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*Cover Photograph:
Christ Church Cathedral pilgrims to Bolivia gather at
the foot of the statue of Cristo de la Concordia, the
Christ of Peace, located just to the east of
Cochabamba, Bolivia. Completed in 1997,
the massive sculpture is the largest statue of Christ
in the world, weighs 2,200 tons, and stands
at 2840 meters above sea level.
Photograph by Sarah Aldejs,
the group's guide and translator*



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F R O M T H E D E A N



With this issue of the *Cornerstone*, the Cathedral begins to roll out a new overall strategy for communication. The *Cornerstone* will be published quarterly as a magazine, with feature-length stories about the individuals and ministries that embody the mission and ministry of Christ Church.

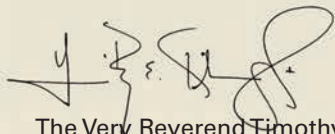
Happenings, our weekly email newsletter, will be distributed to all inside and outside the parish who sign up to receive it. *Happenings* will highlight

important upcoming events in parish life. If you are not currently receiving *Happenings* and would like to be placed on the distribution list, please visit christcathedral.org/happenings or email us at info@christcathedral.org.

Our website at christcathedral.org, Sunday publications, Facebook page, hallway bulletin boards, video screens, and periodic full parish mailings round out the communications efforts of the Cathedral offices. Please bookmark christcathedral.org in your browser and review daily updates to the Cathedral calendar.

Let the *Cornerstone* magazine tell the story of Christ at work among us. Read it and pass it along to a friend, a neighbor, a newcomer. Invite them to join you in the embrace of our common mission to "proclaim the Good News of God in Christ, seeking and serving Christ in all persons."

Peace.



The Very Reverend Timothy E. Kimbrough
Dean and Rector

Summer Worship Schedule

The following summer worship schedule began May 26 and will continue through August 4:

7:30 A.M.

Holy Eucharist Rite II
(with organ)

8:30 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

Breakfast

9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

Centering Prayer
(Chapel)

9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

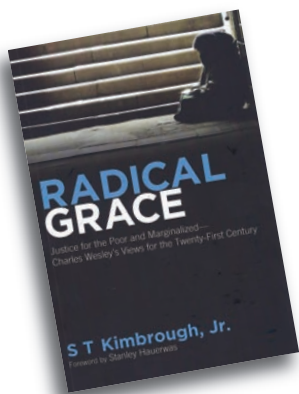
Bible Challenge
(Wheeler Room)

9:00 A.M. – 9:45 A.M.

Lectionary Bible Study
(Parish Hall)

10:00 A.M.

Holy Eucharist Rite II



NEWLY PUBLISHED HYMN SETTINGS BY THE DEAN

Dean Kimbrough's settings of the Charles Wesley hymns "Your duty let th'Apostle show" and "Ye pastors hired who undertake" have been included in the musical appendix to the new publication *Radical Grace* by ST Kimbrough, Jr. Please note the foreword to this book has been written by the Cathedral's Canon Theologian, Dr. Stanley Hauerwas.

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Summer Happenings



Vacation Bible School

Christian Education Coordinator Becky Rochford and a group of energetic volunteers spent many hours planning the Cathedral's Vacation Bible School, which took place June 24-27. This year's theme was "We Are All Saints of God", with each day focused on one of the following figures: Saint John the Baptist, Saint Francis, Saint Thomas, and Mother Teresa.

Activities were designed for children age 4 (as of October 1, 2013) through rising 5th graders. Each day began at 9:00 a.m. with a skit in the Nave and continued until noon with lessons, crafts, and games. Older children had an opportunity for servant ministry in the community. There was a closing Eucharist and lunch for the children and their families on Thursday.

Vacation Bible School organizers asked for donations of Milk Bone dog biscuits for the Nashville Humane Association, 16 oz. jars of peanut butter for the Nashville Food Project,

and small stuffed toys for Siloam Family Health Center. Rising third, fourth, and fifth graders attending Vacation Bible School delivered these items during their service time in the community. Many thanks to all who contributed these items and a big round of applause to Becky and all the volunteers who helped make VBS a week of fun and learning. Dean Kimbrough and Canon Manning provided clergy support. The planning committee included Carter Dawson, Diane Meakin, Beverly Sanders, and Charlotte Scott. Caroline Bauerschmidt, Emma Brewer, Gabrielle Starks, and Sarah Manz were youth volunteers. Adult helpers included Sam Bessey, Rebecca Bourlakas, Amy Brewer, Glenda Chambers, Susan Hilderbrand, Maggie Hope, John Jennings, Susan John, Randall Jones, Julianny Jordan, Liz Robbins, Susannah Scott-Barnes, Charles Simmons, Kristen Simmons, Molly Dale Smith, Eran Stanley, Stephanie Vlahos, Katie Whiteley, Julie Wible, Varina Willse, and Tyler Yarbrow.



Cathedral youth are busy this summer as they share the love of God with and see the face of Jesus Christ in our neighbors in Nashville and in Bolivia.

From June 3 to June 13, a group of high-school students led by Dean Kimbrough, Mary Gail Compton, and Chris King went on a pilgrimage to Cochabamba, Bolivia, where they ministered to the orphans at Kantuta House, part of the Amistad Mission. The trip was designed to give the group an opportunity to see firsthand the work of the Amistad Mission and gain insights into Bolivian culture. The group stayed at the Amistad retreat center and guest house in Cochabamba, known as La Morada ("The Dwelling Place"), and met daily for morning/evening prayer and reflection time. They also participated in a work project and spent time playing with the children at Kantuta House. On Sunday morning, they celebrated the Eucharist with the children and Amistad staff at the Villa.

The pilgrims also visited the Quechua village of Aramasi, a rural peasant village of about 400 people, descendants of the Incas. Aramasi is located two and a half hours outside of Cochabamba in an arid valley at 9,500 feet, surrounded by towering mountains. They toured the clinic, day care center, and school run by the Amistad Mission and shopped at the women's weaving coop. Students participating in the pilgrimage include Natalie Reiman, Lucy Fox, Elizabeth Dossett, Hop Mathews, Simpson Tanner, George

Niarhos, Rob Dobie, Ann Winston Thym, Sarah Ray, Ellie Powers, and Shelton Clark. The next issue of the *Cornerstone* will feature photographs and reflections from the pilgrims on their experience in Bolivia.

