

The Cross & Crown

March 2011



PRINCE GEORGE WINYAH EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

It has been a long time coming this year, but Lent is finally upon us, with our traditional Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on March 8th and Ash Wednesday services on March 9th, starting the season off on the right note. I pray that you will come join in our Lenten programs and offerings this year: Wednesday evening suppers and programs for all ages, special Lenten-theme worship services, Midday Musical Moments on Wednesdays, the Healing Service on Thursdays, and special programs for ladies and for men. As you know, the purpose of the Lenten season is to prepare our hearts, through introspection, repentance, prayer and re-dedication, for the celebration of our Lord's passion, death and resurrection during Holy Week and at Easter. All we offer is planned to assist us with these preparations for Easter. Lent is the season of recognizing again our great need of a Savior who delivers us from the consequences of our sins, and of recommitting ourselves to Him and to seeking to live a faithful life. Please, may this be such a Lenten season for you and for us all – a “holy Lent” in the biblical sense of the word holy – set apart for the Lord, consecrated to Him.

Of course numerous other things crowd into our schedules and make a holy Lent virtually impossible. There are all the usual springtime events – school plays, sports, travel plans, spring cleaning, summer plans to be made, and on and on. Plus, as usual here at Prince George our Plantation Tours fall during Lent (in the third week this year), which involve hundreds of hours of effort by hundreds of our parishioners and friends. How can we possibly carve out time for a Lent consecrated to and set apart for the Lord? Well the fact is, it does not take much time to join in our Lenten preparations. There are only four Wednesday evening programs, and they include dinner for the whole family, followed by a short program. You've got to eat anyway, so these evenings should not crowd your schedule much. The Lenten focus of our regular services lengthens them only imperceptibly, and you can accomplish the Ash Wednesday service on your lunch hour or instead of one TV show on Wednesday evening. My point is simple: we can all easily make a little time for the Lord in Lent – it need not be inconvenient.

But – *so what* if it is inconvenient? Is there *anything* more important in life than being in right relationship with the one true God, God Almighty, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ? Is it not worth – *is He* not worth – adjusting our oh-so-important schedules a bit, laying aside our agendas just a bit, that we may draw near to Him, reflect on our sins, repent, and be fully restored in Christ, ready to celebrate whole-heartedly His sacrificial death for us? Surely we owe Him a little time, a little adjustment, a little sacrifice, in response to all He has done for us. So, come join in a holy Lent – not out of compulsion, guilt, threat or fear, but simply in response to the Lord who loves you, who died for you, who longs for you to draw near to Him.

With great thanksgiving and much prayer and love,

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays

March 9	Bill Doar
March 10	Ellen Stalvey
March 11	Jim Gorman
March 11	Tory Mackey
March 13	Will Ness
March 13	Caroline Summer
March 14	Jase Felts
March 15	David Dean
March 15	Renee Dean
March 16	Richard Kopcho
March 19	Clark Hight
March 21	Tyler Brabson
March 21	Terry Doar
March 21	Ashley Moody
March 23	Arthur Doyle
March 23	Ingell Doyle
March 23	James Doyle
March 23	Caleb Morgan
March 23	John Rogers
March 24	Mary Grimes
March 24	Sue Ellen McNeil
March 26	Bill Brabson
March 27	Chappell Miller
March 28	Stuart Bellune
March 28	Pate Ford
March 29	Joyce Bourne
March 29	Ed Foster
March 29	James Hazzard
March 29	Walter McElveen
March 30	Kaitlin Bellune
March 30	Becky Fuener
March 31	Wendy Dawson
March 31	Paul Fuener

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, Bill Buck, Ann Evans, Caleb Morgan, Helen Maynard, Dick Manning, Mary Easley, Lauretta Dean, Jim and Helen Ralston, Tom Winslow, Charles Jones, and Barbara Bush.

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 Elizabeth and Joe Pearson. If you know other 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 Paul Fuener at the church, 546-4358.

