

The Cross & Crown

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PRINCE GEORGE WINYAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Dear Friends,

I have a question for you: What are we doing this fall for Christian spiritual growth? Now, you may be saying, “Don't talk to me about spiritual growth – Paul, you don't know what my life is like! We barely have time to get to church once or twice a month, with all the things we have to do! Get serious – spiritual growth isn't even on the list! It'll have to wait 'til later!” I understand, believe me. I live on the same planet, in the same culture, with the same demands on time as you. Finding quiet time, time for devotions, prayer, Bible study, Christian reading or service or a class, is not easy for anyone – and my point in asking about it is to emphasize how important spiritual growth is to our well-being, how vital it is to our lives that we make a space to grow in the Lord.

Scripture is clear that there is no static position, no *status quo*, in the Christian life – that our choice is not between *growing* in our faith or *maintaining* our faith; but rather between *growing* in our faith or *losing* our faith. We are either moving toward a deeper, richer relationship with Christ, or we are moving away from Him – there is no standing still. That is the logical conclusion from Jesus' teachings about us either being for Him or against Him, about our inability to serve two masters, about the impossibility of light and dark existing together. If we want to maintain a set, safe distance from Jesus, to have our boundaries up against more intimacy with Him, then by definition we are not submitted to His Lordship and so moving away from Him. And if we are seeking to be fully submitted to Him, then by definition we are always seeking to hear Him, to know His will for us, and to follow closely. As He said, if we want to have our lives, the way we want them, we will lose our lives; but if we will lose our lives for Him, we will have life forever. We can't have our life and keep it too – and Christian spiritual growth is the process of submitting our lives to His life.

So – I ask again: What are we doing about Christian spiritual growth? And especially this fall? Our fall programs here at Prince George begin soon. We advertised them last month, and again this month, and I pray you will take a moment to look over the options (of which there are many) and find a place, a time, a group, that suits your hectic schedule. I am particularly looking forward to the *David, Seeking a Heart Like His* study for women, and *The Prodigal God* study for everyone on Sunday mornings. These are great opportunities for growing in Christ; for gathering in small groups for fellowship, joy and prayer; and for opening ourselves to the Holy Spirit's work to form us more and more into the likeness of the Son. Please don't slip away - make a decision to grow!

With much love and many prayers,

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays

August 1 David Stalvey
August 4 Charles DeSpain
August 4 Mary DeSpain
August 5 Wynne Peace
August 6 Nancy Bourne
August 7 Susanna Blamire
August 7 Joey Smith
August 7 Billy Taylor
August 7 Marie Taylor
August 8 Thomas Crocker
August 8 Jana Miller
August 8 Clay Pioth
August 8 Sally Steen
August 9 Gary Gates
August 10 Jim Ross
August 11 Allison Welch
August 12 Dana Larson
August 15 Elliott Miller
August 16 Sarah Blamire
August 18 Vicki Killen
August 19 Eleanor Cambrey
August 19 George Geer
August 19 Charles Nation
August 20 Bobby Stokes
August 21 James Barrow
August 21 Roger Johnson
August 22 Vicki DeHaan
August 22 Alec Hemingway
August 22 Jason Lesley
August 22 Krystal Weaver
August 23 Nathan Gates
August 23 Katrina Rusnak
August 24 Katey Felts
August 26 John Bentz
August 26 Richard Culbertson
August 26 Adam Tadlock
August 27 Bob Lumpkin
August 27 Brian Welch
August 28 Marcia Kaminski

Join Us Thursday Morning at 10 a.m....

for a peaceful and intimate time of fellowship and prayer which concludes with Communion. There is opportunity to receive prayer for healing as well as anointing with oil for those who wish it. Please consider making this service a regular part of your week. God has blessed us with His presence, and with miracles of healing at our rail.

Praying for Those Who are Ill or Homebound

Each Sunday, as part of our prayers, we name those in our church family who are unwell, recovering from illness or surgery, or who are homebound. We need to lift them up during the week also as we go about our daily lives. In your quiet time or devotional time with our Lord, please lift up in prayer to our Lord:

Eliza Jagger, Ann Evans, Dick Manning, Mary Easley, Lauretta Dean, Jim and Helen Ralston, Joan Carraway, Caroline Stevens, Anna Lesley, Claymon Grimes, and Charlie Ferguson.