Urban Mission

Throughout the week of June 24-28, rising 8th and 9th graders participated in an overnight "mini-camp" at St. Augustine's Chapel on the Vanderbilt campus. During the day they worked with various charities around Nashville, and in the evening returned to St. Augustine's for dinner, games, movies, and evening prayer. Among the organizations they helped were the Oasis Center, Magdalene House, Matthew 25, Preston Taylor Ministries, Good Food For Good People, Nashville Hope Exchange, and Second Harvest. Participating youth include Ted Noser, Bruce Teaford, Jagger Parker, Lilly Urness, Leigh Fox, Grace Claybrook, Mary Blake Graves, Katie Watke, and Sarah Kirkland.

Rising 6th and 7th graders will also do a week of mission work at St. Luke's July 22-26. The group will begin each day at 9 a.m. with Morning Prayer and will spend the rest of the morning playing with the children in the day care, preparing and delivering mobile meals to the



homebound, working at This 'N That Thrift Store, and doing landscaping projects around the St. Luke's campus. After lunch together, they'll reflect on what they have learned before heading home. A donation of \$65 is requested and scholarships are available. There's still time to sign up, so if you'd like to participate, contact youth@christcathedral.org. ■

Summer Parish Choir Schedule

You are invited to join the Parish Choir in leading the music at the 10:00 a.m. Liturgy on two Sundays this summer. Parish Choir Sundays will be July 7 and August 4. Bring a friend and encourage anyone who might be interested to participate. No experience is required! Rehearsal will be at 9:00 a.m. prior to the Liturgy in the Choir Room on the 3rd floor.

Please contact Jon Johnson at jjohnson@christcathedral.org or 615.255.7729 if you have questions.

Summer Happenings



Parish Weekend Away

We all know how fast summer seems to go by, so make plans now to join your fellow parishioners for the annual Parish Weekend Away, August 23-25. Celebrate the waning days of flip flops, sunburned noses, outdoor barbecues, spitting out watermelon seeds, and relaxing on the porch with something cold to drink.



Once again, Parish Weekend Away will take place at NaCoMe Conference Center, an idyllic setting near Centerville, TN. Featuring climate-controlled

cabins, wooded areas, meandering streams, and a lake, NaCoMe Conference Center is a great place to relax and enjoy time with your family and fellowship with other Christ Church friends. Activities will include a zip line, arts and crafts, campfires, music, and more!

The fee for one adult (including lodging and meals) is \$100; for a child between the ages of 3 and 12, it is \$75. The rate for families of 5 or more is \$350. ■

To make a reservation, go to eventville.com/pwa.
For more information, please contact Tara Steffen at parishweekendaway@gmail.com.

EPISCOPAL CHURCHMEN OF TENNESSEE LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE



The 67th Annual Laymen's Conference of the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee will take place August 16-18 at the DuBose Conference Center

in Monteagle. The three-day conference will feature three powerful speakers who have seen personal suffering or suffering in others and are bringing hope to others through the power of Jesus Christ: Papa Joe Bradford who founded Elijah's Heart to minister to inner-city children; David Ring who was born with cerebral palsy, orphaned at 14, and faced a hopeless future until he came to know Jesus Christ; and Brian Sellers-Petersen who has been involved in helping the suffering, the hungry, and the helpless through his work with Episcopal Relief and Development. The weekend will also include a barbecue cooking contest, a bluegrass jam, and a variety of outdoor activities, including golf, fly fishing, skeet shooting, hiking, swimming, and tennis.

For more information, call 931-924-2353 or email lorrie@DuboseConferenceCenter.org.

You may register online at episcopalchurchmen.net.



40 Reaffirm Baptismal Vows at Easter Vigil

Congratulations to the youth and adults who were confirmed, as well as those who were received into the parish and those who reaffirmed their baptismal vows, at the Easter Vigil on March 30.

Youth confirmands included James Luke Barrick, Roy Ryan Barrick, Louis Pellerin Brown, Douglas Brooks Corzine, Evelyn Haas Davidson, Anna Elizabeth Hinman, William Thomas Johnston, Elizabeth Graham LeBleu, Rose Anne Lobelson, Robert Cabeen Hopkins Mathews IV, Adrienne Taylor May, George William Niarhos, Simpson Bobo Tanner V, and Margaret DeBardeleben West.

Adult confirmands included Brent Anderson, Hayley Clay, Kristie Cole, Evanna Derkach, Laura Lee Dobie, Jason Falk, Jennifer Franklin, Latesa Holder, John Wesley Lasiter, Janet Tudor Leese, Robert Mayberry, Brandy Parker, Agnes L. Scott, and Shawanna Snider.

Received into the Communion were Hank Clay, John Haubenreich, Mary McCarthy King, Corey Maynard, Rob McFadden, Sarah Beth Myers, Jessica Taylor, and Zachary Zeli.

Adults reaffirming their baptismal vows were Frankie Danly, Julian Garza, Scotty Falk, and Lyle McLevain.

Contact the Rev. Joshua Caler at jcaler@christcathedral.org for more information on the Journey in Faith class that prepares individuals for confirmation, reception, and reaffirmation into the Christ Church Cathedral community.



Cathedral to Welcome the Vicar of Baghdad

Mark your calendars now for September 15, when Christ Church Cathedral will welcome the Reverend Canon Andrew White, vicar of St. George’s Baghdad. A remarkable man with a riveting story, Canon White will preach at the Cathedral that morning and will also lead the Sunday Forum.

Canon Andrew White has built an extraordinary ministry of reconciliation and conflict mediation in the Middle East. Having worked for many years in Israel and Palestine, including negotiating the end of the Bethlehem siege in 2002, Canon White now works almost exclusively in Iraq, earning him the nickname “the Vicar of Baghdad”. His work is supported by his foundation, the Foundation for Relief and

Reconciliation in the Middle East (FRRME), of which he is president.

