

The Cross & Crown



PRINCE GEORGE WINYAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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From the Deacon

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Francis Ford Coppola is a famous film director. His most famous (and successful) films were the *Godfather* trilogy. Yet, Coppola himself has said:

“People are shocked to hear that I think of the *Godfather* series with sadness. I see those films almost as a personal failure. They changed my life detrimentally, even though the world treated them as big commercial successes. Their success led me to make big commercial films – when what I really wanted to do was original and creative films.”

How many of us have ever felt like this? How many of us feel taken along a path we don't want to walk where the world cries 'success' but your spirit cries 'failure'?

Someone has said that you need to be God to distinguish success from failure unerringly.

Maybe attainable success is helping 12 people grasp the reality of who God is and nurturing them so they can go and do the same. 12 was all the success Jesus needed. Of course those 12 disciples turned the whole world upside down as they in turn transformed others.

How many of us would like to see our life's work summed up in the line: "I helped 12 people come to know the Lord." Would this be a successful life?

Maybe we would settle for just 1!!

In the gospel of Mark (2:1-5) there is a wonderful story of some friends who helped a man - they carried him because he was paralyzed to Jesus. They even broke the roof in order to get their friend to Jesus. The friends of the paralyzed man would not have carried him unless they loved him. It would have been messy – the man probably did not wash often and may have been incontinent. Yet they carried him to Jesus because he could not take himself. They carried him because they loved him. They helped him.

Paul in Galatians says that we must carry each others burdens.

There are times when we need to be helped by someone, to be carried on the stretcher to Jesus – and there are times when we need to help others – to be the carriers of the stretcher going to Jesus.

Surely this is what being a church, a group of believers, is about – helping one another in our life and in our faith, being the carriers and sometimes being carried. Surely, this is 'success' as a church, when we begin to be a community which is Christ centered. And when we are Christ centered we can then be a community of generosity and sharing, a community of friendship and belonging, a community of mission and passion for the gospel.

And then, maybe, our spirit will cry 'success' even though the world may cry 'failure.'

Birthdays

June	1	Jonah Crosby
June	1	Amanda King
June	2	Linley Tadlock
June	3	Grey Aiken
June	4	Cory Gresham
June	5	Martha Grimes
June	5	Dale Hicks
June	5	Sam Morgan
June	5	June Ross
June	8	Graham Rogers
June	9	Jim Call
June	10	Tapley Gresham
June	10	Charles Nation
June	11	Elsie Pollock
June	11	Timmy Wall
June	12	Jennie Dugan
June	12	Grace Geer
June	14	Tracy Summer
June	14	Brad Tiller
June	15	Lep Boyd
June	16	Peggy Stockly
June	17	Harriet Plowden]
June	19	Boo Moore
June	20	Tripp Jones
June	21	Benjamin Taylor
June	23	Thelma Beaubian
June	23	Keith Moon
June	23	Hannah Nation
June	24	Sandy Hicks
June	24	Henry Wofford
June	25	Gloria Tennant
June	26	Ruth Bell
June	26	Cathy Kearise
June	27	Julie Stalvey
June	28	Jason Dozier
June	28	David Harsh
June	29	Richard Culbertson
June	29	David DeSpain
June	29	Stellings Lee
June	29	Caroline Stevens

ECW Meeting

Remember the ECW meeting to distribute funds from the Plantation Tours will be on Tuesday, June 10, in the Parish Hall at 10 o'clock. Refreshments will be served at 9:45. All women of the church are encouraged to attend. There are only two ECW meetings a year, and this is a chance to meet other women in the church and to learn about the needs in our community. Each request for funds will be presented and every woman present will have an opportunity to vote on the requests from the parish and from the community. Please contact Kay Mower at 651-7535 if you have questions.

Visionary Parenting
For ALL Parents
APRIL 27 - June 22
Sundays at 10:10 a.m. in the Panel Room
Visionary Parenting will challenge you from scripture, to catch a vision for God's purpose for parenting, and equip you with tools to bridge the gap between where your family is today and where God is calling you to go.
Join us for this EXCELLENT course.
For more information contact Andy Morgan, 546-4358 or andy@pgwinyah.org

Deaths

Gerry Boyd - May 29

Baptisms:

May 18 - Thomas Walter, son of Matt and Mave Walter

May 18 - Sophie Wylie, daughter of David Wylie

Cursillo! Cursillo! Cursillo!