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NEW ADULT EDUCATION

starts Sunday, Feb. 27th

- 1) **Book Study - "Within Heaven's Gate"; discussion led by Vikky Ferris.** Ever wonder about what heaven will be like? "Within Heaven's Gate" is Rebecca Springer's record of her vision of heaven while she hung between life and eternity. Her experience is consistent with a loving Jesus and Biblical principles. It helped me [Vikky] look forward to the day that I will be with Jesus without anxiety or fear.
- 2) **Bible Study and Discussion - The Book Of Samuel.** A militant cleric, the leader of the insurgency, and a king blessed by the media, collide in a new Sunday School class. Throw in murder and adultery and you wonder why it is in God's book. They all had in common what's missing today - the desire to please God. Frank Beattie and friends will share the book of Samuel beginning February 27.
- 3) Continuing **Love & Respect:** For all couples, and anyone in a relationship with someone of the opposite sex: Do you want some peace? Do you want to feel close and understood by your significant other? Do you want to experience relationships the way God intended? Then try *Love and Respect!* Involving a 30 min video presentation, discussion groups and a workbook / study guide, this 14 week course is for anyone who is in a relationship and wants to improve it. Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:10 am for one of the most significant courses we have run here at Prince George.

Vestry Retreat Highlights

Our vestry, wardens, treasurer and staff met on Saturday, January 29th for a time of worship, prayer, and reflection on the state of the parish and our vision for the future. We were led by Dr. Peter Mitchell in a discussion of vision, which surfaced this basic conclusion: that while we have great strengths and assets as a parish, we should consider a vision calling for us 1) to seek to grow in our maturity as disciples of Jesus Christ and so, as we are moved by the Holy Spirit, 2) to embody Christ more visibly in our community, 3) to become a church that sends out disciples of Christ into ministry, and 4) to become more effective in leading people to faith in Christ.

We did not attempt to develop specific plans or programs in this direction, but left such development to further meetings. We also spent time considering a possible capital campaign or debt reduction campaign, its focus and timing. We ended our time together with a brief vestry meeting to discuss the Pre-school building repairs and problems, cemetery rules, and other matters.



Prince George Men's Ministry
 Catch men's hearts
 Tag them with Christ
 Release disciples

2011 Christian Men's Conference

Prince George men and our guests accounted for 18 of the 135 men at this year's conference held at Camp St Christopher on Seabrook Island. These 135 men ranged in age from 15-82. The Reverend Arthur Jenkins keyed the weekend with the topic "Take your Place on the Wall". He centered his discussion on this statement: "Today's culture pressures men to put financial success above everything else, but Scripture says their prime responsibility is to be spiritual protectors- of their families, their children, their marriages and faith".

The beach front setting, comfortable lodge rooms, and great food created the perfect setting to gather with Christian men for spiritual renewal, fellowship, singing, and prayers. We heard testimonies of men's lives that have been changed by this weekend encounter. All of this, along with the Spirit-led teachings of Reverend Jenkins, led to discussions that many of us feel are a vitally important part of our spiritual growth.

Our Catch-Tag-Release men's ministry will continue to offer our men opportunities for spiritual growth. Some ideas in the works: couples events, inviting our younger teenage men to activities, father-son events, and more outdoor events such as fishing, camping, and hiking.



Pictures from 2011 Men's Conference, February 18-20, Camp St. Christopher.

For Men – Through the Week

Men's Bible Study & Breakfast – continues on **Tuesdays** at 7 am in the Parish Hall. All men welcome. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your faith – come, eat, listen, discuss!

Men's Book Study – meets **Wednesdays at 7 am** at Thomas' Café. We've read a wide variety of books which have stimulated our thinking and enriched our understanding of our faith and modern culture. We are working through **Radical**, NY Times best-seller by David Platt. Guys, why not enjoy a **great breakfast, good fellowship**, and take a small step toward **living a holier life**. All men are welcome! Check with Andy, Paul or Jon, or with Peter Mitchell or Harry Oxner for more information.

**Sermons
 On CD**



Want to listen to our Sunday sermons, but don't have access to the Internet?

No problem. You can now request copies on CD. Just call Lauren at the church office (843 546 4358) and let her know which week, and we'll make a CD for you.

PARISH NEWS

Marys in a Martha World

A time for quietness
in our busyness!

Save the date

Saturday April 9th
9:30 - 11:30 & Lunch

Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church ECW



Women's Monday Noon Bible Study

This study meets every Monday at 12:00. All women of the parish and their guests are welcome to attend. This is an on-going study in which you are able to jump in at any point. For more information, contact Martha Allison at 546-5350.