Visitation

Paul and Andy are both making home and hospital visits to our sick and elderly. Please call, or have a member of your family call and let us know if you would like a visit. Hospitals will no longer show us a list of their patients, so when you are admitted, please have someone call Prince George Church to let us know.

Parents-2-B

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you" (Jer. 1:5)

Please pray for our expectant mothers, their babies, and their families. Parents-2-B are Wendy and Baker Dawson and Leigh and Jason Boan. If you know of any expecting Prince George families, please let us know so we can add them to our prayers.

Cursillo!

Cursillo is a great weekend held at Camp St. Christopher four times a year. The weekend is great fun with good food and fellowship, and most of all, time to experience God's love for you in a powerful way. Wherever you are in your Christian walk, *Cursillo* is an opportunity not to be missed. For more information, and names of people who have attended, contact Lauren Winslow or Paul Fuener at the church, 546-4358.

Upcoming Events - Important Dates

Fall Kick Off Dinner	August 25th	6:00 pm, Parish Hall
Adult Ed/ Sunday School start	September 11th	10:10 am, Parish Hall

PARISH NEWS

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN *INTERESTED IN SMALL GROUPS:*

Have you thought about getting together a group of friends or couples for a small group Bible Study/Prayer Group? You could pick your own times and frequency of meetings and choose your own book or DVD series. We have a library of them in the Lay Ministry Office off the copy room in the Parish Hall, and lots more in clergy offices. Also, the church and/or the ECW would be glad to help fund any new studies that could then be placed in the library. This would be a great way to continue on as disciples ourselves and invite others to join us! Below is a partial listing of studies available:

- Andy Stanley DVD series, *Staying in Love* – a great series with study guide, intended for married couples who want to keep their marriage strong
- Andy Stanley DVD series, *Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith* – a six session video with discussion guide
- Andy Stanley DVD series, *Community, Your Pathway to Progress* – a 12 session series with workbook intended for use by a small group just getting started
- Andy Stanley DVD series, *It Came From Within* – focusing on healthy relationships and how to deal with the heart attitudes which mess us up
- At least eleven (11!) Beth Moore DVD studies which have been offered here but you and your friends may not have seen – suitable for women and men
- John Ortberg video series, *If you want to walk on water you've got to get out of the boat* – 6 sessions with study guide
- Philip Yancey video series, *The Jesus I Never Knew*
- Gary Chapman video series, *The Five Love Languages*
- Henry Blackaby series, *Experiencing God*
- Probably a dozen more from various teachers on lots of topics, most with study guides and/or leader guides. Some are VHS tapes, but we'll buy the DVDs if you are interested.

Please talk to Paul Fuener, Andy Morgan or Sarah Blamire for more information.

Prince George ECW

David: Seeking A Heart Like His

God will never give up on you. Explore how David's life proves this promise to be true in **A Heart Like His: Seeking the Heart of God Through a Study of David**. In this examination of the “man after God's own heart,” David will delight and disappoint you. You'll want to be just like him at times and nothing like him at others. If you've ever experienced doubts, temptations, losses, family problems, or personal inconsistencies, this study is for you!

We have run this study before, but this is a newly updated version, including a new book and DVDs.

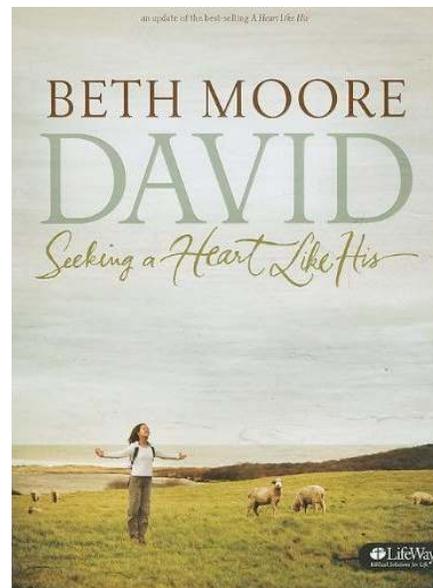
11 week book study for the Fall:

