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THE *CARILLON*

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Oktoberfest and HCCA Fundraiser

Co-sponsored by St. James Brotherhood and Holy Communion Christian Academy

Saturday, October 22nd 6:00pm in Lunt Hall

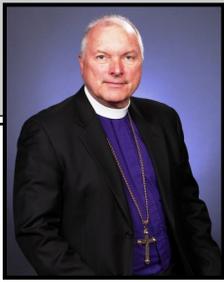
*Brats ... Kraut ... Beer ... German music ...
a bounce house for the children
and a silent auction!*

We're raising money to refurbish our
Trike Path.

Please support our Church School by attending this fundraiser.

Tickets: \$10/adults, \$5/children.





RECTOR'S PAGE

Fritz Kreisler (1875-1962), the world-famous violinist, earned a fortune with his concerts and compositions, but he generously gave most of it away. So, when he discovered an exquisite violin on one of his trips, he wasn't able to buy it. Later, having raised enough money to meet the asking price, he returned to the seller, hoping to purchase the beautiful instrument.

But to his great dismay it had been sold to a collector. Kreisler made his way to the new owner's home and offered to buy the violin. The collector said it had become his prized possession and he would not sell it. Keenly disappointed, Kreisler was about to leave when he had an idea. "Could I play the instrument once more before it is consigned to silence?" he asked. Permission was granted, and the great virtuoso filled the room with such heart-moving music that the collector's emotions were deeply stirred. "I have no right to keep that to myself," he exclaimed. "It's yours, Mr. Kreisler. Take it into the world, and let people hear it."

All too often the Church can treat the precious, invaluable Truth of the Gospel like that prized violin. It's not that we don't value it. We do. We cherish it so much we keep it like something of extraordinary significance. It becomes, unfortunately, like a rare museum piece unless it is taken into the world.

Just before Jesus ascended into heaven He gave what The Church has forever called, *The Great Commission*. The words of Jesus literally are, "Going, disciple the nations." The urgency and the need to take Jesus into all the world can be read/heard in the participle, "going." The disciples, including you and me, were to be about going, better, giving the Good News of Jesus away to the world.

Funny thing about the Gospel, or maybe not so funny; it doesn't fulfill God's purpose if it's not spread to others. A famous Archbishop of Canterbury named William Temple once observed, "The Church is the only society that does not exist only for those who live outside it."

Jesus' Great Commission has led us at Church of the Holy Communion not only to preserve the timeless traditional worship of the *Book of Common Prayer*, and to form our unique spiritual oasis of a community, but we are bidden to be about the "going of which Jesus spoke."

One of the ways we do this is coming up in a seeker ministry we call *Veritas*. The word is from the Latin meaning truth. We hear this meaning in other English words derived from *veritas*, such as verity, verdict and so forth. Our *Veritas* ministry centers around having a meal with our guests for five Sunday evenings. I give a short presentation of Christ and Christianity based on

Jesus' conversation recorded in the Gospel of John. It was with Pontius Pilate just before he condemned Jesus to death. Pilate asked the famous question, "What is truth?" Ironically the Truth was standing right in front of him. And the truth about the Truth is that He was innocent of the crimes for which He was accused. Still Pilate did not listen to the Truth. He missed it.

In order that we not miss it, I develop my presentations about the Truth of Jesus Christ from the rest of the Gospel of John. There are five in all. After each presentation, we have some time informally to answer together some questions I prepare for each presentation. The goal is to make sure each person who comes hears the Truth about Jesus Christ in a clear and inviting setting.

Our next *Veritas* series is coming October 23, Sunday evening at 6:30. Please tell you friends and bring a guest. Maybe it's someone whom you met as a visitor to church. Perhaps it's an acquaintance who you've been wanting to bring to church. One thing is for sure, some people never come the first time unless someone tells and/or brings them. Please support this important aspect of our ministry at CHC.

Washington -- Graffiti from the 1800s discovered by workers renovating the Washington Monument has quite a different tone from that usually found today on the sides of buildings and subway cars. "Whoever is the human instrument under God in the conversion of one soul, erects a monument to his own memory more lofty and enduring (sic) than this," reads the inscription, which can now be viewed by visitors to the monument. It is signed BFB. No one knows who that is, or who left the small drawings and 19th century dates on other walls. The markings in the lobby of the monument were covered over when it was decorated at the turn of the century. They were found when workers removed marble wainscoting as part of a year-long \$500,000 renovation which was just completed.