St. Anne's Chapter

St. Anne's meets Tuesday, March 1st at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall. All women of the church are welcome.

Prince George Episcopal Church Preschool

The preschool had a beautiful Christmas program on the last day of school before our much needed Christmas break. Now we are back with renewed spirit and a passion to learn and grow! We have had a wonderful and eventful year.

We have a record number of children in the program (50), with thirteen of them participating in our scholarship program. With our challenging economy today, our scholarship program has become more needed than ever. The fund that we draw on to help these families has become severely depleted. In the past when interest rates were higher, our "restricted" money earned enough interest to help keep the fund afloat. Now that money earns only a small fraction of what is needed, and the need for scholarship assistance has grown. If you have a desire help a child whose family needs tuition assistance, donations to the scholarship fund can be made in the church office. You might also like to sponsor a child for the school year. Tuition is \$170.00 per month or \$1,530 for the school year.

Some of our "scholarship" families got together and held a fund-raiser on their own. They raised over \$600.00 and gave it to the scholarship fund. We are truly blessed to have such giving and appreciative families in our school community.

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Christmas greenery sale. Our school made almost \$1,900 which was used to purchase classroom supplies.



We continue to be blessed with an excellent staff. Each one brings to their class a special skill and approach so that we all learn from one another and are inspired to grow.

We are also blessed to have a supportive parish family. We have had to squeeze our classes together in the Bourne building while construction on the "pink" preschool building has undergone extensive repairs. The end is now in sight and we hope to be in our regular classrooms very soon! Thanks to Andy Crocker for all of his work getting the crews working and coordinating the repairs.

PARISH NEWS

Plantation Tour Food Contribution

Once again the Plantation Tours are fast approaching! As we have in years past, we are again asking the ladies of Prince George to donate \$5.00 towards the Afternoon Tea to help defray the costs of the items and foods associated. The teas are becoming more expensive and demanding of our parishioners' generosity. Ticket sales have greatly increased, thus increasing the amount of food needed for the tea in order to refresh our 750+ 'tour goers' each afternoon.

We still ask you, if you are able, to donate some delicious cookies and cheese wafers for the teas as well! Nothing is better than homemade!

These funds may be placed in the offering plate in an envelope marked for the tours or dropped off /mailed to the church office. Thank you in advance for all that each of you does to support the tours. Without the support of our parishioners this would not be possible.

64th Annual Plantation Tours

Plans are underway for the annual Plantation Tours which are scheduled for March 25 & 26.

We are asking all individuals who are able to, to please set aside some time to volunteer in some way.

Please fill out this easy form by checking where you would be able to assist in making this year's tour a success.

Docents

_____	Friday, March 26	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
_____	Friday, March 26	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm
_____	Saturday, March 27	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
_____	Saturday, March 27	1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Afternoon Tea

_____	Friday, March 26	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm
_____	Saturday, March 27	2:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Lunches

_____	Thursday, March 25	9:00 am - 1:00 pm
_____	Friday, March 26	9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Please return this form in one of many ways:

- * plate offering
- * Mail to: Virginia Dugan
81 Roberts Rd.
Georgetown, SC 29440
- * e-mail your response to:
stva115@AOL.com
- * fax to church office (843)546-0210
- * call Virginia Dugan at 546-5226

**Where are you going
June 13-16?**

Make plans to be a part of a wonderful and exciting journey that we have planned just for YOU! Travel through scripture with us as we discover together how God can do wonderful things though anyone... even YOU!

**The Journey
+ 13-16 JUN 11 +**

Name Phone Number

PARISH NEWS

Pre-School Building Update

As you may have heard, we discovered water-damaged drywall behind bookcases in the Pre-School building, and further investigation revealed a significant amount of water damage within the front wall of the building, both floors, as well as within the side wall of the building facing the Bourne Building. We obtained bids from reputable contractors, selected one, and work began in January.

As we got further into the project, more water damage and rot were discovered, and the scope of work was increased. In summary, the inside front walls had to be replaced, both floors, including drywall, some studs, all windows, and the exterior stucco as well. The approximate cost of this essential project will probably exceed \$50,000 and will drain our capital fund, perhaps necessitating further borrowing.



