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Lenten Series

“The Drama of the Passion of Christ”

February 25th - March 25th



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Students from the University of Dallas will present for us a one-act drama which will portray the betrayal of Christ, which is part of the passion and suffering of Christ.

March 11th “The Stations of the Cross and the Drama of Christ’s Via Dolorosa”

Canon Charles Camlin will help us relive the last moments of Christ by retracing his final steps before the crucifixion, one of the most famous re-enactments of the Passion of Christ.

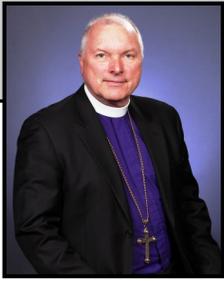
March 18th “The Passion Play”

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March 25th “The Cross in Don Quixote’s Drama”

Bishop Royal Grote will focus on Quixote’s character of Dulcinea and the powerful story of redemption surrounding her.

RECTOR'S PAGE



Lent is an opportunity for extra devotion to learn how to be a better follower of Jesus Christ. To this end, Church of the Holy Communion offers a Lenten Series on the five

Wednesday nights in Lent. This year the topic will be, *The Drama of the Passion of Christ*. The past two years we have had excellent teachings on the *Music of the Passion of Christ*, and *The Art of the Passion of Christ*.

This year we want to consider the many ways throughout the history of the Church in which the Passion of Christ has been dramatized. This dramatization has taken the form of Passion Plays, the Stations of the Cross, and within the last century since the invention of the silver screen, movies. Most recently, Mel Gibson portrayed the Passion of Christ with a movie by that very name.

In our study we want to consider the forms of dramatization. More importantly we want to gain a sense of why and how Christians have experienced the Passion of our Lord through these different dramatic forms. Most of all, we want to learn how to appreciate more fully our Lord's sacrifice for salvation.

The venue for our Lenten Series will be the same as previous years. Each evening we will begin with the Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm. We will offer a soup supper at 6:00pm. Our speakers will start at 6:30pm, followed by a time of questions and answers. The schedule of topics and speakers is below:

February 25th The Drama of the Passion of Christ: Bishop Ray Sutton.

In this first Lenten talk, I will present the theme of the "Drama of the Passion of Christ." Starting with the use of drama in the Holy Scriptures, I will lay a foundation for the entire series, and will briefly survey the rationale and the many means used for depicting the Passion of Christ. I will answer the question, "Why dramatize the Passion of Christ?" and, "Why have so many ways been utilized to act out the passion?" and finally, "Why would such a painfully sad scene in history want to be re-enacted time and again?"

March 4th One-Act Play on the Betrayal of Christ: University of Dallas Students

On this night we will have students from the University of Dallas Drama Department visit our campus. They will give us a real, one-act drama of an aspect of the Passion of Christ. In particular, they will dramatize the betrayal of Christ, which is actually part of the passion and suffering of Jesus. They will give us, in some small way, a sense of what our Lord endured as He began His awesome journey to the Cross.

March 11th Stations of the Cross, and the Drama of Christ's Via Dolorosa: The Rev. Canon Charles Camlin

Perhaps one of the famous dramatic re-enactments of the Passion of Christ are the Stations of the Cross. Reliving the last moments of Christ by retracing His final steps before crucifixion began with pilgrimages in the Middle Ages. St. Francis of Assisi was the first to develop this way of learning about Christ's great sacrifice for us. Franciscans of St. Francis's order were the ones to re-establish the actual Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem. Our speaker for this night will be our new Assistant Rector, the Rev. Canon Charles Camlin. He is a graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary with the Th.M. and Cranmer

Theological House with the Th.M. He was Assistant Professor of New Testament at the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia. Currently he is Assistant Dean at the Dallas campus of Cranmer Theological House and a Lecturer in New Testament.

March 18th The Passion Play: Professor Stephen Novinski of the University of Dallas

For nearly two hundred years vernacular religious drama flourished in Medieval England in the form of massive play cycles. These religious festivals incorporated the entire community and portrayed all of salvation history, from creation to the last judgment. This lecture will provide a brief history of this brilliant drama and explore how the medieval mind combined everyday events with salvation history in order to dramatize a unique and vibrant view of God's plan for humanity.

