



The Eagle

Summer 2011



Pictured Front Row: Harrison Ham, Alex Nesbit, Henry Bowden, Hunt Wasden, & John Kennedy
Pictured Back Rows: Amanda Futrell, Father Dunbar, Mary Stein, Barbara Hofer, Emily Osborne, Bishop Henderson, Clara Kennedy, John Bradshaw, Elizabeth Nesbit, Mike Nadeu, Alannah Grandy

Congratulations Confirmands

See photo of the confirmands on the cover,

Confirmation was held on Sunday, May 8, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. by Bishop Dorsey Henderson of Upper South Carolina, who visits us on behalf of Bishop Benhase. Congratulations to all of our confirmands. Throughout the Eagle enjoy blurbs about our young confirmands.

Young People

Henry Walker Bowden
Alannah Rachael Grandy
Harrison Durrence Ham
John Groover Kennedy IV
Clara Gibbs Kennedy
Elizabeth Victoria Nesbit
Jonathan Alexander Nesbit
Emily Anne Osborne
Patrick Lansdale Perrie
Stephen McAllister Saffold
Mary Eleanor Stein
Harrison Hunter Wasden

Adults

Joanna Margaret Accordini Chastain
Calvin Kirk Chastain
Adam Wayne DeLoach
Elizabeth Morgan Derst
Amanda Stribling Futrell
Barbara Ann Delancy Hofer
DeAnna Shanele Melson
Michael Christopher Nadeau
Drew Nathaniel Keane

To be Received

John Gerard Bradshaw, Jr

Spread the Cheer Volunteer

Contact the editors if you have volunteer opportunities you would like added to the Eagle or volunteers you want recognized.

THE HOLLY DAYS BAZAAR

An early reminder - the Holly Days Bazaar will be November 9 and 10, 2011. As you are cleaning out your closets, please remember we collect items year round for the White Elephant, Treasure Room and Books. We have a storage unit available for your donations. Please contact Amy Wilson : 308-6471 (Bazaar chair) or Betsy Howard: 398-1326 (Bazaar co-chair) for location, gate and lock codes.

Also, please consider contributing to the Silent Auction this year. Parties, vacation homes, antiques, art and special services have been popular in the past and are sure to entice our attendees again this year. Your donations help the Women of St. John's to continue and expand their mission of community outreach. Thank you for your support!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS is June 20th-24th, and we are in need of volunteers. If you are willing to help one or more days with the snacks, please call Cathy Baxter at 704-5111.

If you are able to help with crafts, teaching, games, or decorating please call Maryan Harrell at the church office.

Volunteering at VBS is a fun way to spend time with our cute kids and to form new freindships with each other. Any way you can help would be most appreciated.

The Latest from the Episcopal Church Women

ECW Outreach Efforts

The Women of St. John's are pleased to announce their 2011 community outreach recipients. Outreach chair Katherine Sallee said careful consideration was given to many worthy causes, but the Board has voted to concentrate their efforts mainly on local groups and to those with special significance to St. John's.

Anglican Free Press
Bethesda Home for Boys
(now Bethesda Academy)
The Rev. Michael Hawkins Fund
Fresh Air Home
Interfaith Hospitality
Our Little Roses
Planting Faith
Prayer Book Society
Fr. Frank Oukala (Malawi Mission)
SAFE Shelter
Savannah Tree Foundation
Second Harvest Food Bank
Second Harvest Backpack Program
St. George (Halifax) Youth Program
St. Mary's Novitiate Program
St. Paul's Academy
The Living Vine
Union Mission
United Ministries

2011-2012 Slate for the ECW

(These ladies will take office in September.)

