

The Cross & Crown

July 2014

PRINCE GEORGE WINYAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH



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Dear Friends,

I write this from our campsite at Grayson Highlands State Park in southwestern Virginia – we love this place because it is quiet, heavily wooded and relatively high altitude for the eastern U.S., with the campground at about 4,700 feet, so high temps are often in the 60s (yesterday's high was 68). With low humidity and virtually no bugs, this is a pleasant and refreshing July break from the Low Country. I pray you are having a blessed and refreshing break this summer as well – a respite from the hubbub of a too-crowded schedule and a chance to engage in your favorite summer pastimes.

At church, the staff and several committees have been busy thinking about the fall and putting some plans into place. You can read about them inside this issue, and I pray that you will consider how you might make use of these opportunities come fall. We are looking forward to a season of spiritual growth, individually and as a parish, and we hope that what we can offer will assist us all to move in that direction. Since it is, finally, the Holy Spirit Who draws us into a closer relationship with our Lord, our fall preparations also include much prayer, asking the Lord to work powerfully in each of our hearts that we might want spiritual growth enough to commit to seeking it.

Perhaps the most significant development we are considering for the parish is a formal “discipleship pathway” – in other words, a system or program or path, open to all, which has defined steps or levels designed to keep us moving toward Jesus Christ and a Christ-like character. We are working on developing such a pathway for Prince George Winyah, and we hope to have it ready for public review as we start our new church year at Advent (end of November). Some related goals for this pathway are: that it be practical for all ages and stages of spiritual maturity; that it be thoroughly Anglican; that it make use of the great and ancient traditions of the Christian church; and that it affect every aspect of parish life at Prince George. I pray that you will look forward to the inauguration of this discipleship program, and that you will be drawn to embrace it as an aid to your spiritual growth.

We are looking forward to being back in the Low Country and in the parish with you again shortly. May the Lord bless us all richly over these summer months!

With much love and many prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul". The script is cursive and fluid.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays —

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| July | 10 | Jackie Harris |
| July | 10 | Ginny Taylor |
| July | 12 | Doug Miller |
| July | 15 | Barbie Culbertson |
| July | 15 | Anne Hartis |
| July | 16 | Susan Boyette |
| July | 16 | Dottie Jones |
| July | 19 | Brett Baker |
| July | 19 | Jim Forrester |
| July | 20 | Rebecca Martin |
| July | 20 | Allston Pate |
| July | 20 | Joe Steen |
| July | 21 | Jeepy Ford |
| July | 21 | Norma Grimes |
| July | 21 | Phillip Lammonds |
| July | 22 | Karen Dubay |
| July | 22 | Meg King |
| July | 22 | Peter Nann |
| July | 22 | Hayes Williams |
| July | 23 | Claymon Grimes |
| July | 23 | Hunter Morris |
| July | 24 | Fraser Jones |
| July | 25 | William Boyd |
| July | 26 | Cobb Bell |
| July | 26 | Emily Benson |
| July | 26 | Anne Starnes |
| July | 27 | Bill Hartis |
| July | 27 | Anne Marion |
| July | 28 | Ray Leal |
| July | 29 | Leigh Boan |
| July | 29 | Townsend Crosby |
| July | 30 | Harriet Grimies |

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.

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. In your quiet time or devotional time with our Lord, please lift up in prayer: *Smith Ragsdale, Laura Meyer, Eleanor Cambrey, David Stillman, Joyce Bourne, Ruth and Cobb Bell, Gary DeHaan, Eliza Jagger, Lauretta Dean, Ernie Abbott, Ed Grant, Sara Caban, and Judy Phelan.*

Visitation

Paul, Ramsey and Rags, along with lay ministers continue to make 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 not 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 Chelsea and Jason Hamshaw, and Jase and Katey Felts. 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. For more information, and names of people who have attended, contact Paul Fuener at the church, 546-4358.