WE NEED YOUR HELP...to make Pancakes.
Not only will we have fun, but we can serve our church family together. So, we ask you, please, please join us on tuesday March 8th!!
Please come anytime after 4:00pm to help mix, make or serve delicious pancakes!
Please let Jason or Chelsea know if you can come and help!! It would be GREAT to see you!

Pancake Supper

Hosted by the Prince George Youth Group

FUNDRAISER

DATE: Tuesday, March 8, 2011
WHERE: Prince George Parish Hall
TIME: 5-7pm
COST: \$5/person, or \$15 for a family

Dine in and take out available.

Tickets will be on sale outside of Church on February 27th and March 6th.

Whole wheat pancakes and sugar free syrup will be available.

as Transformed
Youth Ministries

We Need Your Help!

The short drive-way ramp between the street and the Parish Hall on Highmarket Street is not strong enough to use for parking, even for a drop-off or pick-up. Below it are old terra cotta sewer lines and continued use of that drive way may well break them, causing us substantial problems. Please, please, refrain from parking in that spot. We will have a chain up soon to remind you. Thanks for your consideration!

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Why Bother Singing? – Part 2

I don't know if it's just psychological, but it sounds to me as if more of us are singing out our worship to God this past month, and I've certainly had various people come and tell me that the previous article has encouraged them to sing more.

I would like to build on what I wrote last month. First of all I need to correct a semi-deliberate omission: probably the number one reason we should sing in worship, is that God has ordained it! The Old and New Testament are full of encouragements to sing to the Lord, written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Jesus himself, quoting Psalm 8 said to those who would silence the children praising as He enters Jerusalem:

*From the lips of children and infants
you, Lord, have called forth your praise.
Matthew 21: 16*

There is another significant reason to sing out in worship, rather than just leaving it to others, and it concerns blessing and encouraging those around us. Paul writes to the Ephesian church:

So don't be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. And don't get drunk with wine, which leads to reckless actions, but be filled with the Spirit: speaking to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making music to the Lord in your heart, giving thanks always for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another in the fear of Christ. Ephesians 5: 17 - 20

Let's be clear here, Paul is not saying that a glass of wine is wrong, but that worship through singing is the 'antidote' to reckless behavior, both for ourselves and those around us. And do you notice that we 'speak' to each other as we sing, which I believe has several elements at work together:

- If we are singing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, we are proclaiming the words of God, either in direct scripture reference or in paraphrase and commentary. Many people find they learn scripture much better through music than simply reading it in their head.
- Singing to each other is a mutual blessing, especially when as Paul says, we submit to each other in the fear of Christ (some translations say

God). There is no room for pretence or 'lording it over each other' if we are a 'good' singer in human terms, neither is a place for holding back because we feel inadequate, nor for despising the singing of others.

- The music we are making is for the Lord, from thankful hearts and to bless and encourage those around us.

I have just returned from the Diocesan Mens Conference at Camp St Christopher. A real blessing to me was being in a group of people of many ages (15 – 82) and many backgrounds, all joined in heartfelt praise to God. In human terms the voices ranged from great to almost a monotone, some quiet, some loud, etc, but that spoke powerfully to me of Christ's call to all to 'come follow me', regardless of who you are. In fact it's not at all about who we were, but instead about who we are and what we are becoming in Christ

Paul tells the Colossian church:

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.
Colossians 3: 15 – 16*

Again, notice that as we sing we teach / learn the message of Christ in scripture. Also notice that we are to be at peace with each other (it's sad how often do we make the very music which should be a sign of our peace, the source of strife!).

So next time you're in church, may I suggest we:

- Sing to God with a thankful heart
- Sing to be a blessing to others, in a way which demonstrates your love for them (remember that singing is not just the sound that comes out of your mouth – a smile of encouragement, goes a long way too!)
- Allow the singing of those around you to bless you, and the words to sink in to your soul

Finally, call to mind again these words

*I, even I, will sing to the LORD;
I will praise the LORD,
the God of Israel, in song. (Judges 5: 3)*