President: Tracy Inglesby
Vice president: Amy Wilson
Recording Secretary: Louise Howard
Corresponding Secretary: Mary Burnett
Treasurer: Betsy Howard
Archives: Marceline Willingham
Past president: Jessica Osborne
Board Advisor: Bonnie Gilbreath
Sunday School: Caroline Hayes
Community Outreach: Katherine Sallee
Coffee Hour: Stacy Jennings
Green Meldrim Curator: Jane Pressly
Diocese Liaison: Marceline Willingham
Guides: Martie Campbell and Jane Pressly
Tours: Sigrid Kirk
Grounds: Louise Maner
Membership: Gloria Sinclair
Housekeeping: Jentri Hand
Eagle: Cathy Baxter and Martha Sullivan
Pantry Aides Coordinator: Caroline Warner
Births: Leah Brunson
Illness: Clayton Kennedy
Deaths: Carol Hewson
Parish House: Tracy Inglesby
Programs: Jessica Osborne
Special Events: Patti Cooper and Pam Young
Visitations: Bonnie Gilbreath, Susan Arden Joly, Sue Rendero

Craig or Gavin?

Whose favorite place to eat in Savannah is...

Circa

45 South

Last Issue: Craig- VW Jetta
Gavin- Chrysler Geo

ECW Pantry Aides

One of the ECW's special roles for our church family is pantry aides. Food is prepared for families with joyous new births and also for those who have lost a loved one. Food is also taken to those who are sick. Volunteers are always needed to make food, so if you have a spare casserole in the freezer or can make an extra batch of soup, please let Caroline Warner know at 354-3232. If you are in need of a meal, Clayton Kennedy, Leah Brunson, and Carol Hewson will be more than willing to help coordinate with you. It is truly a blessing to be able to provide a meal for a friend in need.



Written by:
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The Men's Club Reports

The Men of St Johns have been busy. During March the Men hosted the Lenten Parish Supper after a superb Evensong, and later in the week, we held our Annual St Patrick's Day Hot Dog Sale. This event was once again organized and run by George Erwin, aka Chief Bratmaster. George and his crew managed to sell out just after the parade was concluded; this was quite a feat for a mid week crowd. Many thanks to all of the Men who volunteered to make this event successful. Things then quieted down during Lent, with only a few exceptions. The Men of the Church continued to faithfully provide Lay Readers for both Morning and Evening Prayer in the Chapel. This service helps support our tireless clergy and is a blessing to all involved. If you would like to learn how to serve in this capacity please contact the Rector or Gilbert Wells.

The Men also serve as Ushers during the entire Church year, and this continues during the Lenten season. During my tenure Bob Vinyard has skillfully handled this effort; he coordinates and schedules the head ushers each month and is responsible for training and reminding the Ushers on how to handle all of the details that may occur during the services.

On Easter Sunday a small but dedicated crew of Men led by Brian DuFour cooked and served breakfast for a much appreciative and busy choir. No one seems to remember how long Brian has led this effort but the choir enjoys it every year.

At the beginning of May we held our 22nd Annual Golf Tournament. Charlie Williams once again pulled together a wonderful day of golf and fellowship at Savannah Harbor. This year a new team of old veterans took the "Ralston Cup" in a see-saw contest that came down to sheer determination on the last three holes. Captain Vincent Martin, Rusty Ross, Andy Sheils (pictured below) and rookie Rob Sparks compiled a strong 20 under day.

Other highlights included Bob Jarman capturing the Dunbar Cup for the longest drive on the 18th hole. Sandy Shepherd's first ever hole in one. Vic Pisano's winning the closest to the hole contest on the backside.

And then a special event occurred during the completion of the SJMC round as Team Shepherd began the final hole. The preceding nine teams of players took their cups and moved to the 18th green to watch the multiple champions complete their round. On the green, Ed Shepherd's first attempt just missed on the right and he told Sandy immediately it was "inside left edge". Each team member took a stab at the 20 footer until the last mulligan available was again in the hands of Dr. Ed. Focusing on the hole and oblivious to the crowd of high-spirited golfers surrounding the green, he rolled it in with perfect speed to a standing ovation. Mark your calendars and join us next year for the 23rd Annual St. John's Men's Club Golf Tournament when we return to Savannah Harbor on Friday, May 4, 2012. Whether new to St Johns or a veteran: if you are looking for a place to serve, please call either the Church office or me. We would love to have you join us.

