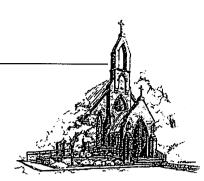
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A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, WINNSBORO, SOUTH CAROLINA

## AUGUST 2005

This month we honor the memory of the Reverend William Porcher DuBose (1836-1918), whose holy day we celebrate on August 18. A former rector of St. John's, Fr. DuBose spent most of his life teaching at the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenessee. The following excerpt from the history of the parish and from Fr. DuBose's "Reminiscences" may be of interest.

Immediately following the war, the Rev. DuBose brought his young wife, Nannie, from Anderson to Fairfield District:

At last we arrived in Winnsboro. The town had been pretty well burnt... We had two large plantations, one of them nine miles from town over almost impassable roads... My wife and I finally agreed to go to Farmington, the most distant one, and do what we could to keep things together and quiet there...While we were in Farmington, I received the request to take the church at Winnsboro. That church had been built very largely by my father, at the time that he moved from Farmington to Roseland to be near the town. Four families about the time of my birth had moved from the parishes of St. John's and St. Stephen's to the vicinity of Winnsboro--the Gaillards, the DuBoses, the Palmers and the Thomases. The two former, moving to Winnsboro itself, built the church of St. John's there; the two latter settled in the <u>neighborhood</u> of, and built the church at, Ridgeway... It was those two congregations that I was requested to take charge of. I did so in October, 1865, and on the fifteenth day of that same month, Susie was born.

The Rev. DuBose recalled when he took charge of St. John's "the congregation was worshiping at... the courthouse" and "the town was still full of Low-Country refugees who had not been able to return to there homes, so we had a full congregation weekly." Later that winter, the Rev. DuBose baptized his daughter, Susie, at "precisely the same spot" in the courthouse where he "had been baptized nearly thirty years before."

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August 7	11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
	8:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
August 14	11:00 AM	Morning Prayer
August 21	11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist II
August 28	11:00 PM	Morning Prayer
September 4	11:00 AM	Holy Eucharist I



2005 Budget	Weekly Need	Monthly Need
\$124,736.25	\$2,398.77	\$10,394.69
Monthly Incom	e (June )	\$ 6,998.55
Income to date (	(6-30-05)	65,967.72
Monthly Expens	ses (June)	9,846.51
Expenses to date		58,114.12

May we who ascribe all power, might, dominion, and praise unto God and his son our Lord, Jesus, continue to rejoice in his goodness and mercy. He has borne our sins and carried our sorrows to the Cross and won the victory for us by his Resurrection.

If you need information about your pledged or special offerings, please speak to Ellen or John Nicholson, Co-Treasurers. Offering envelopes are always available.



Sunday, August 14, 2005

TEAM # 4 Herb Rentz, Ch. Bill Haslett, Jr. Vern Amick



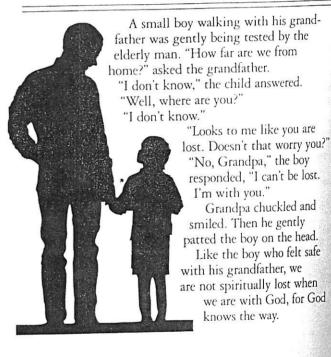
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## **Chalice Bearers**



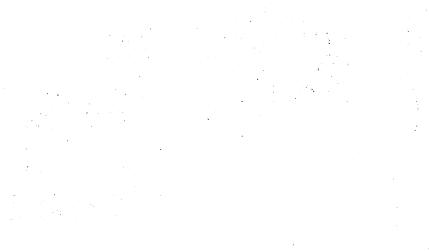
### Thank God for grandparents





Blood Drive August 29, 2005 2-7 PM First United Methodist Church "Come give the gift of life!"

Church note cards are on sale by the Episcopal Churchwomen. (10 cards for \$8) If you need a packet of these attractive cards, please call Nancy Williams. Fairfield Primary is taking recycled cards. If you want to recycle your Christmas cards you can put them in the box in the undercroft.





#### LOOKING AHEAD...

August 1 9:30 AM Altar Guild Meeting August 7 Friendship Day August 18 William Porcher DuBose Holy Day



We pray for the peace in the world, for the leaders of our Nation, especially George, our President; for the Armed Forces of our country: for the Nation of Iraq; and for Operation Enduring Freedom.