PARISH NEWS

Midday Musical Moments

Music, Readings, A Hymn & Prayers

Wednesday 2nd March

Jon & Sarah Blamire - Organ / Piano / Voice

Wednesday 9th March

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday 16th March

Jon & Sarah Blamire - Harpsichord / Voice

Wednesday 23rd March

Dr Mark Chaney - Organ
(Organist from Trinity Episcopal Church, Myrtle Beach)

Friday 25th & Saturday 26th March

Plantation Tours Specials
Artistes include Susanna Blamire (Euphonium), Carolyn Culbertson (Piano), Joey & Drew Pittman (Trumpet)

Wednesday 30th March

Jon & Sarah Blamire

Admission free - Everyone welcome

Prince George Winyah Episcopal Church

Sunday Preview

Helping you prepare for Sundays

Did you know about our Sunday Preview page?

On our website, and updated each Friday, it has the reading for the coming Sunday, and recordings of most of the music we will be using.

The recordings of our music group can also be downloaded for your mp3 player.

Read the word
Learn the music
Come prepared

www.pgwinyah.org/preview.htm



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Everyone Welcome

Every Tuesday

8:45am - 11am

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YOUTH NEWS

On our ski trip this year, we had the chance to visit a sister organization to York place called Grandfather Homes. This was a sobering time of understanding the darkness of this world. We heard of the trauma that is caused in abused children that re-experience their brokenness over and over again. We were told of one child who reacted badly when one of the mentors tried to take a picture of them playing in the yard. They later discovered that their child's abuser also took pictures of the child. We learned that this darkness has affected these children in such a profound way that only love can break through the many barriers they have been forced to put up. We learned of a girl who had been locked up in a cupboard most of her life. She had invented her own language because she was so unfamiliar with the sounds of communication. When Grandfather Homes took her out of the dark environment and into the light of hope, she learned to speak and even to catch up to her grade reading level.

Love shines in the darkness and warms like the sun. In our devotional time we reflected and prayed for those who have suffered greatly and at such a young age. We looked at the darkness and the downward spiral of sin that we are so easily hooked into. We saw that this darkness and evil is not so far away from us as we might think. It's the same darkness that chooses to gossip, lie, steal and look for power or judgment over someone. This is the darkness we're all born into. Just as those children, the abusers may have been abused themselves and have no other way to find their value and life other than abusing others.

When Christ came into the world, He came as a break in the pattern of sin. He came to set us free from sin. The only way to break the cycle of sin's darkness is with Christ's love. It means reaching out beyond yourself to love even when it hurts. The caregivers and mentors for these children of Grandfather Homes have an emotionally draining job. They literally enter into all the hurt the child goes through its self and love the child back into wholeness. We need Christ. Christ's "light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Christ has defeated sin and paid the price for it. In Him there is freedom and release in all darkness. "For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge

of the glory of God in the face of Christ." In the death of Christ we can see what it looks like to really enter into darkness and overcome. Just as the day defeats the night, we see true love rise up in the face of evil. We see the hope of a beautiful future no matter the cost of this life. We have freedom from our own darkness. In Christ we can see beyond ourselves and become shining lights that can transform the world around us. Many in the youth group took a stand to shine Christ's light wherever they go.

We also had a great time skiing and playing games. Not to mention great ski instructors, awesome accommodation and food galore.

Special thanks to Troy and Clark Hight, Scott and Beth Marlowe and Tracy Morris - For making this trip great!

Peace, Jason and Chelsea





Tuesday evening ECW Bible Study ladies



Wednesday morning ECW Bible Study ladies

Upcoming Events - Important Dates

Pancake Supper	March 8	Parish Hall, 5pm
Ash Wednesday Service	March 9	Church, 12 pm, 7 pm
Daylight Saving Time	March 13	Turn your clocks forward!
Lenten Supper	March 16, 30	Parish Hall, 6:00 pm
	April 6, 13	
Plantation Tours	March 25, 26	
Marys In a Martha World	April 5	9:30-11:30 Church/ Parish Hall with Lunch
Palm Sunday	April 17	
Holy Eucharist, Rite I	April 18, 19, 20	Church, 7:30 am
Maundy Thursday	April 21	Church, 7 pm
Good Friday	April 22	Church, 12 pm, 7 pm
Easter Sunday	April 24	Church, 7:30 am, 9 am, 11 am
		Easter Egg Hunt at 10:10 am



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