Ordained a priest in the Church of England in 1990, Canon White was appointed a canon at Coventry Cathedral in 1998, at the age of 33. Six weeks later, he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. Nevertheless, he became the head of Coventry’s international ministry of reconciliation and the Archbishop



of Canterbury's special envoy to the Middle East, the first to take up the position since Terry Waite. He remained in this post until 2005, when he moved to Baghdad to become Anglican Chaplain to Iraq, establishing the Foundation for Relief and Reconciliation in the Middle East later that year.

He sees his role as trying to mediate and re-establish the dialogue between conflicting groups and has forged relationships with Shia and Sunni leaders in Iraq, who have enormous influence in the region. Three years ago, after an attack on the Syrian Catholic cathedral in Baghdad in which 56 worshippers were massacred, he chaired meetings that produced the first ever joint Sunni/Shia fatwa against violence in Iraq, which was read out in at least 80 percent of the mosques throughout Iraq.

As the vicar of St. George's Baghdad, Canon White ministers to over 4,000 Iraqis. St. George's, one of the global missions supported by the Cathedral, is the only remaining Anglican church in Iraq. It operates outside the safety of the International Green Zone, at great risk to Canon White, the church staff, and congregants, who rely on 35 Iraqi soldiers to guard the church. Most of the members of the congregation are women and

children—widows and orphans—since many of the men have been killed in the decades of violence in Iraq. The profession of the Christian faith subjects these congregants to grave danger, as was brought home one terrible week when 11 of the 13 people who had been baptized on Sunday were dead by the end of the week.

In the church compound, the St. George's Clinic employs medical staff who set aside sectarian and religious differences to work together in delivering humanitarian relief to neighbors of the church, regardless of their religious or ethnic background. The clinic provides free

medical and dental care to around 150 Iraqi patients every day, the majority of whom are Muslim.

Canon White says, "I have been detained at gunpoint, thrown into a room with people's chopped-off fingers and toes all over the floor, and had my picture posted on walls around Baghdad with a notice saying, 'Wanted, dead or alive'. I have lost many friends. It is very difficult but we never give up."

In spite of the constant danger he faces, Canon White can't imagine abandoning his work in Baghdad. "I couldn't go back to being a vicar in England," he says. "I'd go mad." ■





Adventure in India

A Cathedral Teenager Works for Operation Smile



In 2011, during the winter of her senior year in high school, Hannah Dobie, daughter of Laura Lee and Bruce Dobie, traveled to India to volunteer with Operation Smile. This international charity mobilizes volunteer

medical professionals who provide reconstructive surgery and related medical care for children born with cleft lip, cleft palate, and other facial deformities.

That experience was so rewarding that Hannah decided to delay her college admission to Wake Forest University and take a gap year, in order to return to India and continue working with the organization. Over the past year, Cathedral parishioners have prayed for Hannah in the Prayers of the People, and we suspect many have not known exactly what this exceptional young woman was doing. So when StyleBlueprint, the popular lifestyle blog written and managed by parishioners Liza Graves and Elizabeth Fox, featured Hannah as one of their "Faces of Nashville" we asked permission to reprint the interview.

Read on to learn how a vivacious, intrepid teenager has embraced Indian culture as she has juggled multiple responsibilities at Operation Smile and volunteered with children in the Guwahati slum.





Are you originally from Nashville?

Yes, I am originally from Nashville. And I just read in the NYTimes the other day that it is THE place to be!

You made the decision to defer college to go work with Operation Smile in India. Why did you make that decision?

I made this decision because I wanted to learn outside of the classroom. I wanted to take a break from doing rigorous schoolwork and focus on something totally different. The year between high school and college is a great time to explore. Whether students are exploring their own city or the world, it's the perfect opportunity to grow and learn in a different way. As my senior year ended, I simply thought, why not? I had been very involved with Operation Smile throughout high school and had been a student volunteer on an Operation Smile medical mission to Guwahati, India, earlier in my senior year.

I loved every minute of that trip. So, I contacted some people who were still working in Guwahati to see if there was a job I could fill. Now, I find myself in India doing something that I dreamed of doing.

Can you give us a snapshot of what your day looks like at Operation Smile?

I work at the Guwahati Comprehensive Cleft Care Centre (GC4), which is a mini-hospital devoted to repairing cleft lips and cleft palates in the state of Assam. This center has completed more than 4,000 surgeries and each day that number grows larger.

I work primarily as the research coordinator, which means I coordinate research projects so that cleft care can be improved around the world. In addition to that, I am developing a social media program to promote what we do at GC4 in Guwahati. I am also developing a student program for local high school students so that they can raise awareness and funds for Operation Smile and volunteer their time to fulfill GC4's needs.

About every other month I go on medical missions to various places in India where I screen patients and help with medical records. Medical missions involve international volunteers coming to remote locations to repair cleft lips and cleft palates.



Day to day, I wake up at 5:30 a.m. and go to a yoga class (when in India...) where I find myself chanting words I do not know and being encouraged to make yoga a lifestyle. I either walk to work or ride a scooter. I am at work from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. At night, I practice Hindi, which I am learning while living here.

On weekends, I work with the Pratyasha Foundation, which was founded by my flat mate.

Whether students are exploring their own city or the world, it's the perfect opportunity to grow and learn in a different way.

Each Sunday, we make food for 85 kids who live in the very large slum nearby. We take the food into the slum and serve it in front of a makeshift Hindu temple that is part of their community. This is the favorite part of my work here because I really get to interact with children in their environment.

They live in very poor conditions, but they have a lot of joy. I have gotten very close to some of the kids. In November, we provided shoes to all 85 children. Next month, the plan is that I will start taking as many of them as I can to school for the first time. The hope is that we can enhance their lives beyond the Sunday meal.