John Kennedy

Parents: Boo and John Kennedy

I was born in New York, baptized at St. John's two months later and then began to attend St. John's regularly when he moved to Savannah at age 5.

School - Savannah Country Day until 2010

- This year St John's in Houston, Texas

Grade - 6th grade

Favorite Class - History

Favorite Activity - Basketball

Memorable He said the most memorable was going to the Good Friday Service especially the vindication of the Cross.



Children's Corner

Find the Pelican in her Piety in our sanctuary.



"The Pelican in her Piety" represents the mother pelican, who in ancient lore nourishes her chicks with blood from her own breast. This feminine and maternal image symbolizes the "tender mercy" of the Father, manifested in the Son's sacrificial death upon the Cross, by whose Blood we are nourished unto eternal life.

The three beautiful chinese pieces pictured on the left were all donated to the Green-Meldrim House in loving memory of Frances Wong by her nephew G. Michael Wong and the Wong Family. Thank you for your generous gift which will be appreciated by many for generations to come.



Emily Osborne (pictured)

Parents: Bill and Jessica Osborne

First Attended St. John's: About 2 weeks old.

School: Veritas

Grade: 6th

Favorite Activity: Drama and Art

Most memorable fact(s) learned at St John's this year:

-Every thing in the old and new testament point up to or are about Jesus. The garden, Adam and Eve, everything all points to the cross.

-The apostles creed is everything we believe summed up in one paragraph.

-The bread and wine from communion are the body and blood of Christ, and by taking Communion and following his holy scripture we can be saved from what we deserve, death, and instead live forever with God in heaven and lots more.

Childhood Education



Written by:

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Greetings St. John's Church School, – oh wait this isn't an email. I can't believe we are almost finished with the second year of our new curriculum. Next year we will study the New Testament. It is really amazing to me that if the children start in preschool, they should get two years of each: the Catechism, Old Testament, and New Testament. Talk about being ready for confirmation!

On May 29th, during the 10:30 service, we had the church school awards honoring Clara Kennedy & Lizzie Simcox for their good attendance and also Sam Forkner, Audrey Hand, Olin Anne Hayes, Annie Morris, Brianna Scott, Lizzie Simcox, Turner Stevens, Isabelle Ham, Elizabeth Hayes, Philip Inglesby, Henry Osborne, Edwin Shepherd, Nathaniel Smith, Anna Giles Truax, Mary-Porcher Warner, and Malcom Worsham for their special achievements (memorizations). The children also presented the painting they created (each child painted a fish), to the glory of God and as token of thanksgiving for the lessons they learned this year.

But, it is not over yet! In past years, Church School ends before Memorial Day. This year we wanted to follow the Liturgical year. June 5th is Ascension, marking Jesus' ascension to Heaven. June 12th is Whitsunday and Pentecost which is when the Holy Spirit descends upon us. There will be special events for the children for each. Logically and liturgically it makes sense to include these Sundays in our church school year. Thus, the last day of 9:30 church school will be June 12th.

This summer there is no formal Sunday school for children at 9:30. Although, there will be someone on hand to conduct activities with the children if you would like to attend adult classes. There are informal lessons for the Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten children at 10:30. Children in 1st grade and above are to attend church with their parents.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is June 20th – 24th. Don't miss out! It is a wonderful week of fellowship and learning for the children and the adults. Sign up forms are in Cranmer Hall or you can contact me or Maryan Harrell 232-1251 or mharrell@stjohnssav.org .

Last but not least, THANK YOU THANK YOU!! to the wonderful and selfless Sunday school teachers who taught our children this year. Thank you also, to the Dad squad assembly leaders, special event committee members, and art committee members. And where would we be without the wonderful guidance and lessons of our priests! Maryan and I could not have done it without each and every one of you. To the parents, thank you for sharing your children with us. We pray that the lessons they heard this year are not just learned, but written in their hearts. Thanks be to God!