Professor Stefan Novinski is a member of the faculty of the University of Dallas Drama Department where he teaches Directing and Theater Literature. A native of Irving, Professor Novinski returned to Dallas in the fall of 2009 after spending a decade directing theatre in Los Angeles. He has worked at multiple Tony-award winning theatres including the La Jolla Playhouse, the Kirk Douglas Theatre, South Coast Repertory Theatre and the Goodman Theatre in Chicago. His productions have won or been nominated for over 30 local and national theatre awards.

Some notable productions include *Macbeth* for Shakespeare Dallas, *The Golden Apple* for Lyric Stage, two adaptations of William Faulkner novels, *As I Lay Dying* and *The Sound and the Fury*, and a hip-hop version of the book of *Job*. He has worked on several Broadway-scale productions for Disney, including a musical adaptation of *Toy Story*. He is a member of the Lincoln Center Director's Lab and holds an MFA in Directing from the University of California, San Diego, and BA's in English and Drama from the University of Dallas.

March 25th The Cross in Don Quixote's Drama: The Most Rev. Royal Grote, D.D.

Bishop Grote's talk is based on Don Quixote. He will focus on Quixote's redemption of Dulcinea and how he called her "my lady" even though she was an unclean prostitute. Soon she saw herself through his eyes, etc. That's a powerful story of redemption. Tie that to Jesus being the bridegroom. Putting himself on the cross. The bride is redeemed because of how the groom saw her.

Bishop Grote is the Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Episcopal Church. He is also the Ordinary of the Diocese of Mid America for the past twenty-eight years. He is a graduate of the Reformed Episcopal Seminary with the M.Div. He has been a lecturer for many years at Cranmer Theological House.

+Ray R. Sutton

WELCOME Fr. Charlie !

After almost 10 years away, the Rev. Canon Charles Camlin is back at CHC.

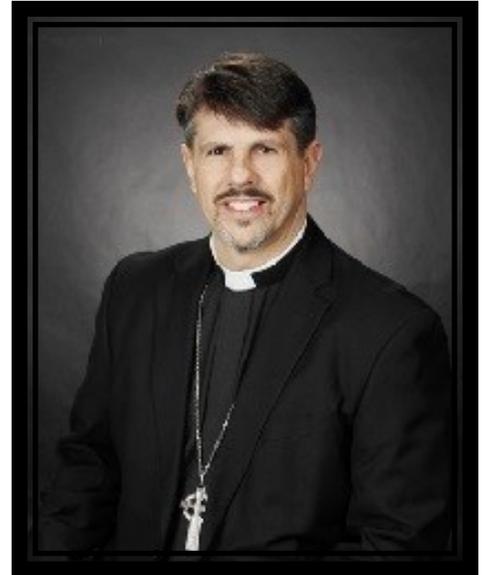
Canon Charlie is a native of Georgetown, SC who sensed a call into vocational ministry after about 10 years in the business world.

He completed his BA at Southeastern College at Wake Forest and then moved with his family to the Dallas area where he earned a ThM from Dallas Theological Seminary and another ThM from Cranmer Theological House.

During his time away from us, he ministered as the Rector of Holy Trinity Church and teacher of Church History at Trinity Christian School in Fairfax, VA. He also served as Assistant Professor of New Testament at Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Blue Bell, PA from 2011-2013. While in the Diocese of the Central States of the Reformed Episcopal Church, Canon Charlie functioned as Chairman of the Standing Committee and Canon Missioner and Dean of the Convocation of Virginia.

He will be serving as Assistant Rector of Church of the Holy Communion (Pro-Cathedral). He will also be Assistant Academic Dean at the Dallas campus of Cranmer Theological House.

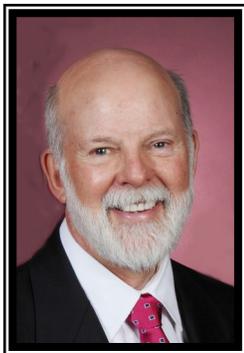
His wife Brett and their children are still in VA as they try to sell their home. They hope to relocate as soon as possible.



Say "hello" to our 3 new Vestry Members



Sharon Drakeford
Junior Warden



Philip Prier



Russell Smith

David Norton
Our new
Senior Warden



Lenten Series and Soup Suppers

begin on Wednesday, February 25th and continue through March 25th.

The Lenten Series is "The Drama of the Passion of Christ"

5:30pm Stations of the Cross 6:00pm Soup Supper 6:30pm Program/Speaker

Please sign up in Lunt Hall to bring Soup or Bread.

Around CHC ...