In the dark about *Cursillo*? Wondered what it's all about? *Cursillo* is a great weekend held at Camp St. Christopher four times a year. Those who have been (about 30 of us here at Prince George) will tell you it was one of the most important weekends in their Christian life. The weekend is great fun, good food and fellowship, and most of all, a time of experiencing God's love for you in a powerful way. Wherever you are in your Christian walk, *Cursillo* is an opportunity not to be missed. To go, you must be a member of Prince George and have a sponsor (anyone who has been before). *Cursillo* is popular in this Diocese, thus you need to get your name on the list to go, and then wait for an opening. For more information, and names of people who have attended, contact Paul Fuener at the church, 546-4358 or Sandy Gresham, 546-4985.

DEVOTIONAL

Women received back their dead, raised up to life again. Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection.

Hebrews 11:35

We all like to succeed. We would all like to win mighty victories. We would have no difficulty signing up for the exhilarating drama at Jericho when the walls fell “*after the people had marched around them for seven days*” (Heb 11:30). But we would be more than happy to opt out rather than be in solidarity with believers who “*went about in sheep skins and goat skins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated*” (11:37b). These people not only experienced failure, but they were forced to hide in caves and holes in the ground to save their own skins (11:38b).

It is therefore, all the more surprising that these failures were commended for their faith (11:39a). Clearly then, faith has little to do with success and everything with faithfulness. This suggests that faith with signs may be of a lesser quality than faith without them. It is one thing to trust God and receive the desired outcome. It is another to trust God when nothing has changed.

It seems that most of us have lived through both experiences. Answers and silence, victories and apparent defeats are our common lot. These can leave us a bit puzzled. Sometimes we can even become angry, if not embittered. Resolving these struggles in faith, so that we can still go on trusting and loving, is every time a great victory.

Prayer: *Lord, grant that my faith may be centered in who you are rather than in the blessings you choose to give. AMEN.*

(Taken from *Life in Full Stride* by Charles Ringma)

Opportunity to Serve God at Prince George

Are you a people person? Do you light up at social gatherings and feel energized when you are around others? Then put some of your extroversion to work for the Kingdom of God, and sign up to be a greeter at Prince George. The motto of Prince George Greeters is “turning friends into family.” We make sure that no one joins one of our Sunday services without knowing that they are valued and appreciated. Ongoing participation in the greeters program is at your convenience. Please join a great team for a vital ministry. For more information, contact Matt Walter at 546-4358 or by email, matt@pgwinyah.org.

Do YOU Need Healing?

The fact is, every one of us needs healing – physical, spiritual, emotional, or otherwise. And so each Thursday at 10 a.m. we conduct in the church a Communion service with prayer for healing. The service is just like a Sunday morning Rite II service, except in place of the *Prayers of the People*, we use a *Litany of Healing* from the Book of Occasional Services, and then those who wish to receive prayer for healing come forward to the rail, where the priest says a brief prayer for them as they may request. We pray for physical ailments, but also for guidance, the mending of relationships, alleviating emotional distress, and any other problem or concern. The service lasts less than 40 minutes. 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. It is a privilege to avail ourselves of this gift.

Upcoming Events – Important Dates

EYC Mystery Trip	June 8-11	It's a Mystery!!
ECW Meeting	June 10	Parish Hall 9:45 (refreshments) 10 a.m. meeting
New Wine USA Conference	June 19-22	St Andrews Mount Pleasant Church
Vacation Bible School	June 23-27	Kanuga Retreat Center, NC
Kanuga Renewal Conference	June 29-July 4	
Office Closed	July 4	
Parish Family Weekend	November 7-9	Camp St. Christopher

Book Review

Reviewed By *Andy Morgan*

The current method of student ministry is not working. That is the claim of Steve Wright, author of *ReThink – Is Student Ministry Working?*

Effectiveness is diminishing – students are leaving the church in droves after college - and its not because youth pastors are not working hard enough. They are! The authors suggestion is that the model of student ministry that has been inherited and embraced for the past few decades (large numbers and games based) is not working.

The major theme of the book is introduced in chapter two. There has to be a shifting of values of student ministry if it is to have an impact. A shift to where? The authors suggest:

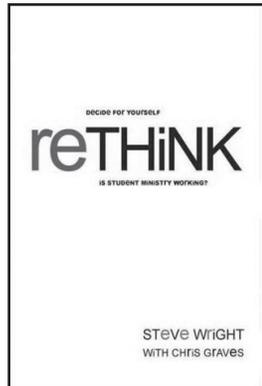
“Partnership with parents rather than separation; Student development rather than student ministry; Biblical faithfulness rather than cultural relevance; Championing the church rather than internalized ministries.”