Special Announcement The Vestry has named Walter Deierlein and Creighton Coleman to succeed Brother Lyles and Tad Doty as Trustees of the Mattie Martin Fund. We express our great appreciation to Brother and Tad for their excellent and faithful service, and we thank Walter and Creighton for their willingness to serve in this capacity.

Summer Schedule News Sunday morning Church School classes will resume on September 11. During the summer months we have had a Vacation Bible School program for children on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month. The starting time is 6 PM with supper in the Parish House. The last two programs will be August 14 @ 28 Many thanks to the parents and teachers for arranging these special opportunities. Volunteers to help are needed. Please make every effort to attend and invite a friend to come with you.

St. John's Students in College SUNDAY SCHOOL Clarke Doty Lenoir Rhyne College Emily Young Midlands Technical College

Congratulations,

Palmer Nicholson for being elected President of Winnsboro Rotary for the year 2005-2006.



To Beth Kochman and all who helped **and** contributed to the Salkehatchie Luncheon at Sion Presbyterian on July 18.



#### ECW News and Notes

The Bishop Pinckney Chapter will meet at the home of Ellen Nicholson, September 5, 2005 and the Bishop Gravatt Chapter will meet at the home of Lucy Coleman on <u>September 19, 2005.</u> (note change)

Remember that St. John's is doing the "Can Can" for the rest of the month. Our goal is 706 items. Please call Leann Smith at 635-5361 if you have a monetary contribution.

Mark your calendars for <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 19</u>, and start baking for our Holiday Bake Sale Fundraiser. <u>All</u> Parishioners are asked to make several items, ie. jellies, pickles, relishes, cassseroles, breads, cakes, cheese straws, spaghetti, and any other holiday speciality that you might want to do. You might want to make and freeze items ahead of time. We will finalize our plans for this special event at our September ECW meetings. More will follow in the September Journal.

May you each be blessed by our Lord Jesus Christ this summer and continue to serve in his holy name.

Marion Coleman President ECW 2005



#### Mission Outreach

The Vestry has decided NOT to have a Parish Yard Sale this year. However, do not despair if you have already begun collecting items. We will continue our outreach by collecting the following:

Tamassee Chilcren and adult clothing Bed, Bath and table linens Small working appliances

Red Cross & Samaritan House Furniture Working appliances Bed & Bath linens <u>Sistercare</u> Large size women's clothing Women's toiletries

Columbia Homeless Large size men's clothing

Miscellaneous

Old eyeglasses, old hearing aids, empty unlabeled pill bottles

These items will be collected in the Parish Hall until October 23, 2005. Please call Leann Smith 635-5361 for pickup.

The knowledge we gain from the teacher called Experience is hard to forget and the most valuable kind of learing. The trouble is that the teacher called Experience gives us the test first and the lesson we needed to learn after the test.

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#### Telephone

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The Rev. Preston B. Huntley, Jr., Rector Beth Gaddy- Parish Secretary Ellen Nicholson- Minister of Music

#### Vestry

Steve Brakefield - Senior Warden Debra Stidham - Clerk of Vestry Harold Jones - Junior Warden Ellen and John Nicholson- Co-Treasurers

Ernest Ferguson	2005	Jim Crouch 2006	Steve Brakefield	2007
Harold Jones	2005	Debra Stidham 2006	Gloria Bullard	2007
John Nicholson	2005	Martha Wood 2006	Tom Chase	2007





#### St. John's News Deadlines

Please have all information for the Sunday bulletin to Ellen Nicholson by Monday of each week. Phone: 337-8870 or email: <u>enicholson@truvista.net</u>.

We need news for our monthly St. John's Journal. Leave written material in the basket on the secretary office door; call 635-9111 and leave a message; or email: jrmiller635@truvista.net. Have all reports and news turned in by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

We need all email addresses for our e-journal mailing list. Send your email address and those of family, friends, and others who may like to receive news of St. John's to jrmiller635@truvista.net.

#### **ECW Happenings**

Thanks to your generosity, St. John's again participated in feeding 165 Salkehatchie workers. They were young and old, dirty and dirtier, but all were appreciative and enthusiastic about the work that they were doing.