Councilwoman Sandy Greyson reads one of the lessons during The Festival Of Lessons and Carols.

The Festival of Lessons and Carols and Madrigal Dinner: The Coppell High School Madrigal Choir gave a wonderful performance !

It took lots of hard work by the choir members and friends to furnish a delicious meal for the Madrigal Dinner.



The PrimeTimers went to the Arboretum to see "The 12 Days of Christmas" Exhibit



Holy Communion Christian Academy "Breakfast with Santa" Do you recognize Santa? Hint: He's one of our Deacons !



The Children adorn the Chrismon Tree



Holy Communion Women made special Christmas wreaths to place on the doors of the residents of Collinwood Care Center. Collinwood is one of HCW's OUTREACH beneficiaries.



Our beautiful poinsettia Christmas Altar was created by Cynthia Longueville and Diana Tipton. In front of the altar is our wonderful hand carved wooden Crèche that was donated to the church by the Hub Miller family.



Every Christmas we put up the "Family Christmas Tree" in Lunt Hall. All of the Christian ornaments have been placed on it by CHC families.





CHC Choir went caroling in Bent Tree North. Neighbors came out of their homes to listen to the beautiful singing !



Volunteers worked hard "Greening the Church" for the Christmas season.



The Children's Choral Nativity Pageant included a special visit from St. Nicholas !



Chris Phillpott and Paula McNeill shared their musical talents during the 5:30pm Christmas Eve service.



Bishop Sutton joined other Bishops in Washington for the Anglicans for Life March. The Bishops are pictured here with Georgette Forney, president of Anglicans for Life.



The children brought the Crèche pieces to the Altar and received blessings from Bishop Sutton



Our Clergy and other CHC parishioners participated in the Anglicans for Life March in Dallas on the Saturday before Sanctity for Life Sunday.





Provided by
Fr. Kasey Gage

Articles of Religion

Part 14

We are publishing monthly commentaries on the 39 Articles of Religion using all or portions of a work produced by an English priest serving in South Africa named The Rev. Dick Begbie. The author served in the Royal Engineers from July 1939, being mentioned in dispatches in 1944, made an M.B.E. in 1945 and an O.B.E. in 1958, until retiring as a Lt. Col. in 1958.

He was converted in 1947 through the ministry of the Officers Christian Union and was an active Christian worker ever since. Since coming to South Africa in 1958, he was active in the Church of England in South Africa and was ordained in 1969. He founded several new churches and served as a volunteer chaplain in the South African Army for 12 years. He was also awarded the Pro Patria medal for spells of duty on the South West African Border. The Rev. Begbie went to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 12th, 2011.

14. OF PREDESTINATION AND ELECTION 14.1. ARTICLE 17

Predestination to Life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) he hath constantly decreed by his counsel secret to us, to deliver from damnation those whom he hath chosen in Christ out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting salvation, as vessels made to honour. Wherefore, they which be endued with so excellent a benefit of God be called according to God's purpose by his Spirit working in due season: they through grace obey the calling: they be justified freely: they be made sons of God by adoption: they be made like the image of his only-begotten son Jesus Christ: they walk religiously in good works, and at length, by God's mercy, they attain to everlasting felicity. As the godly consideration of Predestination, and our Election in Christ, is full of sweet, pleasant, and unspeakable comfort to godly persons, and such as feel in themselves the working of the Spirit of Christ, mortifying the works of the flesh, and their earthly members, and drawing up their mind to high and heavenly things, as well as because it doth greatly establish and confirm their faith of eternal Salvation to be enjoyed through Christ, as because it doth fervently kindle their love towards God; So, for curious and carnal persons, lacking the Spirit of Christ, to have continually before their eyes the sentence of God's Predestination, is a most dangerous downfall, whereby the Devil doth thrust them either into desperation, or into wretchedness of most unclean living, no less perilous than desperation. Furthermore, we must receive God's promises in such wise, as they be generally set forth to us in holy Scripture: and, in our doings, that the will of God is to be followed, which we have expressly declared unto us in the Word of God.

14.2. INTRODUCTION

This is the longest article, standing in the center of our creed and in many respects the most crucial article. It links together what God in Christ did and finished for us at Calvary with what God does in us 2000 years later.

'Predestination to life is the everlasting purpose of God, whereby (before the foundations of the world were laid) He hath constantly decreed by His counsel secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom he hath chosen in Christ out of mankind.'