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Come Taste and See

We have a lot to offer this fall, and you can explore it all on **Sunday, Sept. 7th at 10:10 am** in the Parish Hall. A light breakfast will be served, and we will introduce you to our fall line-up, which includes:

- New classes and Bible studies
- A Christian discipleship pathway (under development)
- Expanded Sunday School program for children
- Fellowship events and plans
- Places to plug in and get involved

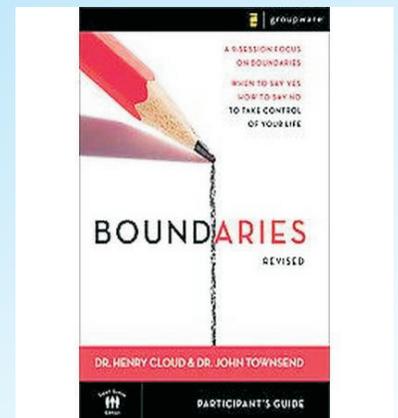
Please don't miss this chance to find your spot at Prince George this fall. No reservations required; Sunday school for children & nursery available.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT CLASSES

Start Sunday, September 14, 10:10 am

Abundant Living - Here's the question: is your life, spiritual life and all the rest – family life, relationships, job, career, recreation, all that it could be? All that you want it to be? Jesus said He came that we might have life and have it to the full – abundant life, full, fulfilled, overflowing life. How are we doing with that ideal? Does it matter? We're going to spend some weeks considering the “abundant life” – what it might look like, how the seasons of life and the seasons of the church year figure into abundant living, what Anglicanism (our denomination!) says about it, and how we might grow into living an abundant life. Team led by Paul, Ramsey, Rags and Jason.

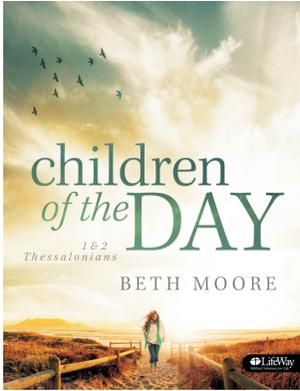
Boundaries - Updated Henry Cloud and John Townsend have *updated* their landmark video/discussion study of *Boundaries - When To Say Yes, How to Say No to Take Control of Your Life*. This 9-week study has 10-15 minute video sections each week, and group discussions, plus a participants workbook (\$10). The workbook and class time will provide practical, non-theoretical exercises that will help you set healthy boundaries with parents, spouses, children, friends, co-workers, and even yourself by drawing on God's wisdom. Being a loving and unselfish Christian does not mean never telling anyone no. The workbook helps you discover what boundaries you need and how to avoid feeling guilty about setting them. It will give you biblically based answers to questions you have about boundaries.



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DCW FALL STUDIES: OPEN TO ALL WOMEN

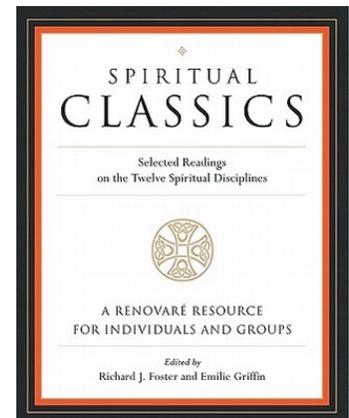
Tuesday Evenings, Sept. 16 – Nov. 11



Beth Moore's latest video study – 9 weeks, 8 weeks of study, on Paul's 1st and 2nd letters to the church at Thessalonica. Covering a wide variety of topics, including family, prayer, ministering to others and prophecy, among others, this is Beth at her best, and Paul at his best, encouraging the Church and helping us to understand our future in Christ. Cost for the book: \$20. Meets at the Rectory – 315 Screven Street, Georgetown from 6:30-8:30p.m. Class ends November 11.