Tuesdays: 6:30pm at the Rectory
September 6th - November 15th

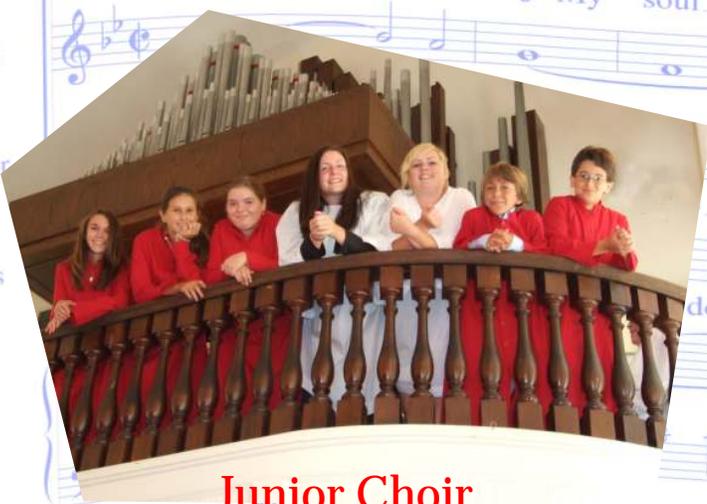
Wednesdays: 9:30am in the Parish Hall
September 7th - November 16th

Nursery available for Wednesday sessions.

Please sign up at the church office, email church@pgwinyah.org, or call Sarah Blamire (843 359 4675).



Fall Music Ministry Opportunities



Junior Choir

Junior Choir is open to all children and young people 7 - 18 years old, and serves the church by singing at some 9am and 11am services, and for special services such as Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday, and some weddings. A highlight of the every year is singing Handel's *Messiah* in the run up to Christmas, which often includes opportunity for solos.

There is no audition to join the choir and reading music is useful but not essential. As part of our rehearsals we learn to read music, some vocal technique and working together as team. It's also a place to make friends and have fun. What you experience in Junior Choir will last a life time!

Senior Choir

The Senior Choir serves the church at the 11am service, and also for special services such as Christmas Eve, Maundy Thursday and Handel's *Messiah*.

There is no audition to join the choir. Reading music is useful but not essential. Many choir members come back to singing after a long gap (perhaps college) but find they soon remember what they thought they had forgotten. We mostly sing in four parts (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) - if you don't know what you are, we can soon help you find out! New members find choir a very supportive place to sing.

Choir is much more than singing. We are a close fellowship of believers, praying for each other, supporting each other in practical ways and celebrating together (we love to eat!).

This Year - Sing Messiah

Ever sung *Messiah* before?

Maybe you don't have time to commit to year round choir membership, but if you would like to sing *Messiah* with us this Christmas, you'd be welcome to join us.

Rehearsals start on Thursday September 21, at 7.45 in the Parish Hall. We provide the score, the fellowship and the fun - just come!

Praise Group

The Praise Group is a very flexible group of musicians playing many styles of music, topped with rich vocals and harmonies. We lead most of the music at the 9am Sunday service, as well as special services through the year, including an evening of quiet reflection on Good Friday and a Pentecost celebration.