Come and join us; be human instruments in leading people to the Lord God Almighty.

Thank you and blessings!

Who's sitting next to you .?

Virginia Fair Hale

Virginia Hale has been a member of CHC for several years and was delighted to find a church that reminded her of the church which she attended with her family as a child, Church of the Holy Cross in Dallas. Virginia is a third generation Dallasite, graduating from Hillcrest High School and the University of Texas, Austin. In 2011, she retired after working for thirty years as a school counselor for Plano and Frisco ISD. Virginia and husband, Kay, a psychologist in private practice, live in Carrollton.

Virginia became involved in dog rescue when she kept getting notices on NEXT DOOR that animals were being euthanized with some regularity at the municipal shelter. She decided to try to help find homes or rescues for these animals that had been "thrown away". Over the past year and a half, she has sent at least a dozen animals to rescues in Wisconsin and Iowa as well as many others to rescues closer to home.

Since a rescue group is only as strong as it's foster families, Virginia is always looking for people who would be willing to care for a dog for two weeks before it's transport to rescue.



Virginia was recently featured on TV for her work with "Rescue Dogs" ...

This is the transcript of an interview with Virginia:

Dogs were never a big part of Virginia Hale's life.

But her connection began after reading a neighbor's blog two years ago.

"Should have gotten in on this a lot earlier," she said.

It was a notice that struck a chord.

"It was about this dog having to be put down," Hale said. "I thought that I have to help in some small way."

Ever since then, the retired school counselor has been on a mission to rescue shelter dogs in Carrollton.



A folder filled with pictures of rescue dogs at Barking Lot Doggy Daycare sparked the effort.

"She just asked if she could leave it here," said owner Toni Standmire. "There were little dogs that were waiting for a forever home."

With the help of Standmire, Virginia has placed dozens of dogs at the local animal shelter with families in North Texas and across the country.

"Virginia is like an angel," said Standmire.

Hale pays for flights with her own money and has even driven a dog across the country to connect with a family.

"We'll try anything to get these dogs a home," said Hale. "We call it the rescue railroad."

Since she started the passion project almost two years ago, she says the animal shelter hasn't had to euthanize a single dog. Tuesday, Hale stopped by the Carrollton Animal Shelter to pick up Daisy. The rescue dog will be fostered until Hale can find her a forever home.

Around CHC ...

Theology on Tap and Women, Wine and Wisdom heard a special presentation by Christian screen writer, Vince Williams.



Youth Choir Director, Chris Hoyt, works with his young singers at the Youth Choir Workshop ...and pizza for all the singers!



Fr. Kasey holds an Usher Training session.



Altar Guild Workshop and Altar Guild Recognition Sunday.



After Evensong, Fr. Charlie leads his Wednesday night Bible Study of the Book of Revelation.



Homecoming-Education Sunday



HCW "New to You" Sale and Fashion/Accessories Show





Articles of Religion

Part 33

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This is Article 33 taken from The Continuum blog from contributor by Fr. Robert Hart

ARTICLE XXXIII: Of Excommunicated Persons, how they are to be avoided

That person which by open denunciation of the Church is rightly cut off from the unity of the Church and excommunicated, ought to be taken of the whole multitude of the faithful as an heathen and publican, until he be openly reconciled by penance and received into the Church by a judge that hath authority thereto.

Fr. Robert Hart

The scriptural basis for excommunication begins in the Law of Moses, when one penalty is to be cut off from Israel. An example is Numbers 15:30,31.

"But the soul that doeth *ought* presumptuously, *whether he be* born in the land, or a stranger, the same reproacheth the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because he hath despised the word of the LORD, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity *shall be* upon him."

In the New Testament we find the words of Jesus Himself, in Matthew 18:15-18

"Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear *thee*, *then* take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell *it* unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

To treat such a person as "a heathen man or a publican" is reflected in the words of St. Paul from the fifth chapter of First Corinthians, "With such an one, no not to eat." The entire chapter is short.

"It is reported commonly *that there is* fornication among you, and such fornication as is not so much as named among the Gentiles, that one should have his father's wife. And ye are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. For I verily, as absent in body, but present in spirit, have judged already, as though I were present, *concerning* him that hath so done this deed, In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators: Yet not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world. But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? do not ye judge them that are within? But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person."