Wednesday Mornings, Sept. 17 – Nov. 12

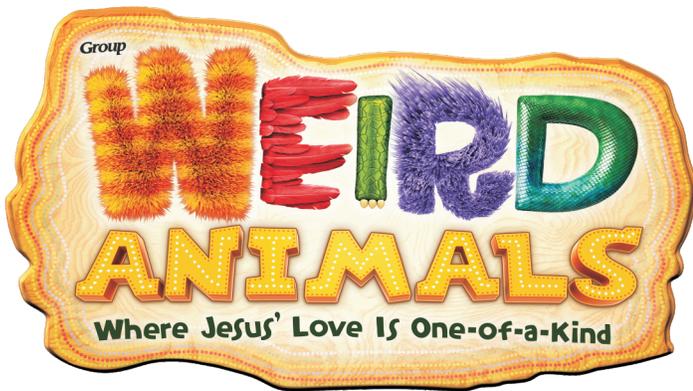
The brightest lights of the Christian tradition – those are the authors of these great readings, which help us focus on the 12 core spiritual disciplines, from meditation and prayer to service to confession and worship. For 9 weeks under the leadership of Chelsea Hamshaw, we will read selections from these Christian masters, using study questions to aid our understanding, and gather weekly to discuss what we've learned. Prepare to have your devotional life enriched and your heart expanded as you sit under these great teachers – but most of all, we will grow closer to the Lord and more responsive to His will. Cost for the book: \$20. Nursery provided upon request. Meets in the Parish Hall from 9:30-10:45a.m. Class ends November 12.



The Task Force for Provincial Affiliation When our tie to the Episcopal Church (TEC) was severed, this Diocese and her parishes understood that to remain truly Anglican, we would need eventually to affiliate with a Province of the Anglican Communion. At our March 2014 Convention, the Diocese voted unanimously to join the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans (GFCA) and temporarily to enter into a formal ecclesiastical relationship (known as provisional primatial oversight) with a group of bishops in the Global South. While this ensures that we are indeed Anglican, still we recognize the need to establish a permanent affiliation. To that end, the Task Force for Provincial Affiliation was formed, pursuant to a resolution of that same Convention, to design and initiate a discernment process which would, in time, result in such a permanent affiliation.

The goal of the Task Force is to explore this matter and report back to the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council as well as to the Diocesan Convention itself by early 2015. Bishop Mark Lawrence has appointed one priest and one lay representative from every deanery to serve on the Task Force. The representatives on the Task Force from the Georgetown Deanery are our senior warden, John Benson and The Rev. Tripp Jeffords (rector, St. Paul's Conway). We are honored to have John called to serve in this important role, and we will be well-served by him and by Tripp Jeffords. Please keep the Task Force in your prayers in the months ahead!

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VBS this year was a BLAST!! Special thanks to Jeremy, Jessica, Rags (aka Dr. Paws), Jason, Ramsey, Paul and all our volunteers!!



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We had a great summer trip to Orlando again this year! We battled the Florida rain, and managed to do all of the activities we had planned, and even a few extra! This year the youth had two options- swimming with dolphins and an underwater scuba experience. You really couldn't go wrong either way! Every one had a great time going to SeaWorld and Aquatica (Seaworld's waterpark!)

We were especially blessed this year to have Rags and Suiter Coxe join us and giving evening teachings, sharing their testimonies of God's work in their lives. The youth really enjoyed getting to know them and hearing their stories!

We are continuing this summer with regular bible studies and are looking forward to another great year, starting at fall kickoff!

Vestry Update

At its July meeting the Vestry considered the following matters, among others:

- The need for Sunday School rooms for our children's ministry this fall
- Approving a new gas range (double oven, 6 burners) and hood for the parish hall kitchen (funds provided by a memorial gift in honor of Scott Marlowe)
- Our financial status – pledge receipts are a bit behind; expenses are below budget
- Staffing matters including Ramsey Gilchrist's request to reduce his hours; Jason Hamshaw's proposal for seeking a Doctor of Ministry degree over the next several years, and his upcoming ordination schedule; and Jim Calk and Jeremy Vause's move from interim music team to permanent status
- Various property and grounds matters including the rectory roof, sod and sprinklers for the Youth House front yard, and new carpeting for the nave
- The possibility of upgrading our pipe organ through the use of electronic augmentation, and the possible establishment of an “organ fund” for this purpose.

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Music Ministry News!!