Nothing is outside of God's control. Nothing is unknown by Him, He sees the human race so gloriously created after His own image, so that there could be mutual love between God and man, is now fallen and become so that 'from the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in' anyone; the heart of man has become 'deceitful and desperately wicked' (Jeremiah 17:9) so that 'God is angry' with the whole unredeemed human race 'every day' (Psalm 7:11), and in consequence, as our article says, all unredeemed mankind is under 'curse and damnation', lines 3 and 4.

From such unpromising material God has 'decreed by His counsel secret to us, to deliver from curse and damnation those whom He hath chosen in Christ out of mankind, and to bring them by Christ to everlasting Salvation, as vessels made to honour', lines 2- 5.

From nothing, God by His infinite might has created this world of matchless order and beauty. Similarly by the same mighty power God creates from those who were 'not my people' those who will 'be called the sons of the living God' (Hosea 1:10), and these children will be fashioned eventually into the matchless beauty of the character of Jesus. Moreover those who are predestinated to be the children of the living God, God chose 'before the foundations of the world were laid', line 2.

Now all these statements come straight from Holy Scripture. Writing to the Christians at Ephesus, Paul wrote; 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ ... according as he hath chosen us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love; having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself' (Ephesians 1:3-5).

14.3. CHOSEN ONLY TO BE HOLY

Note that the only reason God has chosen you to be a Christian - that is a follower of Jesus Christ - is that you should be holy and without blame before him in love. Are you holy? Do you realize, if you are a Christian, God has had you in his mind's eye since before He created the world? In his high priestly prayer to his Father just before the crucifixion Jesus prayed for Christians that the Father would 'Sanctify them through thy truth and for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth' (John 17:17-19).

14.4. THE MEANING OF BEING 'BORN AGAIN'

In the introduction to his Gospel, John the apostle of love, wrote; 'As many as received him (Jesus) to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them which believe on his (Christ's) name which were born, not of blood (i.e. not because their parents were Christian), nor of the will of the flesh (i.e. not by the exercise of their own unregenerate wisdom), nor of the will of man (i.e. not by the ministration of some priest), but of God' (John 1:12-13).

It is highly significant that Jesus used the analogy of birth to describe the application of the grace of God to those whom we have seen in previous articles 'are not able not to sin' and who are guilty and under the curse, even spiritually 'dead in trespasses and sins' (Ephesians 2:1). So, said Jesus, 'Marvel not that I said unto thee ye must be born again' (John 3:7).

Let us consider this step by step. When I was a fetus in my mother's womb I had no say in my birth whatsoever. It was the result under God of the marriage of my parents and God gave me life. Before I was conceived I was not alive, I was nothing. I am alive because I was born and was born into a family.

Before I was spiritually reborn I was spiritually 'dead in trespasses and sins' (Ephesians 2:1). I am spiritually alive because I have been spiritually re-born. Is it then too much to believe that I had no say in my spiritual re-birth, that God gave me spiritual life, and that I was re-born into His family as a child of God?

Have you ever seen a lamb being born? What happens is that the lamb as soon as it is born finds the nipple to sustain its life. As soon as that happens the farmer knows that all will be well. The lamb has life and that life is going to be sustained.

Now consider John Chapter 3. In verse 3 Jesus said, 'Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God'. In verse 7 Jesus said, 'Marvel not that I said unto thee, ye must be born again'. Only after this in verse 16 did Jesus say, 'God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life', and finally in verse 36, 'He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life'.

You see, you don't get born by trying to be born, and you don't become a Christian by trying to be one. You know you are a Christian when you reach for Jesus like the lamb for the nipple. Like the lamb to the nipple you become utterly dependent on Jesus. When you love Jesus and are trusting solely in Him for your life - for your salvation - and are truly dedicating your life to Him by being loyal to Him in everything, then you know you are a child of God, and you know you have everlasting life, and that will never be taken from you. You will never perish.

And the world will know you are a child of God when the likeness of Jesus's character begins to appear in you. There will be repentance, faith, and moral reform. Like babies we have to grow, and the very fact that you are dedicated to Christ is the sign, the only sign to you and the world around you that you are spiritually alive and on the right road. 'Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ' (Philippians 1:6), we have immeasurable peace and comfort amongst all the trials and tribulations of this life.