At our brief meeting after church several Sundays ago, we decided to discuss the "cookbook idea" when we gather for chapter meetings in September. Possibly we could complete the project in time for Mother's Day next May.

As the heat and the drought continue, let us remember to "rejoice in the Lord always" (Philippians 4:4) and learn as Paul did "to be content" because "[we] can do all things in him who strengthens [us]" (Philippians 4: 11, 13).

#### Can-Can" Food Drive

August is the last month for our summer Can-Can food drive.

This is our sixth year to participate. Let's see how

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well we can do in August. No one in Fairfield County should go hungry.

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
May	86	147	83	63	32	43
June	106	93	96	62	53	72
July	262	146	372	126	67	
August		319	175	480	373	
TOTAL	454	705	726	731	525	

<u>St. John's Outreach Corner</u> - Boxes are in the Parish Hall for: men's clothing (small), head scarves, sunglasses, empty unlabeled pill bottles, new toothbrushes, travel-sized lotion, shampoo, conditioner, new washcloths, soap, toothpaste, plastic/paper grocery bags, and towels and blankets. **Diocesan Outreach** - The Bishop Gravatt Center is in need of communion linens, including corporals, purificators, and palls. If there are any of these available, please contact Gravatt executive director, Lauri Yeargin at 803/648-1817.

#### St. John's Ministry Opportunities



Occasionally we will spotlight areas of lay ministry opportunities.

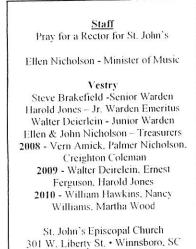
**Acolytes:** The ministry of acolytes is one of the oldest in the Church, dating to the earliest years, and is open to **both children and** <u>adults</u>. Acolytes are responsible for lighting candles, carrying the cross or torches in procession, serving the elements to the Celebrant at the Eucharist, and serving the clergy and staff in whatever way may be required. Training sessions are held periodically. Call Susan Young @ 635-5218 if you would like to volunteer for this most important service to St. John's.

#### Vestry on Duty

You have seen **Vestry on Duty** listed on the monthly calendar. *Just exactly what is the Vestry on Duty??* This is a member of the Vestry who is to assist the rector and Senior Warden. Each Vestry member is designated as Vestry-on-Duty at times during the year. During the week before the duty the vestry person checks the schedule for lay ministry as listed in the St. John's Journal. The Vestry on Duty reminds the assigned person that they are responsible for getting a substitute if they are unable to serve. Prior to the worship service the Vestry on Duty checks with the Rector, Junior Warden, and Organist to see if there are any needs or concerns. They check for bulletins and visitor cards for the ushers. They are alert to any difficulties that may arise

during the church service and be ready to help. After church they coordinate with the Rector and Junior Warden to close the building.

Thank you to all our Vestry members for their dedication and leadership.



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Staff Pray for a Rector for St. John's

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> Walter Deierlein Junior Warden

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2008 - Vern Amick, Palmer Nicholson, Creighton Coleman

2009 - Walter Deirelein, Ernest Ferguson, Harold Jones

2010 - William Hawkins, Nancy Williams. Martha Wood

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#### Further Explanation - Part II

The Rev. Dr. Philip H. Whitehead

In the last Newsletter we wanted to explain the key ideas in a statement produced regularly in St. John's Sunday bulletin. The statement affirms that members of St. John's Episcopal Church are "faithful to Biblical Authority and Anglican Orthodoxy."

"Ortho-doxy = straight, right – opinion, thinking" (The word can also mean "right worship or praise, interpreting the word doxa as glory (i.e. doxology).

Thus, three meanings: "right opinion"; "correct or right acts of glory"; "right belief."

Anglican Orthodoxy refers to a combination of right belief and correct liturgical practice and praise.

The history of Anglicanism is the product of Celtic invasion of the British Isles, the influence of the Early Church Fathers (Patristic thought), and the balance of Roman Catholic and Reformed thought in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> centuries. To be faithful to Anglican Orthodoxy is to hold to right belief contained in the Apostle's Creed, the Nicene Creed and the teaching of the Church incorporated into the liturgies of our worship. Liturgies, when done with repetition, beauty, majesty and mystery become teaching experiences. Anglican and Episcopal liturgies are found in various Books of Common Prayer (1549, 1662, 1928 and 1979). For the Church of England *The Thirty-nine Articles of Religion,* found in the Episcopal Book of Common Prayer on pages 867-87, are considered by the Church of England as "right belief," but the Episcopal Church no longer includes those articles as essential to "right belief."