Alex Nesbit

Parents: Lori and Garry Nesbit

Baptized at St. John's by Fr. Ralston on 08/30/1998

School: Ebenezer Middle School - 7th grade

Favorite Subject: History

Activities: Playing percussion in my school's band, video games!!!,
Boy Scouts (rank of Star Scout)

Favorite Fact: That the Anglican Church, an offshoot of the Church of England, came about because King Henry VIII had a difference of opinion with the Pope.



Pictured: Michael Nadeu & Mary Burke Wimbish .



The Good Friday Service was a moving experience as parishioners listened to the Stations of the Cross at various points surrounding the church and Madison Square. Being outdoors under the expansive branches of the oak trees, one could feel god's presence as the young adults in the parish solemnly carried the cross from one station to the next.



Fly like an eagle!

St. John's young children and friends, Pre-school (age 3) through rising 2nd grade are invited to enjoy St. John's *On Eagles' Wings* VBS, Year 1, St. John, on June 20-24th. Register early, as classes are limited. Volunteers needed and welcomed. Call Maryan Harrell, church office (232-1251) for further info.

Mary Stein

Parents' names: Neville and Nicola
 Age first attended St. Johns: 3 months
 School: Savannah Country Day
 Grade: 6th
 Favorite class: English
 Favorite activity: Swimming

Elizabeth Nesbit

Parents: Lori and Garry Nesbit
 Baptized at St. John's by Fr. Ralston on 08/01/1999
 School: Ebenezer Middle School - 6th grade
 Favorite Subject: Science
 Favorite Activities: Saxophone in our school band, cooking, and Girl Scouts
 Most Memorable thing learned this year: The Apostle's Creed

O'Brien's Orations

by: Father Craig O'Brien



Disaster Relief

I'll Never Get Out Of This World Alive, Steve Earle(2011), CD & iTunes. Steve Earle has released a new album. Though I listened to him and saw him once in concert in the eighties, I was reintroduced to him through the recommendation of a fictional character in the British novelist Ian McKewan's *Saturday*. Since Earle's album *El Corazon* I've been hooked. The latest is produced by the legendary T-Bone Burnett who also sings vocals, and is something of a return to Earle's Tennessee country roots. The eleven original tracks are, says Earle, 'all...about mortality in one way or the other; death as a mystery rather than a punctuation mark or at least a comma rather than a period.' My favorites are the sea-shanty like *The Gulf of Mexico*, and the achingly lovely ballad *Every Part Of Me*. *The theology in God is God is sound: Yeah I believe in God and God ain't me...And I believe in God and God ain't us...But I believe in God. And God is God*. The disasters of Katrina and the recent BP spill loom in the background.

Treme (2010-11). From writer/producer David Simon who brought us the great Baltimore crime series *Homicide: Life on the Street* and *The Wire*, comes the second season of his HBO post-Katrina New Orleans drama, *Treme*. *The Wire* has been likend to a realistic social novel, as in Zola, Balzac or Dreiser, transposed to the small screen. This too is the case for *Treme*, the lives of several denizens of this battered city and neighborhood told from their interlocking perspectives. It is tough, gritty and not for the kiddies, but a fascinating snapshot of contemporary American urban life with great writing, acting and music. Steve Earle and his son Justin Townes Earle make several cameos as street performers this season.

Youcat(2011). Pope John Paul II was beatified on Low Sunday, the first step in the Western Church's official recognition of Sainthood. Among the many achievements of Blessed John Paul's (his title upon beatification) long pontificate, was to promulgate a new Catechism for the Church, organized by now Pope Benedict XVI. This, to stem the disastrous tide of what Benedict would later call 'the dictatorship of relativism' in our prevailing culture. Fr. Dunbar and I both use the excellent *Catechism of the Catholic Church* in our preaching and teaching. Now comes the English translation of *The Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church* or *Youcat*. It is a recension of the Catechism aimed particularly at questioning young historic Christians. It is handsomely produced and well laid out, with questions and answers, diagrams, color plates, cross references to the *Catechism*, and margin quotations from Scripture, saints, artists and theologians. Literally the second of these quotations on the first page of *Youcat* is from French writer Julian Green, grandson of the builder and first occupant of our own Green-Meldrim House! 'Study this Catechism!' exhorts the Holy Father, 'You need to be more deeply rooted in the faith than the generation of your parents...' Amen to that, Benedetto! Highly recommended both for young and older adults.