14.5. SPIRITUAL COMFORT

The fact that our salvation is all of God is an immense source of comfort to the soul - for at least two good reasons. The first is that what God has begun in you he will certainly complete. Your heavenly Father now loves you as His precious child, nourishing you, cherishing you, and if necessary chastising you so that you may become more and more like your dearly beloved eldest brother, Jesus.

The second thing is that this awareness is such a great comfort in facing the future. If I thought that my salvation depended at any point on what I had done, it would be at that point where my faith would break under persecution, or even torture. But thank God is all of Him. By His Spirit He gave me life; He led me to repentance; He gave me faith; He gave me the desire and the will to serve Him; and He keeps me loyal to Him as says Psalm 138:8, 'Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: forsake not the works of thine own hands'. God never forsakes His own.

14.6. THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

This article brings out very strikingly the absolute sovereignty of God. God takes the initiative in recreating His people into the image of Jesus Christ just as He took the initiative in creating the world. I suppose, if there are two things this poor fallen sad world needs to know more than anything else, they are that God is in fact ALMIGHTY and that God is HOLY, and is 'of purer eyes than to look upon iniquity' (Habakkuk 1:13).

So continues our article, 'Wherefore, they which be endued with so excellent a benefit of God be called according to God's purpose by his Spirit working in due season; they through Grace obey the calling: they be justified freely: they be made sons of God by adoption: they be made like the image of his only begotten son Jesus Christ: they walk religiously in good works, and at length, by God's mercy, they attain everlasting felicity' lines 6-12.

14.7. GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY AND HUMAN RESPONSIBILITY

Yes, you may ask, but where does human responsibility come in this? If God is sovereign and has predestinated us, and called us in due time, where is human free will and where is human responsibility? My answer to that is that I cannot explain how God's sovereignty and human free will and responsibility exist together in the application of salvation. No more can I explain how it is that God is one God yet a God of three Persons. We accept both because that is what God has revealed of Himself and of His ways with men in Holy Scripture. You may ask, does this also mean that God has also predestinated some to everlasting damnation and some to everlasting life? The answer is to be found in Romans 9:20-23. 'Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, and of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endureth with much long suffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction; and that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory?'

How would we appreciate the beauty of a sunset if there were no darkness? How would we appreciate the glory of a dawn if there were no night? How would we appreciate fireworks if there was only daylight? How would we recognise the splendour of the stars and planets if we did not see them against the dark? How then are the children of light to reflect the glory of the light of God's countenance if there are not also children of darkness? Having said this, be assured that no one will find himself in hell unless he rejects the Word.

Do you remember the parable of the sower? The seeds which die are those which fall on stony hardened hearts which will not receive them. The seeds which die are those which fall among the weeds and the seeds are choked by worldly concerns and activities. The seeds which die are the seeds which fall by the wayside and never take root, like churchgoers who remain churchgoers and never become committed and rooted to Christ. George Whitefield used to refer to them as the tragedy of 'The Almost Christians'.

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And so for them, 'for curious and carnal persons, lacking the Spirit of Christ, to have continually before their eyes the sentence of God's Predestination, is a most dangerous downfall, whereby the Devil doth thrust them either into desperation, or into wretchedness of most unclean living, no less perilous than desperation', lines 20- 25.

14.8. THE DANGER OF SPIRITUAL PRIDE

No doubt if we had been left to work out a system of salvation we would certainly have included some contribution by ourselves. How we would love to be able to say to ourselves, 'I am good enough to be accepted by God as I am. I was clever enough and astute enough to believe that Jesus is the Son of God without any help from the Holy Spirit. In fact really Jesus didn't have to die for me!' So pride and self-reliance would never have died in us and we would never have had the faith to cast all our cares on God.

But for those who have clasped Christ to their hearts as their own personal Saviour and Lord, 'Godly consideration of Predestination and our election in Christ is full of sweet, pleasant, and unspeakable comfort especially as we feel in ourselves the working of the Spirit of Christ, mortifying the works of the flesh, and drawing up our minds to high and heavenly things, because it doth greatly establish and confirm our faith of eternal salvation to be enjoyed through Christ and also because it doth fervently kindle our love towards God', lines 13-20. So as Paul wrote in Romans 11:22, 'Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God; on them which fell severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness; otherwise thou also shalt be cut off'. For some Christ is the rock of salvation, to others he is a stone of stumbling. Some will stay in this church and some will go as they are confronted with the truth.

