgrims nationally and internationally. This event is jointly sponsored by the Diocese of Alabama and the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast.

Women are reminded to hold the dates **October 8th - 10th** for the **annual ECW Fall Conference**. This year the conference will be at our own Beckwith Camp and Conference Center! The Rt. Rev. Charles F. Duvall, second bishop of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast will be the guest speaker.

An **Art of Contemplative Parenting Retreat** will be at Camp Beckwith on **October 22-24, 2010**. This retreat offers encouragement, guidance, insight and practical wisdom to all parents and grandparents who desire to become more aware of and responsive to their children's spiritual needs and gifts! Sessions include: Sharing Prayer Space with Children, Help for Bringing Children Up in the Faith, Experiencing God through the Eyes of Children, and When our Children Depart from our Vision. Facilitators for this retreat are Dawn Peck, MD, and The Rev. Marshall Craver. Dr. Peck is a Developmental Pediatrician and mother of four. Fr. Marshall Craver is the Associate Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mobile. Brochures with registration forms are available on the Chapel bulletin board.

**Cursillo is #143 - November 4th - 7th.**

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