As with Biblical Authority, in which the challenges of biblical criticism and hermeneutics (the art of interpretation) force the whole Christian community to wrestle with interpretation, so with Anglican Orthodoxy – the whole Church worldwide must decide what influence reason, cultural studies, historical studies and the psychological disciplines have on "right belief". Orthodoxy is not imposed as a set of beliefs to which one subscribes in order to be "saved." Orthodoxy is the Church's journey of understanding "God-talk" (theology) by the leading of the Holy Spirit through the Ages. The primary right belief is that "Jesus Christ is my Lord and my Savior." All else is commentary on what that means and how we live it out.

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#### The schedule of services and visiting priests is printed on the <u>Ministry at St. John's</u> page included with this newsletter.

#### Sunday School will not be held in August and will return on September 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.



Throughout the summer months of June, July and August as you are enjoying vacations, please

emember to keep your pledges and contributions current. The on-going work and programs at St. John's do not take a vacation. Your continued support through contributions and pledges is very much appreciated.

#### St. John's Search Committee

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We take this opportunity to thank those who have agreed to serve on the Search Committee for a new Rector - Vern Amick, Chairman; Marion Coleman, Walter Deierlein, Harold Jones, and Ellen Nicholson. Please remember each one in your prayers.

#### The Feast Day of William Porcher DuBose - August 18

William Porcher DuBose (April 11, 1836-August 18, 1918) is a serious candidate for the title of "greatest theologian that the Episcopal Church in the USA has produced." 1970 he was elevated to the rank of

sainthood by the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church and officially recognized as a "lesser saint".

William Porcher DuBose was born in Fairfield County. He began his education at Mount Zion College in Winnsboro. From there, at age 15, DuBose entered the The Citadel in 1851. By his final year (1855), he was the ranking officer and he Assistant Professor of English. He graduated from The Citadel in 1855.

t was at The Citadel that DuBose experienced his 'conversion experience." He wrote:" I lept to my feet rembling, and then that happened that I can only describe by saying that a light shone about me and a Presence filled he room. At the same time, ineffable joy and peace took possession of me which it is impossible to either express or explain."

He graduated from University of Virginia in 1859. Later that same year he entered the South Carolina Diocesan Seminary in Camden, South Carolina.

The 1858 Convention of the Diocese of South Carolina authorized a diocesan seminary and elected a board of trustees. It was located in Camden where Bishop Thomas Davis resided. It opened on Jan. 18, 1859, with three students and four faculty members. In Oct. 1859 William Porcher DuBose entered this seminary. It closed on June 30, 1862, because of the Civil War. It reopened in Oct. 1866 in Spartanburg, on the campus of what had been St. John's College. It suspended operation in Oct. 1868. The seminary trained about twelve men for the ordained ministry.

After the war, DuBose served as the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church in Winnsboro. While there, he also taught Greek at nearby Mt. Zion College.

In July of 1871, DuBose's name was given to the Board of Trustees of the University of the South by Vice-Chancellor Charles Todd Quintard to serve as Chaplain of the School and Professor of the School of Moral Science and the Evidences of the Christian Religion. DuBose served as Chaplain of the school from 1871-1883.

William Alexander Percy, in his autobiography Lanterns on the Levee, writes about his college professor: "The other great course of those days was Dr. DuBose's Ethics. He was a tiny silver saint who lived elsewhere, more conversant with the tongues of angels\*than of men. Sitting on the edge of his desk in his black gown, talking haltingly of Aristotle, he would suspend, rapt, in some mid-air beyond our ken, murmuring, "The starry heavens----" We, with a glimpse of things, would tiptoe out of the classroom, feeling luminous, and never knowing when he returned to time and space."

William Porcher DuBose retired in 1908, died in Sewanee in 1918 and is buried there.

#### Memorial

A Gospel Book has been given in memory of Dr. Charles O. Williams Jr. by Mrs. Charles O. Williams Jr.

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast Sunday, August 10, 2008

Committee: Vern Amick, Chairman; Herb Rentz, Brother Lyles – All men and boys are welcome for good food and fellowship. 8:30 am in the Parish Hall.

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