We must explain some of what appears in that text, first noting that in his Second Epistle to the Corinthians we find evidence that the man repented and that St. Paul instructs the Church to receive him back, and to assure him of forgiveness. In chapter 2:6 and following we read,

"Sufficient to such a man *is* this punishment, which *was inflicted* of many. So that contrariwise ye *ought* rather to forgive *him*, and comfort *him*, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm *your* love toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye be obedient in all things. To whom ye forgive any thing, I *forgive* also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave *it*, for your sakes *forgave I it* in the person of Christ; Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices."

The curious phrase "To deliver such an one unto Satan..." must be interpreted by the context, in which it becomes evident that his exclusion from the Church removes a kind of protection from the spiritual forces of darkness. The command at the end of the chapter is to "put away from among yourselves that wicked person." Therefore, we must conclude that the meaning is to expel the unrepentant and notorious sinner from the fellowship of the Church.

In our day and age that seems almost impossible. After all, the Church has never been authorized by God to make use of physical force or violence. We have control, however, over the reception of Communion, which is why excommunication is viewed mostly as refusal to administer this sacrament to someone. The Book of Common Prayer, as written for the Episcopal Church in the United States, the 1928 edition, reflects this in its rubrics.

If among those who come to be partakers of the Holy Communion, the Minister shall know any to be an open and notorious evil liver, or to have done any wrong to his neighbours by word or deed, so that the Congregation be thereby offended; he shall advertise him, that he presume not to come to the Lord's Table, until he have openly declared himself to have truly repented and amended his former evil life, that the Congregation may thereby be satisfied; and that he hath recompensed the parties to whom he hath done wrong; or at least declare himself to be in full purpose so to do, as soon as he conveniently may.

However, merely withholding communion is less than what St. Paul commanded, and less than what Christ Himself commanded. The person excommunicated is not to be granted the fellowship of the Church, not even in a social setting. The degree to which this is possible in modern society needs to be thought through and discussed, but not ignored.

Also, the person who is excommunicated is not to be cast out because of anything less than open and unrepentant sin, inasmuch as his or her life is a scandal to the people of God. Excommunication is not an appropriate punishment for merely offending some priest or bishop. I recall an event from the life of the late and very famous John Lennon, when he was granting an interview to the press. Telling of when he was fourteen, and attended church regularly (the Church of England), he would become emotional in "the House of God," as he put it. But on one occasion a bit of laughter came over him that he could not entirely restrain, which is one of the weaknesses of being fourteen (for those of us who can remember). The vicar took it personally, and feeling insulted he told the young John Lennon that he was never to return to *his* church. At the time he was telling the story Lennon concluded with the words, "That was the end of the Church for me." He never became an unbeliever; but how tragic that his fellowship with the Church was cut off that way.

In the passages both from First and Second Corinthians we must conclude that the true purpose of excommunication is not to rid the Church of "such an one." Rather, that his or her exclusion from the fellowship and sacraments of the Church may *move the sinner to repent*. Again those words that sound so strange to modern ears, "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus." The removal of spiritual protection, and the isolation in being "cut off from among his people" is, in all its gravity, a service of charity when all else has failed.

But, in this day and age we have a weakness in the Church due to its divisions, indeed even its competition for members as if it were comprised of local businesses hungry for customers. Merely filling pews with bodies that still breathe is not evangelism (nothing short of saving souls is genuine evangelism). The temptation exists to increase the attendance and donations, no questions asked. If someone is excommunicated nothing prevents him from joining another church, and even telling everyone about the alleged evils of his former affiliation.

Sadly, this practically seems to nullify the effect of the Article, the effect of St. Paul's words, and the effect of Christ's own instruction to us.

Holy Communion Christian Academy

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

Special Pricing for CHC members ...

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 .

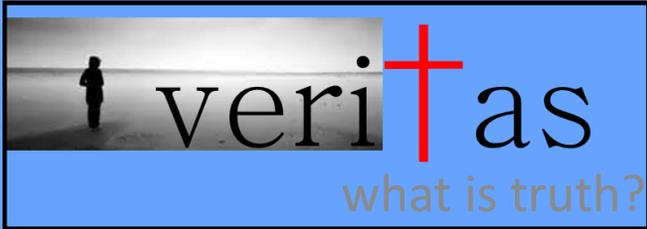
We offer Extended Hours and Academic Year or Year Round Terms

Hours: 7:30am-6:00pm **Days:** Monday-Friday **Term:** Academic Year or Year Round **Ages:** 6 weeks through Kindergarten

For more information, please contact Director, Monica Dalton, 972-248-7610 or go to the school website: www.hccadallas.org.