14.9. CONCLUSION

But let us thank God that our individual redemption is wholly from beginning to end a work of God; from the secret election of God, from the finished work of Jesus paying the price, and from the effective prickings of the Holy Spirit impelling us to Christ, our salvation is all of grace, and being all of grace, God will keep us from falling till the end. Knowing that this is so, and no matter what the dangers, sufferings, or persecutions we may have to endure, we know 'that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it unto the day of Jesus Christ' (Philippians 1:6). Let us not be ashamed therefore to proclaim the full counsel of God, to alarm the unconverted, and to draw in all whom the Father has given to our Lord Jesus Christ, for this Gospel is 'The power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth' (Romans 1:16).

BIGFISH ...

Believers in God, Faithful in Serving Him.

On Tuesday, February 17th, BIGFISH will continue our tradition of hosting a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. This dinner will take place from 6:00-7:00pm in Lunt Hall. It is a fundraiser for our youth, and we will ask that those attending to give a donation in the amount of their own choosing.

We will also encourage parishioners to purchase white, wooden crosses to be displayed in their yards during this Lenten and Easter season as a sign of their Christian faith. We are going to ask for a minimum donation of \$10/cross.

Kids and adult helpers will need to be at the church at 5:00pm to begin set-up for this event. It is important that our youth can be there to help out with this event because all of the money goes to supporting their ministry. **Please let me know if you will be able to attend.** I am also looking for a few parents who are willing to come and help with the event as well.

If you are willing to help out, please contact me at fkasey@holychurchdallas.org.

BIGFISH will participate in the Habitat for Humanity Walk-a-Thon coming up on Saturday, February 28th. The money raised at the Walk-a-Thon will go toward building houses for folks who would otherwise not be able to achieve their dream of home ownership.

We are trying to coordinate our parish efforts in raising money for this year's Walk-a-Thon, and the youth have been asked two things: 1) Commit to walking the 5 mile event, and 2) Ask your teachers, coaches, friends, and family members to sponsor you on the walk by giving a pledge. This is a fundraiser, so the most important thing for you to do is to solicit those you know to support you in raising money for this worthy organization.

Afterward, the youth will travel to Cane's (NW corner of Coit/Campbell) for lunch. BIGFISH will pay for the lunches of those who participate in the Walk a Thon. Parents can pick their children up at 11:30am at Canes.

So, gather your friends together to come out to support this wonderful ministry and enjoy a free lunch at Cane's on us.



FRIDAY FUN NIGHT February 13th 6:30-9:30pm in Miller Hall

Lots of fun, food, crafts, games ...and much, much more !
Children ages 3yrs (potty trained) and up are welcome.

Parents, drop off your child(ren) and go out and enjoy a night on your own.



Contributed by
Rudy Schenken

Latest Anglican News

News from Our Anglican World

“For the word of the Cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” ~
1 Corinthians 1:18

The Anglican Church in North America College of Bishops Meeting – 5-9 January



The Bishops of ACNA just completed their first College of Bishops meeting for 2015. As the Church is moving out on so many initiatives here are some highlights from their official communiqué that may be of interest CHC members.

Led by our new Archbishop, The Most Rev. Dr. Foley Beach, they met to learn ways to be more effective and fruitful in the areas of prayer, teaching, business, and fellowship.

Special mention was made of Bishop Sutton’s teaching, as Provincial Dean of the ACNA, about how to more effectively perform the office of the Bishop. He challenged the College to recover the best of the apostolic office as it has been revealed in Scripture and experienced in the life of the Church.

Archbishop Beach gave thanks for the presence and grace of God that has been evident in the first six months of this new ministry. He expressed his commitment to shared leadership in the College and Province.

With minor revisions, they adopted a “Preface Concerning the Confirmation Liturgy,” the intention being to ensure that each Anglican makes a public profession of faith and receives the laying on of hands by a bishop.

The Task Force on Marriage recognized the massive changes in the understanding and practice of marriage in Western society, including such matters as the sexual revolution, no-fault divorce, same-sex marriage, and abortion. To this end, the College approved the formation of a task force that will work to consider marriage from a variety of interlocking perspectives: theological, liturgical, pastoral, legal, canonical, ecumenical, and public policy.

The Holy Orders Task Force is working on Phase Three of its stated procedure, focusing on ordination and holy orders. The task force also has been working to identify divergent understandings, within our Province, about the nature of ordination and holy orders, including women’s ordination. Their goal is to resolve the concerns within the Province about how holy orders are understood and function.