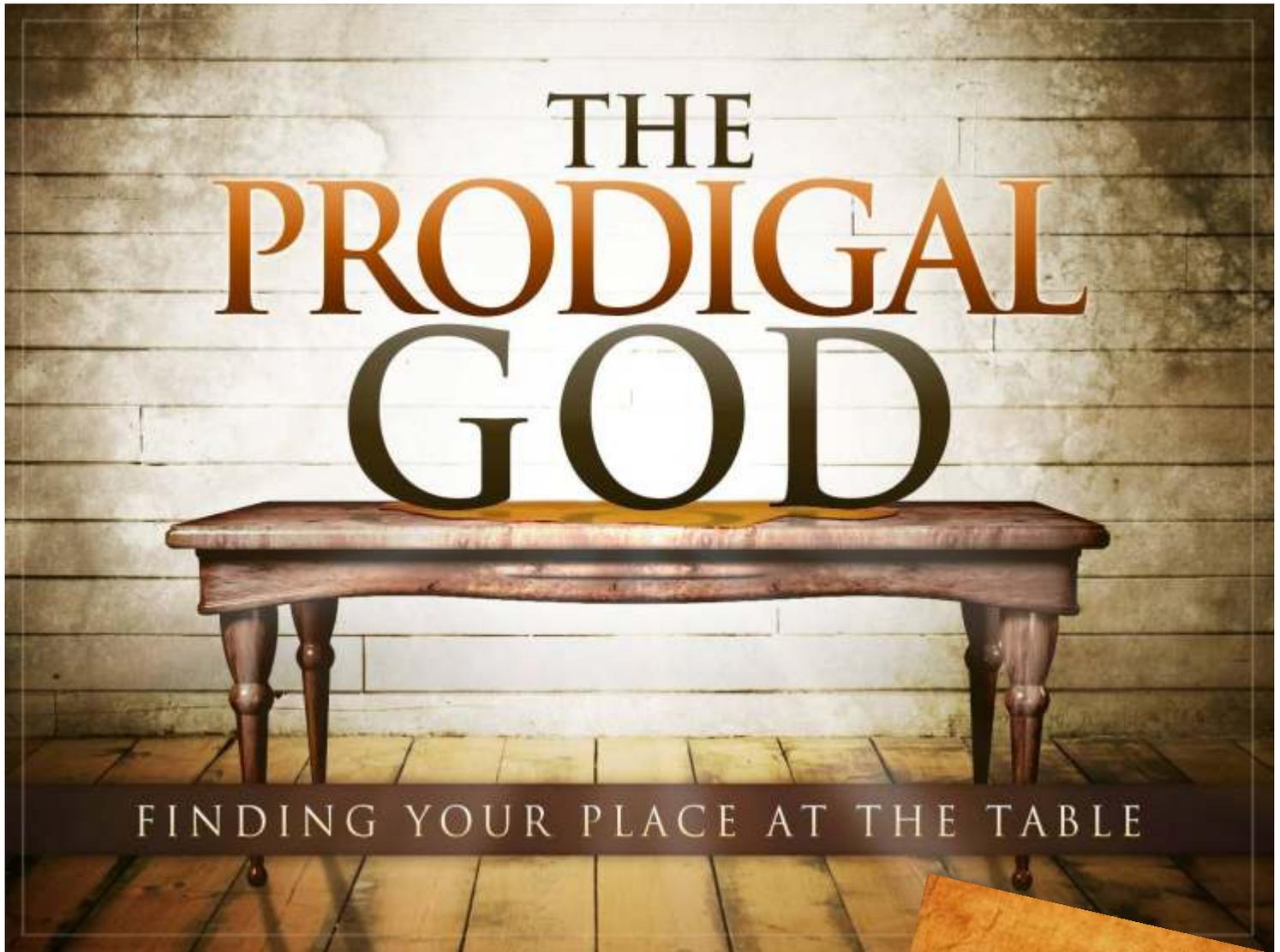
The band comprises skilled musicians and singers who love the Lord and love to lead people into His presence

through music.

If you are interested in singing or playing in the band, please contact Jon Blamire who will discuss it with you further and arrange for you to try out at a rehearsal. Because of the 'blended' nature of the group we welcome instrumentalists with a classical background as well as those who play 'band' instruments.

Rehearsals: Wednesday 7.30pm for one to two hours depending on what we are singing.

If you only read one book this fall, make sure it's . . .