**Please make plans to come out and support
the HCCA Fall Fundraiser at Oktoberfest.
Saturday, October 22nd at 6:00pm in Lunt Hall.
We're raising money to "refurbish" our Trike Path.**





What is veritas?

Veritas is an opportunity to make friends, share a meal, and ask questions about life, God, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Who is it for?

Veritas is for everyone, especially those who have given up on church, want to investigate Christianity, are new to the Christian faith, or want to grow in understanding and faith. The Veritas Course doesn't assume any background knowledge in Christianity.

How does it work?

Veritas is a free, 5-week course.

Each session begins with food and is followed by a short talk.

After that, there's time for discussion in a friendly, small-group setting.



Sundays 6:30pm October 23— November 20

Please Sign Up in Lunt Hall ... or ... RSVP: veritas@holychurchdallas.org ... or call Werner Heissenhuber at 972-697-2586

For more information go to www.holychurchdallas.org click on Veritas



ANNUAL MARK MATHIEU MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 25, 2016

Even though the Golf Tournament was "rained out" ...

... the
after party at
the Dalton's
house was
great !



Since the guys couldn't play golf, they watched Jordon Spieth win !

**The Golf Tournament
has been
re-scheduled for**

Sunday, October 30th.

James Dalton
cooked
the BEST
hamburgers
ever !

Around CHC ... more activities !



What a FUN day for the "Tables of Kids" at the Pumpkin Patch !



Flu Shots !

Nurse Ilene Vought and Dr. Russell Smith gave Flu shots to parishioners.

All of the money collected through donations is going to Cranmer Theological House scholarships.

Dr. Smith generously donated the shots.

Thank you !



Dr. Smith tries not to hurt his wife, Kerrie, while giving her a flu shot.

 *Life Chain*



On Sunday, October 2nd Parishioners and Clergy of CHC participated in the 29th National Life Chain.

The *Prayer Shawl Ministry* meets on the 4th Saturday of each month
at 10:00am in the Conference Room Annex in the Edman Building.



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.

We welcome new members!

For more information, please contact Mona Perkins.

Our shawls are lovingly created and prayed over – blessed for the purpose of giving peace, comfort, and the sense of the Love of our Lord to those who are ill, or grieving, etc.

They can also be given for celebratory reasons such as a marriage, birth of a baby, etc.

If you know someone who would appreciate one of our Prayer Shawls, please contact us.

“Feast of Booths (Sukkot)” Celebration

**CHC Traditions Fellowship
will host a Sukkot supper at the church on
Friday, October 21, at 6:30 p.m.**

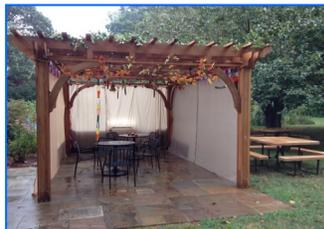
*Everyone is invited ... the parish, the neighborhood,
and guests who would like to attend.*

The Feast of Booths (or Feast of Tabernacles) commemorates the 40-year period during which Israel wandered in the desert, living in temporary shelters, after being delivered from slavery in Egypt and receiving the Torah. Sukkot is also a harvest festival (Festival of the Ingathering) and time of thanksgiving.

**It is a joyful celebration of
God’s provision for his people.**

One distinctive tradition associated with this holiday is the construction of a small, temporary “house” or booth (sukkah).

Families often construct a sukkah at home, eating meals, entertaining and even sleeping in it during the week of the festival.



Traditions Fellowship, a small group ministry at Church of the Holy Communion, will be building a sukkah as part of its observance of the Feast of Booths in October.

The group is involved with learning about the Jewish roots of Christianity, studying Old and New Testament scripture, and outreach to the Jewish community.

Please make a reservation by calling the church office at 972-248-6505 or by email to cathy@holychurchdallas.org

OR ... Sign Up in Lunt Hall ...

so that we can plan for the meal.
(grilled chicken kabobs, sides and dessert)

Women’s Retreat

is just around the corner !

***November 11th—13th
at Camp Crucis***

*The topic is “Spiritual Healing.”
Bishop Keith Ackerman
will be our guest speaker.*

***On Saturday,
Bishop Keith Ackerman will present
“Towards Wholeness and Health.”***

***There will also be a presentation on
“Healing Oils of the Bible.”***

***Please sign up and pay
in Lunt Hall
or the Church Office.***

***Payment is due November 1st.
\$150 includes lodging
at Camp Crucis
and all of your meals.***

If you have never attended one of our retreats, you’re missing out on lots of FUN and FELLOWSHIP ... with a Spiritual base.