A Singular Privilege

by: Father Gavin Dunbar



"Itza not routine" said Toscanini after a perfunctory performance by an orchestra in rehearsal, "'Itza not routine, itza Beethoven!" Father Ralston used to quote the great conductor in reference to the Church's worship, and this ethos stamps us still. The work of worship is never routine, never perfunctory, and every Sunday or other Holy Day is always Beethoven. What you see and hear – most of the time – is a liturgy done with dignity, beauty, reverence, without hiccups, glitches, or confusion. But like a big Broadway show, what you see - smooth and convincing liturgy - depends much upon what you do not see, the "sweat equity" of time, energy, skill, dedication, invested behind the scenes.

That is where the Chancel Society comes in. Week in and week out, our liturgy makes use of shining silver, crisp white linen, gorgeous silken vestments and hangings, supplies of bread and wine, and of course the exquisitely skilful flower arrangements that we take for granted at St. John's, and which you simply do not see at many other churches anywhere. That, and much else, is the work of the Chancel Society (whose president, Mrs. Roland Summers, writes elsewhere in this issue). Their work – so necessary to our worship – is funded solely by your offerings

for flowers at the altar.

Thus it is the singular privilege of those who make these offerings to provide the Chancel Society with the means to do its work, and thus to set forward the glory of God in the worship of his Church. Your contribution for flowers is not a consumer transaction, but an offering, an act of worship and a gift to God. Please consider making your offering of flowers to the altar of St. John's on some Sunday during the year - as a memorial for the departed, or in thanksgiving for blessings received - to set forward the glory of God in the worship of his church.



Father Dunbar holding the Historic Preservation award given by the Historic Savannah Foundation for work done to improve the Green-Meldrim House. A big thanks goes out to the vestry and to those in the congregation who sacrificed their time to ensure this project was a great success.

United in Holy Matrimony

Saturday, May 7, 2011
Miss Mary Elizabeth Miller to
Mr. Robert George Willson

Received the Sacrament of Holy Baptism

March 19, 2011
Lucille Katharine Leonard
infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Steven J. Leonard

March 27, 2011
Anna Chase Ross
infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Ross, Jr.
granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joseph R. Ross

March 27, 2011
Lydia Rose Harlander
infant daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Brent D. Harlander
granddaughter of Mr. & Mrs. Brian D. Harlander

April 23, 2011
Mr. Ben Burke Wall, Jr.



Deaths of our Loved Ones

*Rest Eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.
May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*

Shaffer Burke Wimbish, Jr.

Caroline Barton Ross

George Eaves

Marie Helmken Moyer

Sandra Annette Dean Stone

Choir Cantations

Written by Organist/ Choirmaster:
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The St. John's Choir of Men, Boys and Girls (pictured below) made a trip to south Georgia on April 10th to sing Choral Evensong at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Douglas. Our former Priest Associate, The Reverend Curtis Mears, now serves as Rector of this parish. The choir enjoyed having another opportunity to work with Fr. Mears, and the congregation appreciated hearing this choir sing. After the service, the congregation offered a reception which was truly a feast. No one needed to stop for dinner on the way home. In addition, an offering was received at this service for the choir's England trip. The choir hopes to return again for a similar engagement in a year or so.



Hunt Wasden

Parents: Anna and Wiley Wasden
Attended St. John's since age 7
Grade: 6th
School: Savannah Country Day School
Favorite activity: Baseball
Most interesting thing learned this year: The word "Creed" means something you believe in.

Henry Bowden

Parents' names: Rob & JoAnne
Baptized at St. Johns: 9 months
School: Savannah Country Day
Grade: 6th
Says memorization for the confirmation class was easy!