I have made many friends here, and on the weekends I go out with friends or visit their homes and their families. The people are so generous and are always welcoming me to their homes. Usually they feed me so much that my stomach feels like it will burst! Other than these meals, I usually cook my own food and have gotten really good at making my own hummus... yummy.

What book are you reading right now?

I am reading *Behind the Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo. I recommend this book to each and every one of you. It is an incredible, non-fiction description of life in the biggest slum in Mumbai and will really open your eyes. You will feel as if you are right in the middle of it all. She has an incredible way of telling stories and I cannot express how much I wish everyone would read this.

What are three things you can't live without (excluding God, family and friends?)

- Peanut butter, which accounted for most of the allotted baggage weight traveling here
- Technology that keeps me connected to family and friends around the world
- BBC news, which keeps me up to date on world news, in English!

Hannah returned to the United States in June and will begin her university studies this fall.

A special thank you to Liza Graves and Elizabeth Fox for granting the Cornerstone permission to reprint this interview with Hannah Dobie. Thanks also to Ashley Hylbert for the wonderful photographs that capture Hannah's spirit and personality.

To learn more about StyleBlueprint or to sign up to receive weekday posts, visit StyleBlueprint.com. ■



Rooftop and Matthew 25:

Restoring Dignity and Hope to the Homeless and Disadvantaged in Nashville



As long-time Christ Church parishioners know, an unmet community need plus Bill and Fletch Coke equals action. It's a formula that has resulted in numerous initiatives to help the less fortunate in Nashville, not the least being Rooftop and Matthew 25.

These agencies, both supported by the Cathedral, are working to restore dignity and hope to families faced with losing their homes and men struggling with homelessness and addiction. The readiness of the Cokes to answer the call to servant ministry is emblematic of the "Here am I" response we see throughout Holy Scripture from God's faithful.

Rooftop

Bill Coke is matter-of-fact when talking about the genesis of Rooftop. "In the fall of 2005, a number of the churches around town started noticing that more and more people were coming to them and asking for help with their rent. Some of us called the United Way and found out that there were only a few agencies offering that kind of assistance. These

agencies were running so low on funds that they were having to suggest that people ask churches for help."

A few months later, Bill met with representatives from 15 congregations to talk about what churches could do to fill the gap. The group decided to pool their funds and establish Rooftop. Cathy Link, who recently retired from the organization, became the service coordinator and was instrumental in implementing the group's vision.

Today 45 churches are participating in an interfaith partnership to support Rooftop's mission of providing emergency rental or mortgage assistance to residents of Davidson County. Rooftop pools funds from all the partner churches and serves as a

clearinghouse, sending funds directly to the landlord or mortgagor.

Rooftop also works with Metro Social Services to screen clients and offer them information and direction to other services for which they may qualify. Since April 2006, Rooftop has received more than 8,800 applications, assisted some 1,700 clients, and paid a total of \$741,000 to landlords.

Executive Director Julia Gildemeister says, "Ninety percent of the people we help are working and they're the folks that don't make much money and are struggling to pay for rent, utilities, food, etc. We hope that if we can help people when they are at the point of possible eviction, we can give a family more stability and keep them from becoming homeless."

To apply for Rooftop assistance, an individual must visit or call one of Rooftop's partner congregations and talk with the Rooftop liaison at that congregation. The Rooftop liaison then fills out a form explaining the person's situation and faxes it to Metro Social Services. A social worker contacts the individual and schedules an appointment for an interview. If the person qualifies, a second interview is scheduled to determine the amount of financial assistance needed. The landlord, rental, or mortgage company is contacted to verify that an applicant has not had an ongoing problem making payments. Once the amount is determined, a check is sent to the rental agency or mortgage company.

An applicant must have a lease or mortgage in his or her name and must show ability/willingness to pay a portion of the rent or mortgage. Applicants must have resided at their current address for at least three months and must demonstrate that

the assistance will resolve their current problem.

Individuals and families must provide proof of income for anyone who is working in the household. That includes any type of governmental assistance and cash payments for services provided. If not working, the applicant must demonstrate ability to sustain himself or herself or his or her family the following month. Applicants are also asked to provide information on assistance received from other faith-based organizations. Rooftop will grant up to \$300 in a calendar year from the date of the original payment to the landlord, rental or mortgage company.

Assistance for utility payments can be provided only if the applicant lives in Section 8 housing. Rooftop's goal is to prevent loss of housing. Utility service interruption for individuals and families living in Section 8 housing can lead to eviction and loss

of a Section 8 voucher. Rooftop provides assistance only for permanent housing. It will not help with rental payments for motels, hotels, halfway houses, or alcohol and drug treatment programs. Rooftop does not provide assistance for any costs related to obtaining housing.

Matthew 25

In 1985, Fletch Coke was deeply involved in the Storefront Ministry, an outreach program for homeless men. She and several other leaders in the ministry recognized that some of the men needed more than just a place to spend the night--those who were working needed more stability, a place to go to every night for a while, so they could focus on rebuilding their lives. Fletch and another Cathedral parishioner, Ames Davis, put their heads together with Sue Spickard and the late Cotton Clark from First Presbyterian Church to come up with a solution. Together they devised a program to address the needs of this segment of the homeless population, and Matthew 25 was born.

Deriving its name from the Gospel verse Matthew 25:40 "And the King will answer them, 'Truly I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me,'" the new ministry opened its doors at 8th and Broadway with 22 beds and a plan for helping the men who were staying there.

Executive Director Patrick Clemens says, "Fletch raised most of the money to start Matthew 25, found the first building to house it, and hired the first director. I don't think there's any question that there would be no Matthew 25 without her energy and drive."





With rooms for 50 men, offices for staff, a kitchen and dining area, a television room, a computer room where men can search online for jobs, and laundry facilities, Matthew 25 is a temporary home with a structured program to help men work on improving their lives.

Today Matthew 25 takes up the second floor of Vine Hill Towers and its circular floor plan, cinder-block walls with a handrail, and vinyl flooring hint at the space's former use as a nursing home. With rooms for 50 men, offices for staff, a kitchen and dining area, a television room, a computer room where men can search online for jobs, and laundry facilities, it is not a place to hang out but a temporary home with a structured program to help men work on improving their lives. The average stay is between three and six months, during which time residents are required to do chores and participate in the various counseling and training classes that are the foundation of the program.