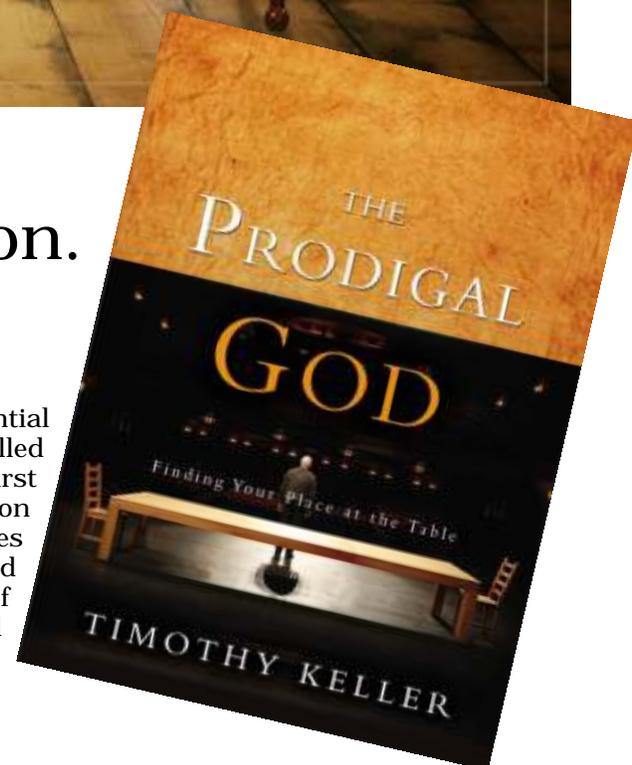


. . . then join us Sundays at 10:10 for DVD and discussion.

Starts Sunday September 11th, 2011

Contact Lauren in the office to order a copy.

New York Times best-selling author Timothy Keller uncovers the essential message of Jesus, locked inside his most familiar parable. Newsweek called Keller a "C.S. Lewis for the twenty-first century" in a feature on his first book, *The Reason for God*. In that book, he offered a rational explanation for why we should believe in God. Now, in *The Prodigal God*, Keller takes his trademark intellectual approach to understanding Christianity and uses the parable of the Prodigal Son to reveal an unexpected message of hope and salvation. Within that parable Jesus reveals God's prodigal grace toward both the irreligious and the moralistic. This book will challenge both the devout and skeptics to see Christianity in a whole new way.



YOUTH NEWS

- What a great summer so far. Great vacations have been had, and there is still one left to go! The Youth group has had some excellent trips this month. We took the Middle School to Camp St. Christopher, where we studied Galatians and learned that there is nothing we can do to make our sins up to God. If we try to match up to the law, it will always show that we are broken. All we can do is place our trust and hope in Jesus. We had Jack Fleischer join us, for those who remember the Fleischer family (Scott was the previous assistant rector.) Tracy Morris, our Children's Minister, joined us on our trip as well, helping to bridge a gap between our tweens and youth. A big thanks to Miss Tracy. We all had fun with all of the camp activities, including the traditional trip to the 'mud pit'.

- We also took a trip to Wild Water and Wheels. We had a great time- It was very hot, very busy, very wet, and very wild!

- The first week of August we are taking a group to Virginia where we will camp, sail and kayak- and maybe even do some parasailing! There will be lots of wild, wet, games as well! Another big thank you to the Hight family for all of their hard work in helping with this trip.

- The High School Youth Group is also very excited to be able to participate in a joint High School Youth-Adult mission trip to Mexico next year!! We will be going with Amor Ministries- a very experienced and organized mission program, that is involved from beginning to end. We will get to build a house for a family very much in need. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in this trip, or help support this mission in any way. We will be keeping you informed with details as they progress.



-Jason and Chelsea

SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF POOL PARTY

AUGUST 14

4-6

**WEDGEFIELD
POOL**

***PIZZA AND ICECREAM AND LOTS OF
FUN WITH FRIENDS!***

Midday Musical Moments

Music, Readings,
a Hymn & Prayers
at Noon

August 2011

Wednesday 10th July

Drew Gresko - Piano

Wednesday 17th July

Jon & Sarah Blamire
Voice / Piano / Organ

Wednesday 24th July

Soloist TBC

Wednesday 31st July

Soloist TBC

Admission free
Everyone welcome

Fall Kick Off Dinner

Please join us for our annual Fall Kick Off Dinner on Thursday, **August 25th** in the Parish Hall. Come enjoy good fellowship, good food, and hear about our upcoming fall offerings.

Main dish will be provided, please bring a dish to share according your last name: A-D Dessert, E-L Salad, M-Z Vegetable.

NOTICE ANYTHING NEW??

Well, it is *not* a new fence, but it has been made *like new* thanks to the work of David Collins and a group of volunteers who took an ancient paint job (cracked, split and chipped off), and scraped it, primed it, and painted it, all on a Saturday morning, turning a real eye-sore into a work of architectural art! Many thanks to all involved. Men, if you'd like information on other such projects, please contact Paul Fuener or Andy Crocker (Junior Warden).



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