In other words, instead of youth groups being autonomous from parents and the home that there be strong partnership and co-operation with parents – that rather than running events and programs for teens, youth group should be a place of discipleship, nurture, and spiritual growth – rather than trying to be trendy and cool, youth group aims to grow in godliness, understanding scripture and drawing closer to Jesus and finally rather than being isolated from the church, it is seen and is operated as a part of the whole church ministry.

I liked the emphasis the authors place on student ministry to “glorify God”, rather than “get more people.” To do the first will lead to the second, but just doing the second will never lead to the first.

Chapter four’s focus is on how to begin the transition to a biblical centered, parent partnership, student development ministry. The authors write, “The goal for many of our ministries has become to get students to attend, when the scripture clearly show Christ’s goal is to create disciples who reach others with the good news of the gospel. If our ministries adopt a healthier goal, then we also must adopt different criteria for evaluating success.”

Having examined the problem the authors then suggest



solutions. RTI – Resource, Train and Involve.

RESOURCE: Equip families with devotions, studies, courses – whatever they need to help them.

TRAIN: The authors say “go from a parent - meeting approach to a parent – equipping approach. Meet monthly for training in parenting, discipleship, family, marriage etc.

INVOLVE: Not by baking cookies. Getting parents to do family worship times, family mission trips, journaling to their children, praying for and with their spouses and children.

The chapter ends with these words: “It’ll take more than just a youth group meeting to see students’ experiences of God enriched. We must bring parents back into the circumstances and situations of their children and re-introduce parents into the spiritual formation equation. Parents are too valuable to leave out.”

ReThink – Is Student Ministry Working? is an excellent book with excellent insight.

Over the past year Jason and I have been exploring, reading and working on a way to create a family centered student ministry in the future. This is the type of book we have been reading and they have been challenging us on how we approach youth ministry.

Helping Hands food pantry

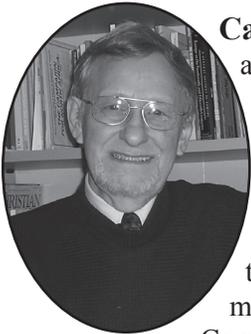
June is our month to donate to Helping Hands. Non-perishable food items are needed: rice, peanut butter, jelly, muffin mix, pancake mix, canned vegetables and soup, canned meat and fruit, baby food, grits, pasta, applesauce, crackers, and cereal. Please drop off your donations at Helping Hands from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or in the Parish Hall hallway. To volunteer at Helping Hands or for more information, please call 527-3424.

Prince George Parish Family Weekend BOOK NOW!!!

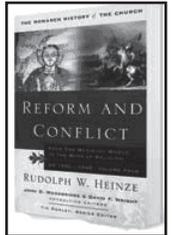
November 7-9 2008 at Camp St. Christopher

This year we will be having our Parish Weekend Away to Camp St Christopher. Our aim is to have a WONDERFUL time away together, of fellowship, teaching and relaxation.

This is why we are trying to bring you a very exciting speaker. In our last Cross and Crown I prematurely said that Paul Blackham was going to come over from England to speak to us. Unfortunately Paul is not able to come. But we have an equally wonderful speaker who can be with us.



Canon Dr. Rudolph W. Heinze - Rudi Heinze has a Phd from the University of Iowa and an Honorary Doctor of Letters from Concordia University. He is a priest in the Church of England and a Canon of the Diocese of Port Sudan. He has taught at the University of Iowa, Ohio State University, Concordia University and the University of Illinois. He spent twenty years in England where he was on the staff of Oak Hill College in London and served as Lecturer in Church History, College Dean and Vice Principal. He also taught as a visiting lecturer at Cambridge University. In addition he wrote and presented three programs for BBC Television on the Early Church. He has published three books and numerous scholarly articles. His most recent publication is a study of the 16th Century Reformation entitled Reform and Conflict. While in England he served as honorary curate of the parish of St. Peters London Colney in the Diocese of St. Albans.



The cost for the weekend will be as follows:

If you want to stay in a lodge room the cost for double occupancy, for the whole weekend (just for the room) is \$160. So, a family of 4 will pay \$160 for the room and a married couple will pay \$160 for a room. If two or four men would like to stay in the lodge room it will be \$160.

On top of that price, the cost for the meals is \$66.00 per person. So a married couple will pay in total \$292 for the weekend (\$160 for the room and \$66 each for the meals).

A family of four with two children under 12 will pay \$342 (\$160 for the room, \$132 for the two adults food and 2 x \$25 for each child under 12 (for food).)