Matthew 25's "success formula" has several components. Originally, each resident was required to be employed, but this rule has been relaxed in recent years to meet the acute needs of men who have been devastated by the recent recession. "We have one resident right now who was laid off by his company after 20 years of working there. He was basically put out on the street with nothing. When he was unable to find work quickly, his marriage collapsed, he lost his home, and there he was with no job and no place to live," says Clemens. "We're helping him get back on his feet now."

The staff works with residents to help them secure jobs in which they can earn enough to pay for permanent housing. Residents are encouraged to achieve job stability and to become long-term employees at their workplace.

Residents are not charged rent at Matthew 25 and must participate in a mandatory savings program in which 75% of what they earn is deposited into a special account. This ensures funds will be available for permanent housing when they are ready to

move out. The staff provides residents with assistance in finding affordable permanent housing. Since the problems of the homeless often involve more than the lack of jobs and housing, residents are also required to attend classes to help them acquire positive work habits and critical life skills. Classes range from the 10-week Adkins Life Skills/Career Counseling Program to special classes on topics ranging from AIDS prevention to coping skills.

The average age of residents is 48, and about half are veterans, referred by the Veterans Administration. Many of the residents are battling drug and alcohol problems or mental health issues. For six to 12 months after residents leave Matthew 25, three case managers follow up with them to ensure that they are not backsliding into old habits. Staff members work with residents to help them set goals for their lives and progress toward reaching those goals.

In 2004, Matthew 25 began providing permanent apartments to graduates via The Progressive Housing Program. Clemens says a key goal of the organization is to expand access to low-cost housing for residents. ■

How's Nashville is a community-wide, collaborative, and inclusive effort to end chronic homelessness in Nashville within this decade. It was launched by the Metropolitan Homeless Commission at the beginning of June and has a goal of raising \$200,000 within 90 days to house 200 of the most vulnerable and chronically homeless individuals and families in the Nashville community. It takes \$1,000 per homeless individual to cover move-in costs. The Community Outreach Committee has voted to give \$1,000 from the Outreach Opportunity Fund so that Christ Church Cathedral can be a sponsor for one homeless individual to move off of the street and into an apartment. Christ Church Cathedral joins many other Nashville faith-based communities, businesses, and individuals in this city-wide effort to end chronic homelessness. For further information contact Bill Coke, Community Outreach Committee member, at wcoke1@bellsouth.net

Acacia Foundation

CARING FOR AIDS ORPHANS IN SOUTH AFRICA



This year, on the recommendation of the Global Missions Committee, the Vestry and Dean designated the Acacia Foundation as the recipient of Christ Church Cathedral's Easter offering. Parishioners responded by donating a total of \$18,790 to support the foundation. The following is the story of this small ministry, which is making a big difference in the lives of children orphaned by AIDS in Umzinyathi, a rural Zulu village in the KwaZulu-Natal province in South Africa.

The Acacia Foundation, named for the acacia tree so common on the plains of southern Africa, had its genesis in a fact finding trip in 2004 by the previous dean of the Cathedral, who was evaluating opportunities to expand global outreach efforts. During this trip, an evangelical church on the outskirts of Durban was identified as a candidate program. This rural church group was trying to care for children who were AIDS orphans. The following year, a delegation from the Cathedral made a pilgrimage trip to South Africa to follow up. The 2005 pilgrimage group saw firsthand the grinding poverty in the rural areas outside the major cities and learned that South Africa has the highest HIV/AIDS infection rate in the world.

The group went to Durban and drove out to the church grounds, finding the children living in the shell of an outbuilding on the property, in the shadow of an acacia tree. There was no running water, no toilet, and little food. With no beds either, the children were sleeping on the building's concrete floor, and their two caregivers were barely able to care for them, much less get them to school or a medical clinic. "When the group saw how these kids were living, they immediately pooled their money and went back into town to buy food and supplies," says Brent Teveit,

current president of the board of the Acacia Foundation.

Back in Nashville, it didn't take much discussion to conclude that the Cathedral needed to help the orphans any way it could. "South Africa is an interesting country," says Brent. "The cities are beautiful, but when you get out into the countryside, it's altogether different. We have poverty in this country, but

most Americans cannot conceive of the squalor these people live in." Since the need was so great, a 501(c)3 organization was set up and named the Acacia Foundation, so money could be raised from other sources to supplement the Cathedral's grants.

"From the beginning, we've wanted to be responsible stewards of a sustainable program," says Brent. Grants from the Cathedral have been used to pay for stipends for four caregivers, food, school fees and uniforms, and some of the cost of transporting the children to school.



"My faith requires me to serve people and to love people. What you get back is the ultimate joy."

**Sandie Griffith
Acacia Foundation
Board Member**



The foundation also raised money to build a new dormitory, complete with running water, electricity, and separate boys' and girls' sleeping and bath/shower facilities. "We had to get the city of Durban to run water lines out to the village when we were installing the bathroom facilities," says Brent. "Then we had to teach the children how to use the toilets and showers. They had never seen a bathroom." When a washer was donated by a local organization, it sat unused for a year until someone showed the caregivers how to operate it.

Foundation board members also learned that many rural South Africans were resistant to getting tested for HIV/AIDS because by the

time most people sought testing and treatment, the disease had progressed to such an extent that they could not be saved. As a result, they associated getting tested with dying. The seriousness of South Africa's AIDS epidemic was brought home to board members when they got to know the daughter of one of the caregivers at the home. When they met the girl, she was a lively, attractive 17-year-old. On their next trip, they learned that she had just given birth to her first child.

The following year, board members arrived for their annual visit expecting to see her chasing after a toddler, but instead found her sick with AIDS. Three weeks later, she was dead. Her story illustrated the urgent

need for HIV screening, and the board felt they had passed a major milestone when they finally managed to get all the children tested. Only one tested positive and is currently receiving treatment through a partnership with McCord Hospital in Durban.