Women, Wine, and Wisdom

Monday, October 17th 6:00pm in Lunt Hall

This will be our last get together until January.

Guest Speaker, Chris Hoyt:

“What Music Can Teach Us About Walking With God”

Music, like everything in God's creation, is sacramental. That means that it can give us glimpses of who God is, and sometimes those glimpses can't be summed up in words; they can only be experienced through the music itself.

Using a variety of musical examples, Chris Hoyt will share some of the things that music can teach us about walking with God.

Please bring food to share and a beverage of your choice, if you are able, if not, *please* bring yourself, so we can enjoy being with you.

Church of the Holy Communion Women & Daughters of the Holy Cross

Lauren Furniss: lauren@laurenelisa.com

Cynthia Longueville cplonguev@sbcglobal.net

Newcomers “Meet and Greet”

Sunday, October 23rd

Join us between services for our Meet and Greet!

We will be Meeting and Greeting with “Our Stars” in Lunt Hall.

You will have a chance to visit with our specially designated New Members and Visitors.

Refreshments will be served, of course, on this star-filled morning.



Mugs for our Visitors

The Membership Development Committee has purchased beautiful mugs to give to those who visit our church.



We want our visitors to feel as if they are valued guests, and we want to encourage them to return.

If you bring a newcomer over to Lunt Hall with you, please make sure they are given one of our beautiful mugs that will be located near the entrance.

Mark your Calendars !

Friday, November 18th

ACOUSTIC COFFEE HOUSE



Sunday, November 20th

HCW BAKE SALE !

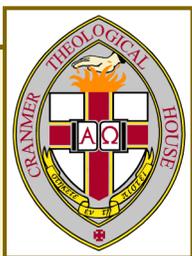


October 2016 ANNIVERSARIES

Ikechukwa and Ifeyinwa Ofofata	October 2
Tad and Gina Deupree	October 5
John and Diana Tipton	October 6
Joseph and Mary Selan	October 9
Danny and Lisa Sanchez	October 17
Ben and Jeanne Gaines	October 19
Trace and Lauren Furniss	October 25
Bud and Cynthia Longueville	October 27
Bill and Joretta Williams	October 28



As part of their
“Community Services Week,”
the students of *Holy Communion Christian Academy* were visited by the local police.



Cranmer Theological House

Fall Courses: 2016

* **Homiletics (LS 504)**

Lecturer: Canon Charles Camlin

Class Dates: *November 4 - 6*

Course Description: Introduction to the history, science, and art of preaching. Consideration will be given to sermon preparation, structure and delivery. Special attention will be devoted to preaching from the lectionary of The Book of Common Prayer.

* **Biblical Covenant (BS 701)**

Lecturer: Bishop Ray Sutton

Class Dates: *December 2 - 4*

Course Description: The course will examine the history, exegesis and Biblical Theology, as well as the implications of a thoroughly Biblical, catholic, and reformed understanding of this central Scriptural theme.

TUITION: For Credit: \$550 per class. For Audit: \$250 per class.

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

—from Canon Charles Camlin ... a new adventure in learning !

About a year ago, I asked Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali about the possibility of going to England to pursue a PhD. He encouraged me to consider the London School of Theology where he teaches part-time. In particular, he encouraged me to contact Dr. Anthony Lane, a scholar that I was familiar with from using one of his books on my thesis at Dallas Theological Seminary.

Well, to make a long story short, I was received into the program last week. The European degrees are almost completely research based so I will be able to do most of my work right here in Dallas (since there are four seminary libraries within 40 miles). I will be required to be in London for two weeks each year over the next four and a half years (which is the time allotted for part-time students). The main purpose for pursuing this degree is to enhance my teaching role at Cranmer Theological House.

For those of you interested in my research, I will be studying the somewhat controversial phrase in the Apostles' Creed about Christ descending into hell. This doctrine came under much scrutiny at the time of the Reformation in the 16th century. I will be researching how this debate played out in England during that time.

I am leaving on Saturday, October 1st and will be returning on the 16th. I would appreciate your prayers for me in my travels and studies and for my family in my absence.

I hope to give a report of my adventures next month.