A family of four with two children over 12 will pay \$424 (that's \$160 for the room and 4 x \$66.00 for food)

To stay on a beach front cabin will cost \$120 per person, including ALL meals. For children under 12 the cost is \$50 including ALL MEALS.

RESPONSE FORM FOR THE PARISH WEEKEND AWAY

(FAMILY) NAME _____ No. Adults _____ No. Children/Ages _____

I would like to book a: **Cabin:** No. of people _____ **Lodge:** No. of people _____

** Make sure you have enclosed a deposit of \$50 for each person.

(Please return to Andy Morgan or the Parish Office- Thank you!)

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT....

BY JON BLAMIRE – MUSIC DIRECTOR

If you are already a worshiper, you are on a life long journey – a process which should be drawing you closer to the Father, transforming you into the likeness of Christ as the Holy Spirit works in you. And our worship is part of that process. Our young people are regularly reminded of it through R12 (that is, Romans 12 v 1 & 2).

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

This reflects what God told the people of Israel through Moses, and which Jesus summarized in Mark 12 as:

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.”

That is everything about us is to worship God. An even briefer summary might be “Worship God always in all ways”.

The Bible is full of examples of how this worship is worked out in practice – through lives lived sacrificially for God and in the service of others in God's name (Jesus calls these people our neighbors and says this service is the second great commandment).

So if our whole life is to be lived as worship, why bother with Sunday? Well, the high point of worship in many ways is that time when we meet as the Body of Christ (the ecclesia or church) to offer our worship together. It's when we express our praise and adoration together, when we publicly ask forgiveness for our sins, when we are encouraged through hearing what God says to us through the reading and explaining of His word

(the Bible) and the testimony of our fellow believers, and when we obey Jesus command to ‘do this in remembrance of me’ as we join in communion with each other and God.



Is this a Sunday service you recognize? And more importantly, is it something you eagerly anticipate? Can you say with the King David:

I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the LORD.”

Or do you need to hear Paul's exhortation to the Hebrew church:

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Much of what makes gathering together as the church for worship exciting, worthwhile and fulfilling is our expectation. God always wants to meet us, but if we don't want to hear from Him (usually because we are scared of what he might say to us) He rarely breaks the doors of our hearts down, and we can have a very negative effect on those around us too. Please don't take this as condemnation, but an encouragement. Rewinding a couple of verses into Hebrews we read:

“Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water”

This is not about an emotional state (happy or sad), nor putting on an “all is well” mask, but about coming to God honestly, knowing that He promises to meet, cleanse, transform and renew us if we will let Him. We sometimes fail to understand the difference between joy (as in rejoice) and happiness (which God does not promise). So perhaps a better reading of Psalm 122 would be:

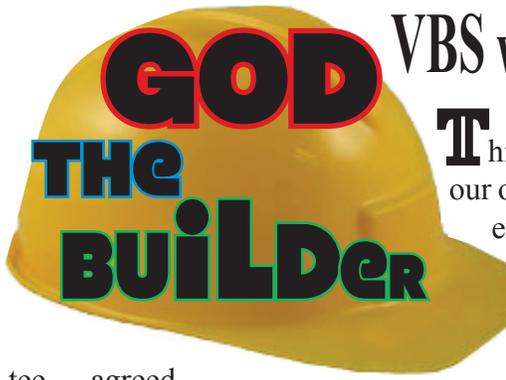
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD

This time I end with one recurring question and two new ones:

Are you a worshiper? (Whatever your answer, you need to understand it's eternal consequences!)

Are you glad when people say “Let's go to church”?

Or do you need to take to heart the book of Hebrews which says “Let us not give up meeting together”, -especially during the summer!



VBS will be June 23-27!

This year we have developed our own curriculum and are very excited about it!

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In reviewing the past years VBS the committee that we needed to limit the number of participants in order to have a more relaxed and fun-filled experience for all involved. We will be welcoming the first 60 children who sign up. ***Please sign up your children ASAP in order to hold their spot, this is one they will not want to miss!***

We need volunteers - Setting-up as well as for the different planned activities.

Please call Tracy at 545-5406 or email her at Tracy@pgp.com if you can help.

We need your empty cereal and shoe boxes! Please drop them off at the church office.



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Parents-2-B

Please continue to pray for our expectant families and their babies, for healthy pregnancies and safe deliveries, for God's peace and rest, for protection from flu and colds; and for all God's blessings during this special time. Parents-2-B at this time are Jason & Bailey Dozier and Arthur & Alison Geer. If you know other expecting Prince George families, please let us know so we can add them to our prayers.



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