There are considerable challenges to fulfilling the mission of the Acacia Foundation, not the least being the difficulty and expense of traveling to South Africa. The board has developed relationships with individuals "on the ground" in the area, who have provided invaluable help in managing day-to-day needs of the home, particularly Julius LaRoux, owner of JulnicTravel, and Thamsanqua "Thami" Goodwill, a former employee of JulnicTravel and now an employee of the South African Department of Health. The men came to know and love the children at the home as a result of providing transportation for the board members on their trips to South Africa. Now they facilitate communication between the caregivers (who do not speak English) and board members. Regular visitors to the home, they

have taken the children on excursions, introducing them to a game arcade, an aquarium, and a mall, all new experiences for children who have seen little beyond their small community.

Two years ago, a chance meeting between Thami and the principal of the childrens' school set in motion an unexpected chain of events. As it so happened, the principal was the wife, or First Lady, of the Zulu regional chief. Thami told her about the Acacia Foundation and its work with some of her students. She peppered him with questions and ended up arranging for Sandie Griffith and Trish Luna, Acacia Foundation board members who were visiting at the time, to have an audience with the chief. Sandie and Trish told the chief the story of the Acacia Foundation and its efforts to help the orphans, and were surprised to learn that the chief was aware of the home. By the end of the meeting, the chief had officially re-affirmed Acacia Foundation's "PTO" (permission to occupy) the orphanage building within his tribal area and was posing for pictures with Sandie and Trish. This meeting was a turning point for

the foundation and its efforts to help the orphans in its care.

Now that some of the older children have reached adulthood and left the home, the board is making plans to wind down the ministry. "The youngest child in the home is 13 years old and will be moving on to university or a job in five years," says Brent. "We now have local people in place to handle the day-to-day running of the home until this last child is ready to leave, and since we're not taking any new children, we felt it was time to shift our focus. Travel to South Africa is so expensive and time-consuming we decided we needed to do something we can manage from a distance. For five years, we're going to fund college scholarships to help bright, motivated kids who otherwise would have no means of continuing their education. Ten students a year will receive \$1,000 each to help defray college expenses." The foundation is working with the University of KwaZulu-Natal (UKZN), a major university in the province, to identify candidates for these scholarships. Foundation board members choose the 10 recipients and the university administers the scholarships. The scholarship program is currently in its second year.

The Acacia Foundation is managed by a small, dedicated board of directors. "My faith requires me to serve people and to love people. What you get back is the ultimate joy," says Sandie. Art Stinson, another board member, agrees. "I see this as giving to our global community," he adds. If you would like to become involved in this outreach ministry, please contact Brent Teveit at brent.teveit@me.com. ■





THE BIBLE CHALLENGE CONTINUES

It has been eight months since the Bible Challenge began at the Cathedral, and around 100 participants are continuing to read the Bible every day. The experience is having a profound effect on participants, both in terms of their personal spiritual journey and their understanding of God's word. As Jerry Snare says, "The Bible Challenge is just that: it's the whole Bible, the complete enchilada, including everything we'd rather not deal with, nothing edited out like in the Lectionary, like all the violence, the profoundly touching, the pitiful, the baffling, the unfair, the heartfelt, the unfettered exultation, the unfettered lamentation, and the profound sense that we've all been missing so much in holy writ by being too busy to read it." Joe Ingle adds, "As a minister and seminary graduate, I have read and studied the Bible. I have engaged individual chapters, different books of the Bible and commentaries. However, it is only with the Bible Challenge that I have attained a perspective on the entire corpus of the Bible. It is by reading it straight through and sharing it with a group of fellow readers that I've attained a clarity and perspective that I previously missed."

The idea for The Bible Challenge was born after Christmas 2010 when the Rev. Marek Zabriskie, rector of St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania, read in a friend's church newsletter that his colleague was inviting members of his church to join him in reading a one year Bible. The Rev. Zabriskie decided he would read the entire Bible in a year as well, and he invited a few members of his parish to join him. What began as a simple invitation grew rapidly, with over 180 parishioners and more than 90 of their friends committing to read the entire Bible in 2011. The group's readings provoked theological questions and made participants realize how much the Bible relates to current events. The Bible Challenge began to transform St. Thomas' Church.

Having seen the effect of daily Bible reading on his parishioners, the Rev. Zabriskie decided to create the Center for Biblical Studies in order to promote the Bible Challenge nationally and

globally. Within the first year, the Bible Challenge grew from a ministry in one church to a ministry involving individuals in over 1,000 churches in 15 different countries. Twenty-five Episcopal and Anglican bishops now are leading their entire diocese in participating in the Bible Challenge.

The Center for Biblical Studies designed a one-year reading schedule to provide a structure for reading the Bible in a year's time. To ensure participants remain engaged, each daily read includes three chapters of the Old Testament, one psalm, and one chapter of the New Testament, all read in sequence.

Cathedral participants in the Bible Challenge have two opportunities per week to participate in group discussions of the readings: during the Christian education hour on

Sunday morning and on Wednesday mornings at 11:00 a.m., both in the Wheeler Room.

Joe sums up the experience so far, saying, "The Bible Challenge has led me to see that we, like the people we read about in the Bible, are called by God. We are called not to moral perfection but to discipleship."

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JOE INGLE

For more information on the Bible Challenge, please contact the Reverend Canon Gene Manning at gmanning@christcathedral.org or 615-255-7729. ■



Education for Ministry

Education for Ministry (EfM) is a program developed by the School of Theology at Sewanee to educate and cultivate lay leadership for the Church. EfM is a “three-legged stool” comprising study, worship, and theological reflection, and each component balances the others to give participants a 360 degree view of the faith. Reflection is deepened by knowledge of the breadth of the Christian tradition and formed by the practice of regular worship together. The study of Christian tradition is enhanced through prayer with one another and reflection on the historical and current experience of Christians. Regular worship together draws from ongoing reflection on the lived life of faith and an understanding of how Christian worship has been and is being shaped by culture and context.