The Anglican Unity Task Force is working to simplify the many overlapping structures of our Province. It hopes to create clear processes for future use in parish and diocesan alignments.

They overwhelmingly reaffirmed the Conclave’s process by which a new Archbishop is selected.

They discussed our commitment to multi-ethnicity as an essential element of our life as a Church and our witness to the wider North American culture. They celebrated our growing relationship and church planting efforts with our Latino and Asian brothers and sisters and gave thanks for the contributions of the Province’s many African-American bishops, clergy and members. They pledged to grow our engagement with the African-American community.

With regard to International Affairs, the ACNA continues to develop its relationships of full communion with and recognition from the vast majority of the world’s Anglicans, and it has robust mission partnerships with many of its 35+ Provinces.

They also discussed the grave tear in the fabric of the Anglican Communion caused by decisions of some provinces and diocese to depart from historic faith and practice. They continue their commitment to upholding and proclaiming Biblical truth as members of the Global Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans, the outgrowth of the two GAFCON conferences in 2008 and 2013.

The ACNA, in a report by Bishop Sutton, is engaged in eight different ecumenical dialogues: Roman Catholic Church, Orthodox Church in America, Polish National Catholic Church, North American Lutheran Church, Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Messianic Jewish churches, Good News Methodists, and Presbyterian Church in America. Archbishop Beach noted that in this increasingly secular time, it is all the more essential to be working across denominational lines as we seek to reach our culture with the Gospel.

The Bishops left the meeting with hearts that are thankful for God’s love and for His providential care, as they take the next steps to reach North America with the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and continue to invite your prayers.

To God be the glory!

Blessings,

Rudy Schenken, Parish Administrator



Holy Communion Christian Academy

Pre-K and Kindergarten has a place for your child grandchild, or friend's child.

Our school is proud to be accredited by the highly respected NAEYC
(National Association for the Education of Young Children)

Holy Communion Christian Academy is Now Enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year!

Parishioners of CHC and their immediate family are not only considered priority enrollments, they also get 1/2 off of the application fee and 25% off the tuition! Please contact Monica Dalton at director@hccadallas.org or [972-248-7610](tel:972-248-7610).

Box Tops to help HCCA ...

Box Tops for Education is one of the nation's largest school earnings loyalty programs. With over 250 participating products; such as, cereals, food storage products, frozen foods, produce, baking and bake ware, some apparel, meals, sides, refrigerated items, dairy, snacks, juices, paper products, school and office supplies, tableware, and waste bags. This is an easy way for our school to earn extra money for supplies and activities. Each Box Top is worth \$.10 and they add up fast!

The process is simple. Purchase a participating product, cut out the box tops (see an example below) and place them in the plastic container in the Edman building on the credenza under the white board.

Clip away and thanks for your support of Holy Communion Christian Academy!



St. James Brotherhood Theology on Tap



Monday, February 2nd in Lunt Hall
6:30pm=grill opens
7:00pm=program begins

Topic: "How the West Really Lost God"

Future dates are:
March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 8.



Invite your friends to join us !

PrimeTimers

... are sponsoring a very special event
for ALL church members and their friends.
Friday, February 20th 6:30pm in Lunt Hall
Our very own (and very talented)

Susan Boone

will do a character presentation based on the book
"The Aviator's Wife"
(about Anne Morrow Lindbergh and Charles Lindbergh)

Please bring an appetizer to share and your drink of choice.
There is no charge for this event.

Wedding Vow Renewal

All CHC parishioners are invited
to participate in this
very special service on



Saturday, February 14th at 5:00pm.

Following the service, HCW will host
a reception with
hors d'oeuvres, desserts,
champagne, and live
Romantic Music by Chris Hoyt.



Please bring your wedding/special toasting
glasses with you !

Sign up Sheet is in Lunt Hall.



RAIH Walk-a-Thon
to raise money to help build a
Habitat for Humanity house.

It's time to start lining up people
to *sponsor* you in the Walk-a-Thon.
Last year CHC had a great turnout ... adults and youth,
and we raised a lot of money for Habitat for Humanity.
THANK YOU to everyone who walked last year.
Let's try for more walkers this year.

Saturday, February 28th 9:00am

UTD Parking Lot-corner of Floyd Rd./Lookout Dr., Richardson

Pick up a registration form in Lunt Hall.

Tom Wooten is the contact person.