Last year at the departure of Michael Giuliani, we formed a music director search committee and began to advertise widely for a new full-time music director. Jeremy Vause graciously agreed to lead our band and be our interim music director for the 9 am service, to continue to sing with the choir and assist with music selection for the 11 am service; and Jim Calk agreed to serve as interim organist and choir director. As we hope all will agree, our music did not suffer over this “interim” period, but in fact has taken a step forward under Jeremy and Jim's leadership. Both Jim and Jeremy expressed an interest in making this part-time, interim solution into permanent part-time positions, and this month our search committee and Vestry have concluded that

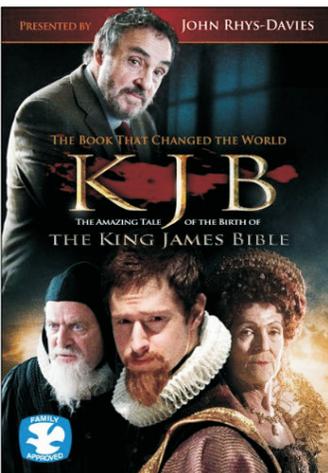
this indeed is a great solution to our needs. So, you will notice that Jeremy and Jim have been added to our staff listing on the Sunday bulletins, and they are in our new directory as staff members. We invite you to greet them warmly and to welcome them “on-board” when you see them on Sunday or around the offices, and we ask your prayers for our worship leadership and our Sunday morning services, that we might give glory to God in all we do, say and sing. Finally, we would love to have YOU in our choir!! So regardless of your feelings about the quality of your singing, please give Jim Calk a call and ask him about being part of the choir! Jim is gifted at training folks to sing, and you will be blessed – and so will we – by your involvement in the choir.



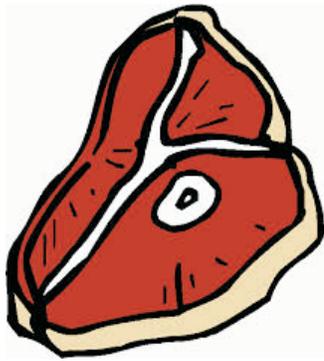
The clergy and staff have recently assisted a single young mother new to Georgetown. We are excited that she sincerely desires to lead her family into a Christian life here at Prince George. The family has no means of transportation, and we have decided to raise funds for a sufficient down payment on a reliable used car.

We have raised approximately 20% toward our goal which is a minimum of \$5,000 in three weeks. We believe this is an important opportunity for the body of Christ to come alongside a family who is truly in need.

Please prayerfully consider a contribution to the Church for this purpose, and in the memo line, write "Rector's Discretionary Fund-Car".



Movie Night!!! Mark your calendars and join us for *Dessert and a Movie* on Thursday, July 24, 7-8:30 pm in the Parish Hall. The movie is a great one: "KJB - *The Amazing Tale of the Birth of the King James Bible*." The KJB is literally the book that changed the world. This is a theatre-quality movie, with great acting and a captivating plot, for there was great opposition to this first authorized English translation of the Scriptures. Don't miss it!! Bring the family! A program for children and nursery will be available.



**Bring Your Own Steak
Men's Supper
July 29th, 6:00 pm**

Guys -- Mark your calendars for our Bring Your Own Steak (BYOS) dinner at 6:00 pm, Tuesday, July 29th. The church supplies the sides, beverages and a light dessert, and you bring something to grill. Great fellowship, great food -

remember - it's a great place to bring a friend to introduce them to the men of Prince George. (Next meeting time is Oct. 28.)



Luncheon at the Rectory, 315 Screven Street, on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 12:15 pm. Wine and appetizers at 12:15, followed by a great lunch and a short program.

Upcoming Events - Important Dates

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| Movie Night at Prince George | July 24 | Parish Hall |
| BYOS Dinner | July 29 | Parish Hall, 6:00 pm |
| Movie Night at Prince George | August 21 | Parish Hall |
| Diocesan Council meeting | August 26 | Cathedral, Charleston |
| Men's Tuesday Breakfast and Bible Study resumes | September 2 | Parish Hall |
| Sunday School and Adult Ed kick-off | September 7 | |
| DCW Tuesday Night (Beth Moore) | September 16 | Rectory, 6:30 pm |
| DCW Wednesday Morning | September 17 | Parish Hall, 9:30 am |

Or Current Resident

EMERGE Numbers

(Clip and Save)

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Lep Boyd Junior Warden c) 240-6572 h) 527-3335

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