EfM participants meet in groups of six to 12 students with a trained mentor. There are presently three EfM groups at the Cathedral that

meet for two to three hours on Tuesday evenings or Wednesday mornings during the nine-month academic year. The program takes four years to complete, with each year focused on the following subject matter:

- Year One: The Old Testament
- Year Two: The New Testament
- Year Three: Church History
- Year Four: Theological Choices

Karen Meridith, director of EfM, describes the program this way, “EfM graduates become persons of faith who have internalized a way of looking at the world through a theologically informed lens, who can articulate the call to ministry as baptized members of the Body of Christ, and who are prepared to work humbly with others with different experiences and perspectives. I believe these are just the kind of lay leaders the Church needs as we move forward in mission together.” ■

Enrollment is currently underway on a first-come, first-served basis for new and returning participants in the two Cathedral groups. The registration deadline is August 1. If you are interested in beginning or continuing EfM, please contact Becky Rochford at brochford@christcathedral.org or 615.255.7729. For more information, go to Sewanee.edu/efm.



Sixth Graders Celebrate the Liturgy of Light

The sixth graders and their catechists celebrated the Liturgy of Light on Sunday, April 21. The liturgy, developed in the curriculum of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, appropriates and/or alludes to elements of worship from the Great Vigil of Easter—the engraving and lighting of the Paschal Candle, the singing of the Exultet, and scripture readings. The highlight of the liturgy was the spreading of the light of Christ from the sixth graders to the congregation. Catechists for the sixth grade are Beverly Sanders, Shawn Briggs, and

Jan Firek. Assisting with the liturgy were Dean Kimbrough, Greer Broemel, John Whitaker, and Melissa Rose. Members of the sixth grade class include Emma Brewer, Elliott Clark, George Corzine, Olivia Dossett, Hannah Fleming, Cam Kloeppel, Tate Kloeppel, Owen Lowe, Sarah Manz, Brown Myers, Timberlake Pieper, John Preston, Lane Pritchard, Everett Pritchard, Graham Pritchard, Kathryn Savage, Sarah Stack, Jacob Taylor, and Carter Wilson. Congratulations to all for a beautiful liturgy! ■

*"How beautiful ...
are the feet of those who proclaim the Good News!"
(Isaiah 52:7)*

Congratulations to Our 2013 High School Graduates!



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GRADUATED FROM
BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Attending the
University of Denver



CHANDLER BURGESS
GRADUATED FROM
HILLSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

Attending
Belmont University



KATIE CHAPPELL
GRADUATED FROM
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

Attending the
University of Miami



ZARA CORZINE
GRADUATED FROM
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

Attending
Middlebury College



ANNA LEBLEU
GRADUATED FROM
HARPETH HALL SCHOOL

Attending
Duke University



CONNER QUIGGLE
GRADUATED FROM
FRANKLIN HIGH SCHOOL

Attending
Birmingham Southern College



NATALIE REIMAN
GRADUATED FROM
HARPETH HALL SCHOOL

Attending
DePauw University



ANN WINSTON THYM
GRADUATED FROM
BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Taking a gap year to do
an internship in
Environmental Studies

HANK POWERS
GRADUATED FROM
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL

Attending the
University of Wisconsin

Left: Curate Joshua Caler stands ready to bless the runners. Right: Senior Warden Scott Viebranz and his wife Cristin cheer on the runners. Below: Canon Gene Manning and Vestry member Lawrence Blank-Cook hold the Cathedral's banner for the runners to see as they go by.



Cathedral Sponsors Water Stop at the Country Music Marathon

This year, for the first time, the Cathedral sponsored a water stop at the Country Music Marathon on April 27. In spite of a torrential downpour, a hardy group of clergy, youth, and adult parishioners braved the elements and road closures to come to the Cathedral early on the morning of the race. As the first runners began to appear, they held up an eight-foot banner and cheered, while the clergy offered blessings to marathoners who stopped--each even had an aspergillum in hand to sprinkle holy water on those who didn't mind getting a little wetter! The water stop was the brainchild of Anna Grimes Noser, a Vestry member and avid marathoner, who saw to it that "the show went on" in spite of the weather and security concerns in the wake of the Boston Marathon bombings a scant two weeks earlier. Many thanks to Anna and all who showed up to cheer on the runners! ■

The Amistad Mission and Kantuta House Share the Love of Christ

In December 1981, a 44-year-old Trappist monk named William Wilson decided leave his monastery in Iowa and respond to a call from God to live among the poor of Latin America.

After two years in Cochabamba, Bolivia, Father William built a small adobe hut on a remote slope high in the Andes, where he spent his time in prayer and contemplation. But when the Quechua natives in the small village of Aramasí came to him seeking treatment for their many illnesses, he soon realized that God was calling him to action. He contacted a friend in the United States and together they raised the funds to open the area's first medical clinic. This was the beginning of the Amistad Mission.

Since then, Amistad (which means "friendship" in Spanish) has worked with the people of Aramasí to bring clean drinking water, agricultural development, Montessori and primary schools, and a daycare center to the village.

God's work in Bolivia through Father William continued when he responded to another call in 1990 and established Villa Amistad, a haven in Cochabamba where abandoned, abused, and orphaned Bolivian children could find a safe home, nourishing meals, educational opportunities, and the love of Jesus. Beginning with 30 children living in three houses, Villa Amistad has grown to include eight houses, or families, and nearly 100 children.

The Cathedral supports one of those houses, Kantuta House, and the seven girls who live there: Neysa, Noemí, Felicidad, Silvia, Delina, Elsa, and Marina, who range in age from seven to 17.

In his sermon the Sunday after the Cathedral youth and adult leaders returned from their pilgrimage to Bolivia, the Dean said of their experience at the Amistad Mission, "We brought news of your lives—those who had visited before us, of our families, and of those who will visit in the future. We shared in the joy of Christ, of the hospitality they offered in his Name, and of our greetings soaked in the love of this parish and in our common baptismal hope. Pragmatically, we affirmed a new generation of leadership from Christ Church determined to stand in solidarity with the children of Amistad. We were reminded of the exclusive bond and intimacy between Kantuta House and Christ Church expressed by the cards, pictures, letters, and photo albums that occupy prominent positions in the house living room. We were pleased to renew our financial support and commitment that pays the bills for Kantuta House throughout the year."