High Tech Scripture Reading: iPray Application

By Fr. Patrick E. Bright, Rector of All Souls' Episcopal Church in Oklahoma City

iPray BCP provides a way to bracket our lives with prayer and Holy Scripture at the beginning and close of every day. It was part of the genius of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury under Henry VIII and Edward VI, that in the first Book of Common Prayer of 1549 he took the seven monastic offices (the daily times of prayer) and reduced them to the two services of Morning and Evening Prayer. Included with each service is the recitation from the Psalter (the Book of Psalms) and the reading of two lessons from the Bible; the first being from the Old Testament and the second from the New Testament. The ordering of the Scripture lessons for the church year is called the Lectionary from the Latin for "reading". In reading these appointed lessons, one will cover the major portion of the Old Testament once and the New Testament roughly twice in the course of the year. The Psalms appointed daily for Morning and Evening Prayer have us read the entire Psalter every month. Through this application we enter into the ancient practice of the "sanctification of time", wherein our daily lives are lived consciously in the light of God's revelation and grace, and in the communion of the faithful, the church. As one author puts it, "Because the Prayer Book understands how hard it is for us faithfully to live our communal life, it makes us find ourselves in God through the ordered meditative reading of the whole of Scripture. No other system for reading Scripture does this so completely or so well as the Prayer Book system, the Lectionary."¹ The Lectionary used for iPray BCP is that which was added to the 1662 Prayer Book in 1922. This Lectionary follows the liturgical calendar and thus has us reading Scripture appropriate to the church's seasons. iPray BCP uses primarily the text of the English 1662 Prayer Book which is in many ways the matriarch of the prayer books of the Anglican tradition. The translation used for the Scripture lessons is that of the Authorized King James Version of the Holy Bible, and Psalter is the 1535 translation by Miles Coverdale.

The iPray app:

- was developed by users of the traditional Book of Common Prayer who desired an easy-to-use application of prayer book worship.
- simplifies negotiating Scripture readings and the appropriate daily prayers following the liturgical calendar of the church, including feasts and fasts, into one, easy-to-understand application.
- offers four daily prayer offices based on the liturgical calendar and the time of day: Morning Prayer, Midday Prayers, Evening Prayer and Compline.
- is modeled after the 1662 Book of Common Prayer (Church of England), based on the ancient practice of the Church as refined by the English Reformation.
- was released April 2011 and is available for \$1.99
- may be downloaded at the iTunes Store <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/ipray-bcp/id431349318?mt=8>
- will continue to be updated with new versions planned for the future.



Patrick Perrie

My name is Patrick Perrie and my parents are Philip and Karen Perrie. I was born and baptized at St. John's, and my parents have been members since they married in 1984. I am in the 6th grade at St. Andrews School on Wilmington Island and have attended there since kindergarten. My favorite class in school is history. I really like basketball, soccer, and tennis. I am looking forward to being an acolyte next year. My favorite thing about being confirmed is being able to finally take communion with my family.



Pictured: Mildred Derst with Kyle Kirkham Hoge Jr. and Maryann Harrell with Edward Webster Lee

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The Chancel Society
by Sylvia Summers

The Chancel Society is a quiet ministry whose work is vital to the church and its communicants. The Chancel Society operates under the direction of the Rector through a President appointed by him. Following the calendar of the church for color and seasons of the church year, the Chancel Society is responsible for the flowers for the altars of the church and chapel for Sunday services, Wednesday services, all funerals, weddings, festival days, concerts and special services in the church and services during Advent and Lent. Members set up Holy Communion for three services on Sunday, Wednesday services and daily services during Advent and Lent.

The Chancel Society purchases and maintains the linens used at communion, the fair linen for the altars, the priests' vestments, and the choir and acolyte robes. It maintains the silver and brass used for services as well as the frontals for the altars that have been given to the church as memorials or that have been purchased by the Chancel Society. It purchases all candles used for services and the wine and wafers used for Holy Communion. After Sunday services, flowers from the altars are taken apart, rearranged and delivered to parishioners in the hospitals and those who are housebound.

Altar memorial flowers and baptismal flowers given in memory of or in thanksgiving for loved ones support the work of the Chancel Society. It is a wonderful way to remember those who have gone before and allows those of us who work at the altar to remember. We welcome your support and service.