THE ACOUSTIC COFFEE HOUSE

Live Music • Coffee • Wine • Desserts • Friends

Thank you to everyone who came out and made ACH great last Friday!
We had over 110 people attending and having a great time listening to “5second Rule”

We thank you for your continued support, donations, and prayers!

We have seen a great turn out of brand new faces at each event ...

If you haven't had time to join us yet, please make plans to do so All ages welcome ... we're a mixed group !



**Acoustic Coffee House will be open on April 24th and June 26th
8:00—10:00pm in Lunt Hall**

Story Time by Tonya Smith

Wisdom literature comes in many forms, and one of my favorites has always been the humble fable. Aesop's fables were not originally told to children, but they have come to be associated with the very young because their simple plots and aphoristic wisdom are easily accessible. At least, that's how it seems on first encounter. Reading them again recently, I was struck by how profound many of them actually are. In "The Fatal Marriage" for instance, a mouse requests a lion's daughter for his bride. He gets his wish, but on the wedding day she accidentally steps on him, and that's the end of that. Each story is summed up with "The Point," and this one reads: "What we want is not always the best thing for us."

"The Swallow and the Other Birds" tells of foolish birds that refuse to listen to good advice. The swallow warns them to eat the hemp seeds before they can grow and become a threat, but because she is ignored, the hemp is eventually used to make cords for nets to catch the birds. The Point: "Destroy the seed of evil or it will grow up and destroy you."

Aesop was an Ethiopian slave in Ancient Greece in the sixth century BC whose own life has become a fable. Widely known for his wit and storytelling abilities, he was sold to wealthy families until he ended up in the Emperor's household. His reputation for truth telling through stories of animals and everyday experiences made the Emperor choose him as an ambassador to Delphi. This mission proved an unfortunate one, however, because a dispute arose. When Aesop tried to resolve it with his wisdom, the Delphians threw him off a cliff. The Point: Truth telling can be dangerous.

The pursuit of wisdom is an essential part of growing in Christ. I find it interesting that scripture often uses animals and examples from daily life to teach us what we need to know. The world needs to hear the wisdom of Christ, but we're warned that our message will not always be welcome. Matthew 10:16 says, "Behold I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."

May God give us the courage to keep telling the Story.



January-February 2015 ANNIVERSARIES

Mark and Kathryn Piersall January 2
 Tristan and Jennifer Boyd January 6
 Brenton and Sharon Drakeford January 10
 Tim and Ilene Vought January 13
 Robert and Jane Keith January 26

Ted and Linda Cox February 2
 Douglas and Madeleine Smith February 11
 Jay and Charlene Wolthausen February 11
 Noble Field and Donna Mallory February 14
 Gordon and Nancy Asher February 15
 Don and Cheryl Coney February 26
 Steve and Chris Vajrt February 27
 Joe and Stephanie Marcum February 28

Collinwood Care Center

Residents of Collinwood were the grateful recipients of the gifts from our Christmas Angel Tree this year.

We support residents who are indigent or whose families cannot take care of them.

The residents were extremely appreciative of your generous gifts.

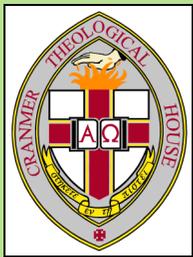


The gifts filled the SUV of Chuck and Evy Cassell who transported them to Collinwood.



The
Prayer Shawl Ministry
meets on the
4th Saturday of each month
at 10:00am in the new conference room.

If you like to knit or crochet, please join us as we make Prayer Shawls, baptismal blankets, and other items to give to our parishioners.



Cranmer Theological House

Theological Education in the Anglican Way

The Reformed Episcopal Church

www.CranmerHouse.org

Spring Courses: 2015

Course #	Course Name	Instructor
March 6-8 CH 701	Reformation/Modern Church History	Erlandson
March 27-29 OT 501	Old Testament Introduction	Crenshaw
April 24-26 NT 501	New Testament Introduction	Toms
May 29-31 NT 70	Acts/Pauline Epistles	Camlin

IMPORTANT NOTE: CLASS FORMAT CHANGE

CTH has changed to a one weekend format.

Classes will meet on the assigned weekend as follows: Friday noon-8pm; Saturday 8am-8pm; Sunday noon-4pm.

TUITION: For Credit: \$500 per class. For Audit: \$250 per class.

For more information about the classes, please contact: Canon Charlie Camlin frcharlie@holychurchdallas.org