He continued, "We felt strong and weak. We took great joy in the lives of those that surrounded us. We were both proud and ashamed. We came as first world visitors, fellow Christians, drive-by missionaries from the north. But we left believing that somehow we had come very close to the emerging Kingdom of heaven." ■



A NEW KANTUTA HOUSE GRADUATE

ALICIA QUINTANA, age 21, a former resident of Kantuta House, recently graduated from a two-year technical school in baking. Alicia came to Amistad at the age of nine. She was one of the first children to grow up in Kantuta House, following its construction (funded by Christ Church) in 1999. A highly motivated young woman, Alicia has been able to rent an apartment on her own with some of the income that she is earning from her job in a local bakery and is saving diligently to fund her future studies in gastronomy at the public university in Cochabamba. She sends this message to our parishioners: "Thank you to the loving friends of Christ Church who have prayed for me for years and have never forgotten me." Mamá María Eugenia is particularly proud of Alicia's success and her aspirations for the future. "It is wonderful to see Alicia grow in confidence and faith," she says. Alicia regularly returns to visit Mamá María at Kantuta House. ■

Notes from Christ Church Cathedral



Parking at the Cathedral

Please remember that on Sunday mornings all unmarked spaces in the A lot on the west side of the church are reserved for persons with mobility problems. Parking for the able-bodied is available in the B and C lots off 9th Avenue, behind the Frist Center, in the Lifeway lot behind the Holiday Inn, and in the Lifeway lot across Commerce from the C lot. Please do not park in the handicap spaces at any time, unless your car has a handicap tag.

Wireless Network

A wireless network may now be accessed by parishioners and visitors to the Cathedral. Be aware that this is an unsecured public wireless network just like those offered at hotels and restaurants. The network name is christcathedral.org. To access the network, select the "christcathedral.org" network on your device. You will be presented with a short access policy with an "Accept" button. Click "Accept" to connect to the network.

Cathedral Webcast and Podcast

If you are unable to attend a Sunday Eucharist at the Cathedral, a webcast of the 11:00 a.m. liturgy (10:00 a.m.

during the summer months) is available at christcathedral.tv. Other special events are also webcast.

When the webcast is not live, it replays the most recent recording. There is also an Archive section on the Cathedral website that includes a library of past webcasts. The sermon podcast is online at christcathedral.org/podcast.

Website and Social Media

The Cathedral's website at christcathedral.org offers a wealth of information about upcoming events, announcements, Christian education classes, Cathedral ministries and volunteer opportunities, as well as a schedule of weekly worship services. You may also follow the Cathedral on Facebook at facebook.com/christcathedralnashville and on Twitter at twitter.com/christcathedral.



Cathedral Flowers

The beautiful flower arrangements that adorn the Nave every Sunday are placed to the glory of God and often in thanksgiving for or in

memory of a loved one. They also express the generosity of those who contribute to the Cathedral's Flower Fund. To give the Sunday flower arrangements, please contact Peggy Tucker at 615-255-7729 or ptucker@christcathedral.org. A donation of \$150 helps to defray costs.



PASTORAL CARE

Hospital Admissions

If you are admitted to an area hospital, please call Peggy Tucker in the church office at 615-255-7729, or contact a member of the clergy directly. The hospital admissions personnel may ask you to specify your denomination and/or church membership but will not notify the Cathedral that you have been admitted, as HIPAA regulations prohibit the release of health information to third parties. A member of the Cathedral clergy will arrange to visit you in the hospital and offer prayers.

On Call

Cathedral clergy are always on call. In the event of an emergency, please call the church office at 615-255-7729.

Guild of the Christ Child

The birth or adoption of a child is a sacred and joyful event in the life of a family. It is also a blessing for the parish family and an occasion for rejoicing in the Christian community. The Church offers several liturgies to mark this special time, including the Blessing of a Pregnant Woman, a Thanksgiving for the Birth or Adoption of a Child, and the Sacrament of Baptism. Members of the Guild of the Christ Child also bring a meal for your family and a gift to your house after the birth or adoption of a child. If you are expecting or adopting a child, please contact the Reverend Canon Gene Manning at 615-255-7729 so we can be present as you await the arrival of your child and then welcome your child into the Cathedral community.



Prayer Lists

There are two different prayer lists at the Cathedral: the Sunday prayer list and the weekday Chapel prayer list. Those on the Sunday prayer list are included in the Prayers of the People, and the names are printed in the Sunday Order of Worship. Individuals on the weekday prayer list are prayed for at the 12:15 p.m. daily Eucharist.

You may add names to one or both lists at any time with the permission of the person or persons to be prayed for. Please contact a member of the clergy or Peggy Tucker at 615-255-7729 to submit a name to the lists. Unless otherwise indicated, we will pray for a person for three consecutive weeks. To request that a name remain on the list for an additional three weeks, please contact the church office at 615-255-7729.

Contact Us

If you would like to include an article in the *Cornerstone*, which is published quarterly, or the *Happenings* email newsletter, which is sent out weekly, please email info@christcathedral.org or call 615-255-7729.

Communications Request Forms for announcements or other communications may be submitted at christcathedral.org/whatsapp/communicationrequest. You may also bring an announcement to the church office or fax it to 615-313-7090. ■

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- Disciples who pursue the presence of God in prayer and in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist
- Evangelists who make known God's plan for reconciliation, that all may grow into the full stature of Christ
- Servants who seek the face of Christ in every human being and strive for the justice and peace of God
- Stewards who acknowledge and honor the Holy Trinity as the source of all, in the care of creation and the right use of our gifts and offerings
- Friends who welcome the stranger, bear one another's burdens, and share in the ministry of the apostles' teaching and fellowship